

## Wylfa Newydd Project Liaison Group Meeting

Minutes of the Wylfa Newydd Project Liaison Group held on Tuesday 19 July in the Wylfa Newydd Site Office (Cemlyn rooms)

### Attendees (in alphabetical order by organisation):

Name	Organisation
John Evans	A. Griffith Contractors
Dennis Evans	Chair
Trevor Howes	CNC - Stakeholder Liaison Officer/Nuclear New Build Single
Gareth Jones	To be confirmed
Eric Torr	Cwmni Cemaes Cyf / Ynni Talybolion
Elfred Jones	Llanbadrig Community Council
Medwyn Williams	Magnox Ltd
Katherine Williams	Medryn Mon
Jaqueline Fenn	National Grid
Gareth Williams	National Grid
Mark Thornton	North Wales Community Health Council Vice Chair
Geraint Hughes	North Wales Fire and Rescue
Dewi Morgan	Representative of Gwynedd Council
John Griffith	Talybolion
Kenneth P Hughes	Talybolion
Anna M Jones	Tref Alaw Community Council
Aled Morris Jones	Twrcelyn
Jackie Blackwell	Ynys Mon - Citizen's Advice Bureau
Margaret Thomas	Ynys Mon - Citizen's Advice Bureau
Members of the public	
Mel O'Hara	
Scot Saunders	

### Apologies:

Name	Organisation
John Chamberlain	Anglesey Agricultural Society/Holyhead Rotary Club
Phil Scott	Anglesey Tourism Partnership
Hywel Williams	Arfon
Melanie Wymer	Bodorgan Trust
Andy Billcliff	CBI Wales
Janet Finch Saunders	Conwy
Dafydd Elis Thomas	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Liz Saville Roberts	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Carys Edwards	Head of HR
Enid Williams	Isle of Anglesey's Youth Service
Clr Ieuan Williams	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Derek Owen	Llanbadrig (Chair) / Llanfachraeth/ Bodffordd Community

Gwilym O Jones	Llifon
Richard Dew	Llifon
Stuart Law	Magnox Ltd
Jac Jones	Mechell Community Council
Albert Owen MP	Member of Parliament for Ynys Môn
Meryl Davies	Merched y Wawr
Iwan Williams	Natural Resources Wales
Nia Jeffreys	Natural Resources Wales
Tim Jones	Natural Resources Wales (Former Countryside Council for Wales rep)
Maurice Core	NDA Site Representative Wylfa Power Station
Keith Williams	North Wales Ambulance Service
Alli Hunt	Nuclear Skills Academy for Nuclear
Steve Graham	Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)
Llinos Medi Huws	Talybolion
Mark Isherwood	Welsh Assembly Regional Member for North Wales
Tom Conway	Wylfa Retirees Association
Jean Jones	Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones
Emyr Williams	Ysgol Uwchradd David Hughes
Peter Day	Anglesey Federation of Small Businesses
Aaron Bailey	Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones
Geraint Jones	Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones

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## 1. **Welcome, minutes of the last meeting and matters arising - Dennis Evans, Chairman**

- Dennis Evans (**DE**) welcomed everyone to the meeting at 5.30pm and apologies were received as listed above.
- The minutes were accepted as a true record with the following correction: Mark Thornton is Vice Chair (not Chair) of North Wales Community Health Council.
- All actions had received attention or were to follow on the agenda.

## 2. **Introduction from Sasha Davies - Head of Strategic Development Wales, Horizon Nuclear Power**

- The Chair and Wylfa Newydd Operations Director introduced **Sasha Davies (SD)** who was new to Horizon Nuclear Power. **SD** presented an overview of the project and main objectives of her newly created role which had responsibilities at a community, local and national level.
- **Delyth Owen (DO)**, Community Involvement Officer was introduced, who was part of a local team that would help enable the Wylfa Newydd community relations agenda moving forward. The importance of local communication was stressed, especially with young people. Much work was being done to create jobs under the Menter Newydd joint venture and many contractors are already on site.
- **SD** added that her responsibilities included keeping an overview of the supply chain work, language and culture and community benefit. With regard to culture for example, the team was working closely, and on a long term basis, with the National Eisteddfod, which was to be held on Anglesey the following year. She said she was keen to work with PLG members and their respective organisations to help further Horizon's work in each of these important areas.
- It was reported that Horizon's new apprentices were starting in September, and Horizon was working closely with Grŵp Llandrillo Menai and Bangor University on this and many other projects in the area of skills and education.
- **SD** is based at Wylfa and said she would be out and about in the community with her work and looked forward to meeting and working with everyone.

