

Wylfa Newydd Project Liaison Group Meeting

Minutes of the Wylfa Newydd Project Liaison Group held on Tuesday 13th December in the Wylfa Newydd Site Office (Cemlyn rooms)

Attendees (in alphabetical order by organisation):

Name	Organisation
John Evans	Alun Griffiths
Gwyndaf Jones	Chief Planning Officer, Isle of Anglesey County Council
Margaret Thomas	Citizens Advice Bureau
Gwilym Williams	Clough & Co.
Trevor Howes	CNC – Stakeholder Liaison Officer
Eric Torr	Cwmni Cemaes Cyf / Ynni Talybolion
Donald White	Federation of Small Business Wales
Wyn Thomas	Grwp Llandrillo Menai Director / PLG Vice Chair
Robin Beckman	Head of Nuclear Sector & Energy Programme, Welsh Government
Neville Evans	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Enid Williams	Isle of Anglesey Youth Service
Gwilym O Jones	Llifon ward member for Isle of Anglesey County Council
Medwyn Williams	Magnox
Lynsey Williams	Medrwn Môn
Iwan Williams	Natural Resources Wales
Dennis Evans	PLG Chair
Sarah Andrews	Public Health Wales
Simon Wall	Representatives for Assembly Member for Nathan Gill
Andrew Haigh	Representatives for Assembly Member for Nathan Gill
John Griffith	Talybolion ward member for Isle of Anglesey County Council
Anna M Jones	Tref Alaw Community Council
Richard Owain Jones	Twrcelyn ward member for Isle of Anglesey County Council
Members of the public	
John Jones	
John Idris Jones	
Peter Jones	
Clare Eno	

Apologies

Name	Organisation
Myrddin Wyn Owens	Amlwch Town Council
Gareth Winston Roberts OBE	Amlwch Town Council
Phil Scott	Anglesey Tourism Partnership
Professor David Shepherd	Bangor University
Andy Billcliff	CBI Wales

Dr Gwynne Jones	Chief Executive of Isle of Anglesey County Council
Rebecca Williams	Country Land and Business Association
Heidi Williams	FUW (Farmers Union Wales)
Carys Edwards	Head of HR, Isle of Anglesey County Council
Lowri Joyce	Hitachi Nuclear Energy Europe
Derek Owen	Llanbadrig/ Llanfachraeth/ Bodffordd Community Councils
Mrs Carli Evans-Thau	Llaneilian Community Council / Llanbadrig Community Council Clerk
Councillor Richard Dew	Llifon ward member Isle of Anglesey County Council
Jac Jones	Mechell Community Council
Hywel Williams MP	Member of Parliament for Arfon
Albert Owen MP	Member of Parliament for Ynys Môn
Liz Saville Roberts MP	Member of Parliament for Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Derek Gadsdon	Member of the Public
Michael Dodds	Member of the Public
Maurice Core	NDA Site Representative Wylfa Power Station
Geraint Hughes	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Alli Hunt	Nuclear Skills Academy for Nuclear
Steve Graham	Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)
Aled Morris Jones	Twrcelyn ward member Isle of Anglesey County Council
Janet Finch Saunders AM	Welsh Assembly Member for Conwy
Siân Gwenllian AM	Welsh Assembly Member for Arfon
Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM	Welsh Assembly Member for Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Rhun Ap Iorwerth AM	Welsh Assembly Member for Ynys Môn
Mark Isherwood AM	Welsh Assembly Regional Member for North Wales
Michelle Brown AM	Welsh Assembly Regional Member for North Wales
Llyr Huws Griffiths AM	Welsh Assembly Regional Member for North Wales
Jackie Blackwell	Ynys Mon - Citizen's Advice Bureau

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1. **Welcome, minutes of the October 2016 meeting and matters arising - Dennis Evans, Chairman**

- Dennis Evans (**DE**) welcomed everyone to the meeting at 5.30pm and introduced the individuals who would be giving presentations during the evening.
- DE asked the PLG to review the October 25 PLG minutes:

- Sarah Andrews (**SA**) stated that she had been recorded as having sent apologies when she had in fact attended the meeting, this was noted.
 - Sasha Davies (**SD**) added a point to the minutes; Charlie Tasker (**CT**) had been appointed to a new job within Horizon [Head of Construction] and has worked with the local community and key stakeholders for a number of years.
 - DE advised that at the October PLG Kieran Somers (**KS**) had explained that the estimate of the number of jobs to be created by the project had been increased by 1000 in PAC2 documents in case the original limit was breached.
- The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting in October 2016.
 - DE noted that for this meeting a representative from the National Grid was not present, however the National Grid consultation would close on the 16 January. The Chair suggested that any members' comments not already submitted be put forward to the consultation.

