

Wylfa Newydd Project Liaison Group (PLG)

Minutes of the Wylfa Newydd Project Liaison Group held on Wednesday 3 December 2014.

Attendee name	Organisation (alphabetical order)
John Chamberlain	Anglesey Agricultural Society/ Holyhead Rotary Club
Llio Johnson	Anglesey and Gwynedd Partnership (Children and Young people)
Phil Scott	Anglesey Tourism Partnership
Mr Gwynne Morris Jones	Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales / YDCW
Dennis Evans	Chair - PLG
Ieuan Williams	Council Leader (Lligwy)
Eric Torr	Cwmni Cemaes Cyf
Jac Jones	Deputy Chair (Menter Mechell / Carrog Renewables / Ynni Talybolion)
Bleddyn Rowlands	Llanfachraeth Community Council
John Victor Owen	Mayor of Holyhead
Márton Fabók	Member of the public
Mel O'Hara	Member of the Public
Kimberley Jones	Member of the Public
Roger Dobson	Member of the Public
Aled Williams	Member of the Public
Alun Roberts	Môn CF
Anne Evans Jones	Morgan Evans & Co LTD
John Pearson	National Trust
Richard Williams	National Trust Wales
Mark Thornton	North Wales Community Health Council Chair - Ynys Mon Committee
Sarah Andrews	Public Health Wales
Tony Jones	Regional Community Cohesion Co-ordinator
Cai Jones	Representing Rhun Ap Iorwerth AM
Louise Brown	Senior Relationship Manager, Youth Engagement & Employment Division
Cllr. John Griffith	Talybolion
Anna M Jones	Tref Alaw Community Council
Cllr. William Thomas Hughes	Twrcelyn
Cllr. Aled Morris Jones	Twrcelyn
Cllr. Richard Owain Jones	Twrcelyn
Andrew Clarke	Welsh Government
Dr Tom Conway	Wylfa Retirees Association
Cllr. Trefor Lloyd Hughes	Ynys Gybi
Clive Thomas	Ysgol Gyfun Llangefni
Geraint Jones	Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones
Jean Jones	Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones
Eurwyn Hughes	Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern
Adam Williams	Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi
Susan Bracegirdle	Ysgol Uwchradd David Hughes
Apologies	
Melanie Wymer	Bodorgan Trust
Jackie Blackwell	CAB Ynys Môn

Richard Parry Jones	Chief Executive, Isle of Anglesey County Council
Delyth Phillips	Chwarae Teg
Rt Hon Elfyn Llwyd MP	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Helen George	Food Standards Agency
Heidi Williams	FUW (Farmers Union Wales)
Dylan Williams	Head of Economic Development, Isle of Anglesey County Council
Carys Edwards	Head of HR, Isle of Anglesey County Council
Enid Williams	Isle of Anglesey's Youth Service
Dafydd Griffiths	Llaneilian Community Council (Chairman)
Cllr G.O. Jones	Llifon
Gerallt Jones	Menter Môn
Rita Lyon	Mon FC Cluster Manager for Anglesey
Iwan Williams	Natural Resources Wales
Nia Jeffreys	Natural Resources Wales
Keith Williams	North Wales Ambulance Service
Alli Hunt	NSA – Nuclear
David Walden	Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)
Linda Wyn Jones	Representative of Energy Island Programme
Cheryl Whitaker	Representative of WG (North Wales) (Observing)
Mark Saunderson	Site Joint Council (SJC) of Wylfa Power Station
Iwan Williams	Taith i Waith
Cllr. Kenneth P Hughes	Talybolion
Cllr. Llinos Medi Huws	Talybolion
Angela Meadows	Welsh Water (Dŵr Cymru)
Cllr. Jeffrey M Evans	Ynys Gybi
Rt. Hon. Albert Owen MP	Ynys Môn
Anwen Morgan	Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern

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Welcome from the Chair

- The Chairman, Dennis Evans (DE), welcomed everyone to the meeting. DE explained that this meeting had been timed to coincide with the end of Horizon's first stage of community consultation.