An opportunity was given for those present to ask questions and add comments:

- **Mark Thornton (MT)** – MT asked whether SD was able to provide presentations to organisations on the Project's progress. **SD** responded to his question, confirming that she was the right person to approach for information or briefing on the project.
- **Cllr. Aled Morris Jones (AMJ)** tendered apologies on behalf of the Chair of Anglesey County Council. **AMJ** commended **SD** on her work and said he looked forward to working with her.

### 3. Wylfa Newydd Project progress update - Greg Evans, Generation Director, Horizon Nuclear Power

- **Greg Evans (GE), Generation Director** presented an update together with slides. He explained there were currently four senior directors employed by Horizon, he added that there was passion in the team to take the project forward and that he was very pleased to have **SD** as part of the team. The organization was changing over time and as a result, he had a new job title (as above). An overview of his and other directors' roles was presented.

- A progress update was presented. Horizon was now aligning plans with the key priority of taking the project toward a final investment decision (FID) which would be taken in Q1 of 2019.
- The Menter Newydd joint venture for the construction of Wylfa Newydd had been announced, further details to be presented later in the meeting. Over the next few weeks, more work and presence would be visible on site.
- Job creation – details of the four senior directors was presented, 10 apprentices had been employed and welcomed on site last week. In addition, five graduates had been employed to work between the Wylfa Newydd and Gloucester sites. Job creation also included employing local businesses to work on site.
- The second pre-application consultation (PAC2) was expected to be launched later in the summer of 2016.
- Visits to various external organisations – such as local schools on-going and Horizon would again have a high profile presence at the Anglesey Show this year.
- Details of charitable donations and sponsorships were listed to a value of over £100k this year. Further applications for sponsorship were welcomed.
- An opportunity was given for those present to ask questions and add comments:
  - **DE** felt that the company now appeared to be more visible with more activity to demonstrate progress i.e. new site offices, work on-going on site and the senior appointments. He added that there was a great deal of intricacies and planning to move a project of this kind forward, having already been working since 2007.
  - **DE** added that the attitude to nuclear power had changed substantially over last months, and he believed the project had value to add to the Wales and UK economy and employment for next 100 years.

#### 4. Site development update – Daron Hodges, Site Manager, Horizon Nuclear Power

- **Daron Hodges (DH)**, Site Manager, presented an update together with slides.
- **DH** reported that the site office expansion was progressing well with the work being done by a local company that had been sub contracted by Elliots, the main contractor. This was an excellent opportunity for local business to showcase their work. The new office space would be three times larger with space for 80 staff, together with various meeting rooms.
- Survey work – ground investigation work was currently underway at Porth-y-Pistyll. A film was being produced about the works and would be available on Horizon’s YouTube channel, where other videos were already available. Further ground investigation work, on shore, was also underway. On-going survey work on all sites included: landscape, noise

and visual impact, environment and ecology, as well as further archaeology trenching on site – towards the north section. Ground investigation work along the route of the A5025 from Valley to site was now complete, apart from some further monitoring, with archaeologists due to be on site the following week.