2. Introduction and Wylfa Newydd progress update - Sasha Davies, Head of Strategic Development Wales, Horizon Nuclear Power

- Prior to **SD's** presentation, Daron Hodges (**DH**) gave a safety message, a practise that had been introduced within the company to install a new culture of safety awareness. The safety moment related to electric decorations, for prevention of fire over the Christmas period i.e. for everyone to take care when using decorations that had been in storage for the past year.
- **SD** began by referencing Horizon's ongoing work to encourage greater community involvement in the Wylfa Newydd project. **SD** noted that a small team of community involvement officers, led by Delyth Owen (Horizon Community Involvement Officer) were collating information provided by local people in their respective communities. This information is being fed directly to Medrwn Môn, IoACC and Horizon and would, where appropriate, feed into the mitigating measures agreed with Local Government. **SD** advised the Community Involvement Officers were on hand at the end of the meeting should anyone wish to speak with them.
- **SD** thanked everyone who had taken part in the PAC2 consultation. There had been lots of constructive points received as a result of the consultation and there would be further engagement with key stakeholders to feed back on key aspects to be actioned.
- The staff restructure in Horizon was complete. New members of staff had been appointed and Rhodri Owen had been appointed as the new Commercial Manager, based at Wylfa Newydd site office.
- **SD** reported on the local businesses and charities that had been supported this year, listing various examples. **SD** explained more than £100k in total. Horizon had also recently sponsored the Community category of the Daily Post Business Awards.

- **SD** explained the second intake for the Technical Apprentice scheme was to be launched early in 2017. Horizon also continued to extend its education programme with local primary and secondary schools, with a focus on STEM subjects; further work with schools was also planned for the forthcoming year, including supporting 'options/careers sessions'.
- The Horizon newsletter had been published, a copy of which was available for all those present at the meeting.

3. Site progress Update – Daron Hodges, Wylfa Newydd Site Manager

- **DH** explained the site was now undergoing preparations for next year, with less work going on over winter due to poorer weather conditions. The Cemlyn Bay road was to be closed for works in the future therefore Nanner Road was being improved as a diversion road. This piece of work was to be completed by March 2017. Improvements included the construction of passing places, a new road surface, new drains and hedges, all of which were up to required regulations. Local firm Jones Bros would be working on the road over the Christmas period.
- **DH** explained to PLG members that businesses along the Nanner Road were open as usual, and the Horizon team had put up signs explaining this too – recognising local concerns. Likewise, they'd worked with people living along the road to keep disruption to a minimum. **DH** said that if anyone had any difficulties, to contact him directly.
- **DH** explained that local companies had been brought in to carry out work within the contract. He also said that one power cable had been re-routed and second prepared, to be done in March 2017, as part of the work. All old cables had been removed. While this element of the project was managed by Scottish Power which did use contractors from outside the region, they were using some local subcontractors.
- **DH** reported there were several surveys underway, e.g. archaeology.
- **DH** said the number of people on site at the moment was approx. 100 and, after the winter, it was expected to get busier. He highlighted a number of upcoming projects, including background work for TCPA (Town and Country Planning Act) applications such as site preparation and clearance as well as on-line and off-line road improvements along the A5025. He said these elements of the Project needed to progress in order to be ready for full construction.
- **SD** showed photos on the screen of the latest apprentices employed and trained in collaboration with Grŵp Llandrillo Menai College, which had received investment from Horizon for training and infrastructure. The working relationship with the college was good and Sasha Davies emphasised that there was great potential for Llangefni, the island and energy sector.

- **SD** referred to PAC2 consultation, which had been a significant piece of work; photos of which were shown on the slide. **SD** again thanked everyone who had responded.
- **SD** said good work was in progress highlighting the skills needed to support Wylfa Newydd. Horizon was working with Grŵp Llandrillo Menai College, Anglesey County Council, Jobcentre Plus, North Wales Economic Ambition Board and the Welsh Government on a concept of a 'Skills and Employment service for Wylfa Newydd'.
- Finally, **SD** showed a video of the offshore marine investigations platform at Porth y Pistyll, one of the site's most significant feats of engineering and investigations in 2016.