Apologies and minutes of the last meeting

- The apologies were received in writing.
 - Tom Conway, referring to Page 7 asked what had caused the increase in worker numbers from 6,000 to 8,500 and which areas required this increase? It was agreed that Charlie Tasker would address this during the project update.
 - Jac Jones, referring to Page 9 asked whether the request at the last PLG for a similar 'PLG'-type meeting with National Grid had been actioned? The Chair agreed to pass a note on to National Grid.

- The minutes of the last meeting (1st October 2014) were agreed as a true and correct record of proceedings and approved by members.

Consultation and Project Update – Charlie Tasker, Director of Project Development

- Charlie Tasker (CT) said that Horizon was planning to recruit more staff on the Anglesey site and in Gloucester.
- CT reminded everyone that the first community consultation period ran until 8 December, and so there was still an opportunity for people to send in feedback, and he encouraged people to do so. CT said that the events held in Anglesey and other parts of North Wales, which formed the structure of the consultation, had been well attended (over 750 people), with the most interest seen in Tregele, Cemaes, Llanfachraeth and Amlwch. CT also noted that Horizon put in place specific events to gather the opinions of young people and other ‘hard to reach’ groups.
- CT said that there had been positive feedback across the board, and that much of the feedback would be very useful to Horizon as it continued to develop its plans. Some of the areas attracting comments included the proposed improvements to local roads between Valley and the Wylfa Newydd site and possible worker accommodation locations.
- CT explained that the process of developing the site was still being discussed, as well as the construction schedule and potential working hours.
- Tom Conway (TC) asked why the original number of workers, which was originally stated as 6000, had now risen to 8500 - and when would these extra workers be employed and in what capacity?
- CT explained that the figure of 8,500 was a maximum number that would still undergo revision as Horizon added more detail to the construction programme. In addressing the question about worker accommodation, CT said that the subject was still being investigated by Horizon and that it would most likely be included as part of Horizon’s second stage of community consultation.
- CT discussed Site Activity. He said that site investigations would come to an end in January and the main focus would soon turn to the reinstatement of land and boreholes. Several unsafe properties have been demolished in recent weeks, including Tŷ Banner, Cafnan, Bryn Tirion, Parc Lodge and Bronydd. He also explained that Scottish Power Energy Networks would be diverting existing power cables that currently run across the site.
- CT said that traffic and transport surveys were being carried out along the A5025, Lôn Cemlyn and Lôn Nanner. He explained that part of Horizon’s proposed site layout would mean Lôn Cemlyn would eventually have to be shut and therefore Lôn Nanner would have to be improved as the main access road for Cemlyn Bay.
- CT explained that Horizon had signed an agreement with the Office for Nuclear Regulation which allowed it to continue with the purchase of ‘Long Lead’ Items – materials required for Wylfa

Newydd that needed to be ordered several years in advance of when they would be needed on site.

- The Generic Design Assessment of the UK ABWR (Advanced Boiling Water Reactor) continues.
- CT discussed the company's growth. He explained that the site-based staff had expanded rapidly and there are now more than 30. He said Horizon may need to accommodate as many as 100 people at the site office by the end of 2015. CT said that number were also growing at Horizon's Gloucester head office and he reminded members that all new local jobs are advertised on the website, in local newspapers, and are promoted via the company's Twitter feed.
- CT said that the Local Business Readiness Pilot Programme has started to help local businesses make the most of the opportunities presented by the Wylfa Newydd Project. He confirmed that Horizon was discussing this with Energy Island and the Welsh Government to make sure local businesses engaged with initiatives such as this one.
- CT said that Horizon was receiving many requests to support charities and community groups now that the Charity and Sponsorship Policy had been published and available to all via the Horizon website. Advice and guidance documentation are also available to anybody who would like to apply for support.
- CT explained that assessing the impact that the project may have on the Welsh language was a key consideration and that the next stage of this process would start next year. The Energy Island Programme will appoint a full-time member of staff to support this aspect of Horizon's work. He also discussed the impact on local health services and said that Horizon would be assessing the needs for both day-to-day and emergency health care both on and off site, as it takes some time to reach Ysbyty Gwynedd by road in the event of an emergency.
- TC asked how Horizon would ensure that the post office and bank would remain easily accessible to the public and the workers in Cemaes when worker numbers started to increase with the construction phase of Wylfa Newydd. He also noted that he had not observed many workers in the village making use of the local retail facilities.
 - CT said that Horizon had not considered this yet but they were aware it was a matter that needed to be addressed.
- Councillor Richard Jones asked CT to outline where Horizon's strategy in terms of ambulances was at this stage. The ambulance resources currently available would make it impossible to deal with 8000 workers. He added that there was a 4 hour queue outside Ysbyty Gwynedd last night.
 - CT explained that they had initiated discussions with the all the emergency services and meetings had been taking place for several years already to start to address issues such as this. There were a number of different solutions to this problem that could involve Horizon's support for both public and private sector healthcare providers.