- Upcoming work on the site and beyond was detailed and included archaeological works to remove topsoil and search for areas of archaeological interest. Work is also ongoing at Nanner Road, where improvements would be made and traffic / transport surveys had been undertaken.
- **DH** noted that Horizon was working with Scottish Power Energy Networks with regard to cable diversions with work moving at a fast pace. National Grid was expected to arrive on site in January 2017 to work on their own cable diversions, and Welsh Water was currently looking at sewage treatment works with a great deal of work planned around Cemaes in the future, including diversion of sewers.
- **DH** provided an update on supply chain progress and detailed a number of examples where opportunities had been created for local businesses - many of which were currently on site. **DH** opened the floor to questions.
- **AMJ** asked for help from Horizon. Some local areas were having problems with water quality as a result of works Horizon were undertaking with Magnox and Welsh Water.
  - **DH** stated that Welsh Water was planning to give their pipes a wash out, and that the discolouration had been due to a drop in pressure in pipes that had been in operation for a long time with no maintenance. Sediment was being disturbed as a result. He said a plan was in place to rectify this issue.
- **Medwyn Williams (MW)** from Magnox stated that he was aware that planning had been approved for construction of the alternative emergency control centre (aecc) and district survey laboratory (dsl). The construction work had been put out to tender, the budget was in place, with construction planned to start in January. Local companies been encouraged to make contact and these companies would also receive assistance to develop themselves to a point where they would be able to tender competitively for the works.
  - The Chair asked whether the National Grid cable diversions that had been discussed during the presentation would represent the completion of the required cable diversions for the site. Daron Hodges confirmed that was the case and that site preparation and clearance works could begin in the first half of 2017 as a result.

#### 5. **Hitachi-GE update - Lowri Joyce, Regional Stakeholder Relations Manager, Hitachi Nuclear Energy Europe, Ltd.**

- **DE** recommended and requested a presentation on this subject at each meeting alongside presentations from Horizon.

- **Lowri Joyce (LJ)**, Regional Stakeholder Relations Manager at Hitachi Nuclear Energy Europe, Ltd presented details of the Menter Newydd project, a specially created joint venture of Hitachi Nuclear Energy Europe, Ltd together with partners Bechtel Management Company, Ltd. and JGC Corporation (UK) Ltd., who had been involved in working with more than 170 nuclear power stations.
- **LJ** outlined details of the next steps: specifically working closely with Tier-2 contractors, developing a training programme and that their presence in Anglesey would be increased incrementally, with a major ramp-up around 2018.
- **LJ** explained supply chain information was being shared with key stakeholders and another supply chain event, help in partnership with Horizon, was being planned.
- **LJ** provided an update on the Generic Design Assessment (GDA) and explained a great deal of work was on-going, details of which were presented; a quarterly report was available on the Office for Nuclear Regulation's (ONR) home page, with further information. Hitachi staff members were visiting the Wylfa Newydd site on a regular basis.
- **DE** asked how soon Tier 2 companies would be contracted.
  - **LJ** explained that this would happen very soon. **DE** noted that there was a lot of interest in the numbers and types of people who would be involved in working on this work and a profile of these would be appreciated.
  - **LJ** added that Hitachi wished to follow in Horizon's footsteps regarding working to protect and enhance Welsh language and culture.
  - **SD** reiterated that further Menter Newydd announcements were expected soon.

6. **Education and skills update - Claire Burgess, Education Programme Co-ordinator, Horizon Nuclear Power**

- **Claire Burgess (CB)**, Education Programme Co-ordinator at Horizon presented an education and skills update.
- **CB** explained the work she's carrying out is mainly within primary and secondary education with a focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects. It focused on giving pupils an understanding at a young age of the skills required for working at Wylfa Newydd and in the wider energy industry.
- Expanding on this, **CB** outlined Horizon's Education Strategy and highlighted three strands: inspire, engage and equip. The aim was to show pupils that Wylfa Newydd was not about engineering alone. The strategy would be delivered across four activity areas: outreach, partnerships, events and the education hub. Several STEM events were planned as well as the Big Bang event in Bangor later in the year.
- Professional development materials would be available to teachers as well as events with parents involved. All resources will be made available online for future use. An

ambassadors' programme was also being set up that would involve apprentices returning to their old schools to talk about their jobs with Horizon.

