

Wylfa Newydd Project Liaison Group Meeting

Minutes of the Wylfa Newydd Project Liaison Group held on Thursday 28 September 2017 in the Eleth and Eilian Rooms at the Wylfa Newydd site office.

Attendees (in alphabetical order by organisation):

| Name | Organisation |
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| Councillor Gerry Belanger | Amlwch Town Council |
| John Chamberlain | Anglesey Agricultural Society/ Holyhead Rotary Club |
| Inspector Trevor Howes | CNC - Stakeholder Liaison Officer |
| Wyn Thomas | Grŵp Llandrillo Menai |
| Anwen Morgan | Isle of Anglesey County Council |
| Councillor G.O Jones | Isle of Anglesey Ward Councillor for Llifon |
| Councillor John Griffith | Isle of Anglesey Ward Councillor for Talybolion |
| Councillor Kenneth P Hughes | Isle of Anglesey Ward Councillor for Talybolion |
| Councillor Aled Morris Jones | Isle of Anglesey Ward Councillor for Twrcelyn |
| Councillor Richard Griffiths | Isle of Anglesey Ward Councillor for Twrcelyn |
| Councillor Richard Owain Jones | Isle of Anglesey Ward Councillor for Twrcelyn |
| Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas | Isle of Anglesey Ward Councillor for Ynys Gybi |
| Councillor Derek Owen | Llanbadrig Community Councils (Chairman) |
| Councillor Dafydd Griffiths | Llaneilian Community Council (Chairman) |
| Gafyn Jones | Magnox Ltd |
| Stuart Law | Magnox Ltd |
| Alun Roberts | Môn Communities First |
| Rita Lyon | Môn Communities First Cluster Manager for Anglesey |
| Medwyn Griffiths | Public Health Wales |
| David Hawkins | Unite the Union |
| Paddy McNaught | Unite the Union |
| Dr Tom Conway | Wylfa Retirees Association |

Apologies

| Name | Organisation |
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| Janet Finch-Saunders AM | Assembly Member for Aberconwy |
| Siân Gwenllïan AM | Assembly Member for Arfon |
| Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM | Assembly Member for Dwyfor Meirionnydd |
| Llŷr Gruffydd AM | Assembly Regional Member for North Wales |
| Professor David Shepherd | Bangor University |
| Phil Scott | Destination Anglesey Partnership |
| Carys Edwards | Head of HR at Isle of Anglesey County Council |
| Dr Gwynne Jones | Isle of Anglesey County Council (Chief Executive) |
| Councillor Llinos Medi Huws | Isle of Anglesey Ward Councillor for Talybolion (Leader) |
| Councillor J Arwel Roberts | Isle of Anglesey Ward Councillor for Ynys Gybi |
| Councillor John Jukes | Llannerchymedd Community Council |
| Medwyn Williams | Magnox Ltd |

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| Michael Dodds | Member of the Public |
| Andrew Connolly | National Grid |
| Gareth Williams | National Grid |
| Maurice Core | NDA Site Representative Wylfa Power Station |
| Keith Williams | North Wales Ambulance Service |
| Geraint Hughes | North Wales Fire and Rescue Service |
| Alli Hunt | Nuclear Skills Academy for Nuclear |
| Steve Graham | Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) |
| Dr John Idris Jones | Snowdonia Enterprise Zone |
| Abi Hughes | Taran Disability |
| Anna M Jones | Tref Alaw Community Council |
| Councillor Trefor Jones | Tref Alaw Community Council |
| Jackie Blackwell | Ynys Môn - Citizen's Advice Bureau |
| Margaret Thomas | Ynys Môn - Citizen's Advice Bureau |
| Aaron Bayley | Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones |

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1. Welcome, minutes of the May 2017 meeting and matters arising - Dennis Evans, Chairman

- Dennis Evans (**DE**) welcomed everyone to the meeting at 5.30pm and introduced the speakers.
- The minutes were presented and reviewed. Tom Conway (**TC**) raised a point for clarification in the minutes from the 25 May 2017 meeting regarding the description of the BWR. **DE** noted the clarification and pointed towards an update on the GDA (Generic Design Assessment) at the next PLG.
- **DE** noted Councillor Ken Hughes' (**KH**) question in the 25 May minutes about IT security at the new power station and stated that in light of recent media stories about cyber security that this was very important.
- There were no other matters arising and the minutes were accepted as a true record.

2. Introduction and Wylfa Newydd progress update – Greg Evans, Operations Director; Sasha Davies, Head of Strategic Development Wales

- Greg Evans (**GE**), Operations Director introduced himself and provided an overview of his role at Horizon. He noted there has been 60 visits to the site from people outside the company since the start of the year. This included work experience students, potential future investors as well as government officials.