- Councillor William Hughes noted his concerns regarding the local surgeries' ability to cope with the increase in the workforce, because it wouldn't just be the workers they'd have to consider but their families as well. He asked whether there were any plans to expand the surgeries, so that the influx of workers would not affect the availability of the surgeries to local people.
 - CT said that the Health Impact Assessment work being managed by Horizon would deal with that specific issue and ensure a mitigation strategy was put in place to avoid inconvenience to any drop in service provision for local people.
- Councillor John Griffith said that a few months ago there had been an Isle of Anglesey County Council meeting to discuss the planning division's recommendations for their Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG), which addresses how the Planning Authority will deal with the planning application process for the Wylfa Newydd project. He asked whether Horizon is complying with the SPG, and whether they intend to?
 - CT explained that the Supplementary Planning Guidance was a very important factor in Horizon's development of Wylfa Newydd but it might not always be possible to stick to the guidance word for word. Clearly, it would be beneficial for Horizon to do so as it could speed up the planning process. The main challenge for Horizon to overcome would be if the feelings of local people that were submitted during the consultation process differed significantly from what was stated in the SPG.
- Councillor Aled Morris Jones added that the SPG had been developed following consultation with local people and it was encouraging that Horizon was also consulting on its early plans. He acknowledged that there would be robust discussions between the County Council and Horizon, but at the end of the day that it is a positive relationship and despite the inevitable disagreements from time to time, the issues would always be resolved with clear and mature discussions.

Mark Thornton (MT) of the North Wales Community Health Council commented that Horizon needed to develop a relationship with the NWCHC, who hold the local Health Board to account.

Jac Jones (JJ) commented that there was a feeling that Llanfechell, as a near neighbour, had been missed out during PAC1

- John Chamberlain (JC) enquired about the water supply and asked if there would be a need for re-engineering the local water infrastructure. He also asked what would happen with waste disposal and sewage works. JC also asked about the dust that would be created and asked whether sea water would be used to keep the dust to a minimum. Finally, he asked why Horizon were reinstating land at considerable expense on the drumlins following the GI works, when the drumlins were going to be taken away anyway?
 - CT said that studies would be undertaken to understand the water supply needs of the project. The demand from the current station should decrease as it entered its decommissioning phase, while the highest demand from Wylfa Newydd would be during the main construction phase. CT said he hoped that

Dŵr Cymru would be able to supply all that was needed but if that proved not to be the case then other options would be considered in due course.