Questions:

- Cllr. Gwilym Jones (**GJ**) thanked **SD** for the presentation and asked whether the apprentices taken on in the power station would be kept on until 2020. Should there be any delay with planning etc., what would be the process for these young people?
 - **SD** replied that Horizon was in discussions with their supply chain. Should there be a problem with the timescale the apprentices would be able to continue elsewhere to support the project. Horizon had good contacts for such contingency plans and the issue had been included in their risk assessment. Horizon however, did want to retain the apprentices as the company had invested in them.
- Medwyn Williams (**MW**), Magnox asked how many personnel were estimated to be onsite after the current quieter winter period.
 - **DH** replied that it was not expected to exceed 300 people on site; with logistics put in place to support the number of staff at any one time e.g. catering and toilets, which would be sourced from local companies.
- John Idris Jones (**JIJ**) asked for details of those on graduate placements at Horizon, and stressed the importance of promoting the opportunities available within secondary schools.
 - Sasha Davies (**SD**) responded that there were graduates in place and that the company would be considering new graduate placements the following year as well as bursaries for university students who would be taken on after their graduation. With regard to secondary schools, Horizon was happy to make school visits and already has a schools engagement programme with them. Plans would include for example, careers fairs. In addition, Horizon and university professors had this year worked with heads of physics from secondary schools across North Wales; feedback had been very good. Sasha Davies suggested a talk about education and skills could be included at a future PLG meeting.
- **JIJ** added that in terms of young people, it was very important that schools play a part too and suggested that Horizon find out what the county council were doing to show young people the many opportunities that are available.

- The Chair asked Gwyn Jones (**GJ**) chief planning officer what kind of turnaround time could be expected on the TCPAs.
 - **GJ** replied that there were many applications currently being received, therefore lots to go through and advised that the discussions should start as early as possible to facilitate the process. Many applications would have environmental statements included, making the window for work very challenging. The Chair added that each side could at some point be waiting for feedback from the other, which could delay matters, and that this should be avoided.

- **JJJ** reiterated the importance of working with schools, not only for science based skills, but for support industries as well, such as catering.
 - **SD** responded that talks were ongoing on a much wider scale than STEM subjects, such as care workers and catering, project/business managers in order to respond to the extensive needs of the project. Daron Hodges added that he attended various school career evenings to talk about nuclear jobs potential as well as the support services on the island. Many other support services and businesses also attended the same careers evenings, targeting learners making their options as well as those later on in their school years. These visits happened on a regular basis and appointments were already booked for early 2017 events.

- Cllr. Richard Jones (**RJ**) asked that Horizon investigate the contaminated water issue at Cemaes over the quieter winter period.
 - Iwan Williams (**IW**) at NRW responded that the agency was aware of the issue and that public meetings had been held in Cemaes on the matter. He acknowledged that it was a complex matter and that blame could not be put on any one organisation or person, and that the cause needed to be determined. The Chair asked if it was NRW's responsibility to manage, to which **IW** responded that it was the responsibility of a number of organisations, i.e. the County Council managed the beach and it was their decision as to whether to close it and it was NRW's responsibility to find out the source of the issue. A wide a range of things could cause the bacteria contamination, and he agreed that work needed to be done with stakeholders to reduce the contamination. The Chair commented that he was aware that the issue was causing concern locally due to the poor quality of bathing water.

4. Menter Newydd and Generic Design Assessment update – Tris Denton (**TD**), Head of Communications, Hitachi Nuclear Energy Europe Ltd.

- Details of the Menter Newydd joint venture with Bechtel, Hitachi and Horizon were presented. The joint venture had a UK based office and were global players offering wide ranging experience. Experience included working on 180 plants worldwide, experience in delivering infrastructure for mega-projects of all types and delivering 4 ABWRs on time and on cost.

- Menter Newydd was in its first year of a three year Early Contractor Engagement phase contract for Horizon and was currently showing the viability of the project. It was expected that the programme be amended as it developed, and any changes would be shared in fora such as the PLG. Immediate priorities were listed, i.e. price and schedule firming, sub-contracts with Hitachi-GE, development of supply chain readiness and establishing functionality of Menter Newydd itself.
- The mid-term priorities were also listed, i.e. establishing priorities for 2017 with Horizon, beginning to build on outputs of deliverables to date (including around supply chain; workforce; schedule etc). The first tranche of mid-term priorities had been agreed already. Once full details of the required worked were established, work could begin on getting the workforce in place, which would include seeking as many local personnel as possible.
- An update on the GDA (generic design assessment) was given. This was a subcontract with Hitachi-GE who manufactured the ABWR (advanced boiling water reactor). Completion of the GDA was on target for the end of 2017 and final submissions were due before the summer of 2017. The comment process would run until 15th August, 2017 with the SoDA (EEA/NRW) consultation launched on December 12th, 2017.