- **CB** said a cohesive and sustainable education programme was being drawn up, as it was important that topics were relevant to the curriculum and responded to the schools' needs. Outputs and impact of the programme would be measured.
- **CB** talked through a list of local school visits and STEM activities as well as career events attended – this included a range of careers events held by Anglesey secondary schools.
- **CB** also stated that cultural engagement was also on-going and Horizon was continuing to support the Welsh language via the Menter Môn programme.
- **CB** said Horizon was unable to offer work experience for school pupils at this stage of the Project, however a week-long event for young people, giving them an overview of Horizon's work had been held at the Llangefni Energy Centre recently. This event had included a visit to the Wylfa Newydd site. The event had received positive feedback and pupils had been given a project to complete during the week. **CB** also presented a list of planned curriculum related events that would be launched in the coming months.
- **Wyn Thomas (WT)** stated he welcomed Horizon's collaboration with Grŵp Llandrillo Menai and would assist in any way possible.
- **AMJ** thanked Claire Burgess for her presentation and commented that Horizon's commitment to education and skills from the very beginning was to be praised. This Project was very important to the area in what was a now far less certain future from a political perspective.

## 7. AOB

- **DE** stated that everyone present had received details of National Grid's final proposals for routing across the island. **DE** invited **Gareth Williams (GW)**, the new Senior Project Manager at National Grid, to speak.
- **GW** outlined recent activity. He explained that a month ago the Menai Straits announcement had been made and National Grid was now looking at the technical challenge of connecting underground cables beneath the Straits. Two potential locations on Anglesey and one in Gwynedd had been identified to make the connection and then connect into North Wales' main ring between Bangor, Trawsfynydd and Connahs Quay. It was likely, although unconfirmed, that this would be a cable tunnel. Overhead options had been parked, as feedback on this had been quite strong. The preferred alignment option was still to be confirmed.
- **GW** said the next step was to start conversations with landowners most closely affected by proximity of infrastructure. The next milestone would be the Section 42 statutory

consultation, which concluded approximately five years of informally engaging with local people. The formal application stage was likely to be this autumn and the National Grid communication team was working closely with Horizon on this work.

- From a programme perspective, National Grid would look to submit a planning application in autumn of 2017.
- **DE** suggested further presentations be given by National Grid later on in the developments; **GW** welcomed this invitation.
- **DE** asked when further information could be provided.
  - **GW** responded that more information be available in the autumn of 2016.
- **AMJ** wished **GW** well in his new post and accepted that the power had to leave the island as part of the project. However, he appealed to National Grid, stating that they were not listening to feedback and requested underground cabling be considered across the whole of the island. Cllr. Jones also added that they must come forward with proper suggestions for underground cabling and that more pylons would not go down well with local communities.
- **DE** asked for further information on interchanging. **GW** stated that this was unlikely to be underground and work was underway to look at possibly using existing overhead lines and pylons. He said it was quite complicated. Any new pylons proposed were not expected to be any larger or dissimilar to existing pylons.
- **Cllr. John Griffith (JG)** asked for details of Anglesey residents' feedback to National Grid's consultations and asked what 'the majority' of Anglesey residents had said they wanted? **JG** added that despite all discussions and local observations, the National Grid was not going to listen to the democratic opinion that the people were 'overwhelmingly opposed' to pylons
  - **GW** acknowledged that very few people would be happy to see a new pylon in their local vicinity. He added that National Grid was following national planning guidelines and it was their interpretation of the guidance which had got them to this stage. He agreed that this was not popular but it was the route National Grid was obliged to take.
  - **JG** said he believed that National Grid had only their shareholders' best interests in mind and queried whether National Grid would be proposing 'the best option or just the cheapest option'?
  - **GW** reiterated that they were following planning guidelines and doing the best they could within these. He accepted that the project was not popular locally but also stressed that the proposals as they stood were not the cheapest option.
- **DE** thanked **GW** for his presentation.



- **DE** raised one further matter; Mr Alan Smith from Horizon Nuclear Power was retiring and he asked for the group's support in writing to him to thank him for his excellent work in bringing the project to its current stage. The group accepted this motion.

#### **8. Close**

- The meeting closed at 19.12