- He added that they were currently considering the sewage works and that it there would most likely be temporary, self-contained facilities used during the construction phase.
- The mitigation of dust during construction had not been discussed yet but the likelihood of using sea water was low, due to the danger of corrosion.
- CT explained that the reinstated land would be made available to local farmers for grazing of animals etc. as construction was still a few years away

Wylfa Newydd Education and Training Programme – Mark Tippett, Head of Learning and Development and Claire Burgess, Education Programme Coordinator

- Mark Tippett (MT) said that he would be speaking about apprenticeships and universities, training and skills. He emphasised that it was important to consider that opportunities for skills, training and education would be unlocked for a wide group of people of all ages by the Wylfa Newydd Project but that the emphasis of tonight’s presentation would be on some of the initiatives Horizon had already introduced to support the education and training of young people.
- MT explained that there would be a variety of jobs available, ranging from the power station operational staff to the local supply chain and that there would be job-based opportunities to acquire skills and gain qualifications.
- MT explained that Horizon had an active and positive dialogue with Coleg Menai. There is a Memorandum of Understanding between the College and Horizon which allows them to discuss many aspects openly and in confidence to ensure the best possible result for students and local communities.
- MT outlined Horizon’s relationship with a number of universities. He said that there is a relationship between Horizon and Glyndŵr University, Bangor University, Cardiff University. They are also working on developing links with Swansea University early next year. The universities were chosen due to the fact that they offered qualifications related to nuclear energy and that choosing Welsh institutions had also been an important factor.
- MT explained that there was also a Memorandum of Understanding between Horizon and Bangor University, so that they could discuss all issues, carry out research and offer work placement opportunities to undergraduate students. Bangor also has a variety of relevant subjects, such as Chemistry, Environmental Sciences and Engineering, in which there is a general lack of expertise all over the UK. The benefits that Glyndŵr bring to the table are their links to civil engineering while Cardiff University also has an impressive engineering department.
- In 2015 Horizon will be helping Hitachi to build links with Bangor University and Horizon will be hosting a seminar, career event days and increasing their presence there.

- MT discussed the relationship with Magnox, and the transition of workers. He said that they were considering using current Magnox workers to train the next generation of workers for Wylfa Newydd. So, despite decommissioning, there will be a new lease of life for some of the workers there. He said that there was also interest in how Magnox trained their staff and how they achieve high staff retention rates. This learning can be incorporated into Horizon's planning.
- MT explained that choosing the right apprenticeship framework was vitally important. The plan is to use the four year High Level Power Apprenticeship as there was evidence that this led to people remaining in the energy industry and moving into more senior roles. The intention is to start this 2016, with the recruiting process due to begin in October 2015. MT said that it would be a challenge to identify the best way to operate the apprenticeship without being able to offer on-the-job training in the early years.
- Jane Jones asked how Horizon planned to bring young people back to North Wales if they had already left to attend universities in other parts of the country or the UK . Also, is Horizon going to recruit people early in their university career?
 - MT said that the scale of the project would be the main attraction, as well as the fact that the nuclear industry is able to offer long term, well-paid jobs. He said that Horizon was hoping to offer summer placements to students or to offer places to students who have a sandwich year as part of their course.
- Susan Bracegirdle said that they were currently completing UCAS forms in Ysgol David Hughes, and out of the 110 students in the higher sixth, of which around 95 were planning to go to university, only around 8 of those had applied to do a course related to engineering. This is despite the fact that the school were doing their best to encourage that type of career and that the school's science department was very strong. She suggested that the reason for this is that many see apprenticeships as the only opportunity and that many of those apprenticeships only pay £2.50 an hour. Working from 9 to 5 for that kind of wage was not an attractive prospect for students.
 - MT said that there are many different types of apprenticeships, with varying wages, but that the industry benchmark was generous. He added that the debt associated with going to university would influence some people, especially as some of these apprenticeships allow you to study and gain qualifications on-the-job, so that you were effectively being paid to earn a degree. MT acknowledged that it was important to promote the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

Wylfa Newydd Education and Training Programme - Claire Burgess - Education Programme Co-ordinator

- Claire Burgess (CB) explained she has been appointed to be Horizon's lead person in their work with primary and secondary schools.