Questions:

- The Chair asked where Menter Newydd saw itself at end of 2017.
 - Tris Denton (**TD**) replied that they expected to be continuing to provide what the customer wanted of them, i.e. to fulfil Horizon's requirements, and would hopefully be at the end of a second successful contractual year with Horizon.
- The Chair asked if Menter Newydd was in a position to say something about tier 2 contractors.
 - **TD** replied that he had spent 3 years working with tier 2 contractors on studies, from which presumptions had been made. The priority was getting the service agreement in place and to deliver tasks needed in the short term.

5. AOB

- An update was given by **IW** on a consultation on the nuclear power station design, which had opened the previous day (12th December). A programme of consultation events were planned in Wylfa for the PLG group as well as local drop-ins in Cemaes and Llangefni. NRW expected to get in touch with PLG members very soon with information on the consultation events. The Chair asked that as much notice as possible be given in order to enable people to attend. **IW** stressed that this consultation was on the design and technology of the power station and did not concern licensing, which would begin consultation later on in 2017.
- **JJJ** asked for an update on the National Grid position regarding cabling, stressing that safety was very important and that he was concerned about the NG's plan to run two lines of

pylons alongside each other. He asked how resilience of these would be measured, for example if one fell down.

- **DH** responded, stating that this matter had been studied since 2010. There was sufficient area for a pylon fall, ensuring that one would not touch the other or the power lines. He assured that a safety case had been done and that it was going through the regulator.
- **JIJ** was also concerned about other accidents with pylons, for example a plane collision, and asked what the inspectorate's view was on this.
 - **DE** responded that it would be addressed at a later meeting as it was a very technical question and an expert on the matter was not present to respond. The Chair asked for the question to be put in writing to the meeting.
- Cllr. John Wyn Griffith (**JWG**) asked whether the National Grid is asking Horizon to support their plans on to build pylons across the island.
 - **SD** responded that she was not aware that Horizon has been asked. The power line was part of a connectivity contract with the National Grid.
- **JWG** added that Anglesey residents objected to two sets of pylons across the island and that Anglesey County Council had the previous day voted unanimously against the proposals. Cllr. Griffith stated that islanders had welcomed Wylfa Newydd to the island and asked Horizon to support residents in putting pressure on the National Grid to run underground pylons.
 - **SD** said that Horizon's position with National Grid is to ensure the electricity was taken off the island safely. Horizon would be formally responding to National Grid's consultation.
- **GJ**, stated that he understood that it was difficult for **SD** and Horizon to take sides on this matter, however commented on the manner of National Grid; that they had not listened, even though many meetings had been held with them. He added that the situation was totally unacceptable, and if Horizon could persuade them at all, it would be very helpful.
- Clare Eno (**CE**) commented that it was good to see the terns in the film and hear that there was no drilling when they were in season. However, there was no mention in the film of fish and fisheries.
 - **DH** responded, confirming that various surveys had been carried out, which included fish life. Cameras had been sent down before works begun and all possible surveys and environmental impact surveys had been done to avoid any detrimental effect. There was also a marine biologist on site and on hand. **DH** confirmed that fishermen were included in discussions and that lobster fishermen continued to fish in the area. Close monitoring was being carried out and there was a drop-in in Amlwch and Llangefni should anyone wish to know more. **IW** added that the activity did require a license from NRW for the works to be carried out, this had been granted and NRW was content with the protocol.



- Peter Jones (**PJ**) stated that a local resident had recently been approached by TerraQuest who had asked intrusive questions about the resident's property. Mr. Jones asked who had commissioned the company to do the work.
 - It was confirmed from the floor that the work had been commissioned by Isle of Anglesey County Council Highways department regarding the statutory works and that notices had been sent to residents to confirm this prior to the visits. Although Horizon was funding the A5025 road improvements, the county council had responsibility for it. Sasha Davies would contact Anglesey County Council regarding the residents' concerns.

6. Close

The Chair wished season's greetings to all present and closed the meeting at 7.04pm.