- CB said that her aim is to first gather information about the existing programmes and use this information to identify possible opportunities for Horizon to work more closely with local schools.
- She emphasised that any new Education Programme introduced by Horizon would complement what already existed in terms of the existing curriculum and that there shouldn't be any duplication in what was already available from other sources.
- CB discussed some of the recent events that Horizon had taken part in, such as the SkillsCymru event in Venue Cymru in October, the Profi Programme in partnership with Pontio, Bangor University, Santander and Magnox.
- CB discussed the Magnox Primary Engineering Challenge, which Horizon sponsored. There were six primary schools there with the task of developing wind turbines and working with Magnox apprentices. The purpose of the event was to show that an engineering career could be interesting and exciting.
- CB talked about future developments. One of the Big Bang Cymru fairs is being held at Venue Cymru in 2015. Horizon will be sponsoring one of the shows, sponsoring an award, exhibiting on a stand and giving a presentation to the young people who attend.
- In the New Year, there will be meetings with teachers and Horizon's existing relationship with Menter Môn would be developed further.

Q&A

- Adam Williams (AW) said that head teachers on Anglesey were concerned with the huge investment in Coleg Menai is but schools were being forgotten, where the resources are old and not able to inspire students. He added that this was a problem in primary schools as well. AW said that three girls from the sixth form had participated in a Chemistry competition recently, and had been victorious in the regional stage, despite the fact that they had no experience of working with some of the equipment, and that the school could not even afford lab coats for them to attend the event. He said that this showed that the potential was there in terms of the ability of local students but their equipment and facilities desperately needed investment.
 - MT said that Horizon was just as committed to supporting local schools as to supporting Coleg Menai – but this was a valid and interesting point which should be the subject of further discussion between the schools and Horizon.
 - CB added that she would be meeting with AW and other head teachers to discuss investment and other opportunities for Horizon to work more closely with the school.
- David Hughes said that he was concerned about the limited opportunities available on apprenticeships for construction trades such as plastering etc.
 - CT said that situation would change once Horizon started to understand the extent to which certain crafts and trades would be needed on the project. The

market would react and, with support from Horizon and its lead contractors, start to invest more in offering these types of opportunities. Coleg Menai, again with Horizon's support, was already working to offer apprenticeships in construction using equipment provided by Hitachi. He hoped local people would continue to expand and refine their skillset so that they could play a major role in the construction of Wylfa Newydd.

- Kim Jones (KJ) said that there was an obvious shortage of young people in these Project Liaison Group meetings. She asked what Horizon was doing to try and attract more young people of her age to the meetings, and also in engaging with younger people and their parents? She said it was important to have them engaged in the project as the young people of today would be the managers of the future.
 - CT said that this was a valid and fair question and that Horizon would continue to explore ways in which to better engage young people. A meeting similar to the Project Liaison Group may not be the best way to get young people to be enthusiastic about the Project as the format may not interest them. There has just been a new website launched for the Project Liaison Group and that online communications may be a more appropriate way for young people to get information about the Project. They should also be asked about what format they would prefer to use as it may be the use of Facebook or other social media platforms were preferable to a physical meeting.
 - KJ added that she enjoyed coming to these meetings to hear older people's opinions and that Horizon should find a way to integrate younger people and older people into one forum. It would be a shame to split the two groups and having a more intergenerational mix would be beneficial to both groups. She also said that there had been a lot of talk tonight about working with colleges and secondary schools but that the primary school age was even more important. It's at primary school when children start to develop ideas of what they would like to do in the future and it would be good if those ideas could be encouraged early in their development.
- JV Owen (JO) said his main concern was that not enough people yet realised the huge importance of the project to Anglesey and that it was important to emphasise the fact to people that this Wylfa Newydd will benefit their children and grandchildren for many generations to come. He said that businesses would profit and apprenticeships would be created and Horizon had to ensure that people realised this.
- DE finished by saying this project would attract high calibre workers and that he hoped the children of today could compete for the opportunities that would be coming. He thanked everyone for their valuable presentations and for the good questions raised on the floor.

Any Other Business

- There was no other business.

Close

- DE thanked everyone again for coming and for their questions. He said that the meeting had been very encouraging and that he hoped to see more young people attending in the future. Each member has a role in trying to attract them.
- DE members reminded members they until 8 December to offer feedback as part of Horizon's first stage of community consultation
- The meeting closed at 7.35pm