- **GE** said there was a team of around 50 personnel on site (250 including contractors), and although this was relatively small compared to how the future will look, site activity was busy. He stressed that throughout the Project's life, Horizon Nuclear Power will be an integral part of the community of Anglesey.
- **GE** introduced Sasha Davies (**SD**) Horizon's Head of Strategic Development Wales.
- **SD** welcomed everyone to the meeting, including guests from Oldbury in South Gloucestershire. **SD** provided an overview of recent community highlights, including Horizon's support for the 2017 National Eisteddfod of Wales, on Anglesey, which had been very successful on STEM and wider community engagement.
- **SD** noted that the National Eisteddfod had been an opportunity to bring Horizon to a wider audience and they had been impressed by the number of young people that had got involved in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities on the stand. **SD** said Horizon planned to be a part of the 2018 Eisteddfod, which is being held in Cardiff.
- **SD** also noted Horizon's attendance at this year's Anglesey Show, which had been another successful event. She thanked everyone who had visited the marquee.
- **SD** said Horizon's third stage of pre-application consultation - PAC3 - had been completed in June. There had been two Town and Country Planning Act (TCPA) consultations in August; one for Horizon's proposals for site preparation and clearance and second for online road improvements. These were important projects locally and would be subject to determination by Isle of Anglesey County Council.
- **SD** said Horizon's second intake of apprentices had now started and the first intake continue to be important members of the team. **SD** said the apprentices had been actively participating at events throughout the summer, especially the National Eisteddfod and Anglesey Show. Other education outreach events had continued in the holiday season, with another successful Work Insight Week held for year 11 and sixth form students.
- **SD** said Horizon had again supported the Cwmni Prentis Menai scheme for Grŵp Llandrillo Menai with a £90,000 investment. **SD** said skills investment was important to Horizon, and the company would also be supporting Skills Wales in Llandudno the following week (4 – 5 October), taking a stand to highlight the STEM agenda.
- **SD** announced that a new team member, Awen Jones, had joined Horizon and will be working with Claire Burgess to help shape education outreach for the company. Already Awen had set up 19 school events this year to talk to students about STEM.
- **SD** said that with the summer holidays at an end, Horizon had re-started monthly Open Surgeries. These are held on the third Monday of each month and are an opportunity for local people to ask Horizon questions.
- **SD** noted that alongside the Open Surgeries active community outreach was also a priority and Horizon was providing support to local charities and organisations. Horizon has recently supporting

the RNLI and local community group Men with Sheds. **SD** said Delyth Owen (**DO**), Horizon's Community Involvement Officer, is working closely with community groups to encourage people to participate in the Project. **GE** was also attending community group meetings to help explain the Project to people that might not otherwise be engaged.

- **SD** provided an overview of current and future site activity, including work by NGET (National Grid Electricity Transmission) on the local 132kV network and Dŵr Cymru's refurbishment works on the rising main in Cemaes. **SD** also explained the former Magnox Visitor Centre would be refurbished for use as office space and to re-open the café.
- **SD** said the archaeology works were progressing well and had generated a lot of local interest. Community digs were ongoing and school visits were planned for the end of October. Local media had also visited the site.
- **SD** noted that supply chain and skills development activity was ongoing. Horizon's Commercial Manager, Rhodri Owen, had been working with local businesses across the region and the wider construction sector. His aim is to increase interest and awareness of the Project. Grŵp Llandrillo Menai was progressing well with the new engineering centre in Llangefni which would also benefit the project.
- **SD** said that at a regional level, Horizon was busy and supporting the North Wales Daily Post Business Awards and, in October, the Wales Fast Growth 50 Businesses. Horizon also continues to be an engaged and active member of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board, Regional Skills Partnership, Prince's Trust Cymru and Young Ambassadors. These links were important, **SD** said.
- **SD** thanked the audience and concluded that the rest of 2017 will continue to be busy, building on the work carried out over the summer.

Questions and Comments:

- Councillor Gwilym O Jones (**GJ**) thanked **SD** for the presentation and commended Horizon's presence at the Eisteddfod and Anglesey Show. He said it was good to see younger local people taking part. He added that he was glad to hear that 21 local young people had been employed at Horizon in the latest apprenticeship intake and wished them all well in the future.
- **DE** commented there was a great deal of work going on both on and off site to move the project forward. He noted that apprenticeships were part of this and that consultation activity had also showed progress.
- Councillor Dafydd Griffiths (**DG**) asked if it was possible to know which schools the apprentices were from in order to monitor how successful the outreach programme had been in the local area.
 - **SD** replied the majority of apprentices came from Anglesey and some others from West Wales schools.
- Wyn Thomas (**WT**) commented that almost 250 people had applied for the 12 apprenticeship roles this year.
 - Richard Foxhall (**RF**) noted that number was higher - 307 had registered their interest.

- John Chamberlain (**JC**) asked whether anything significant had been found in the archaeological digs.
 - Daron Hodges (**DH**) confirmed some items and areas of interest had been found, including a cemetery, but nothing of national significance yet. Approximately 24 hotspots had been identified, which would now undergo further archaeological investigation. **DH** explained that the digs would continue until the wet season before restarting in the spring. He expected the digs to finish in summer / autumn 2018.
 - **DH** noted that the works were employing as many archaeologists and local businesses as possible, including Brython, on the island. He said that community digs were also taking place and had been popular.

3. DCO and planning consent update – Ifer Gwyn, Stakeholder Relations Manager, Horizon Nuclear Power

- Ifer Gwyn (**IG**) presented an update on the consents and planning process for Wylfa Newydd. He said Stage Three (PAC3) consultation completed in the summer, and had covered more than 20 events and more than 1,000 people had been involved. He said a large amount of feedback had been collated from the public, stakeholders and expert bodies. This feedback was now being scrutinised by Horizon and would inform further information sharing with stakeholders later this year.
- **IG** explained these conversations would inform the final DCO application to the UK Government. **IG** thanked those who had taken time to submit responses to the consultation.
- **IG** reported that two local planning applications were to be submitted to the local authority around the end of October. The two applications are for online road improvements and site preparation and clearance. Both applications had been consulted on in August and had also been informed by conversations with local communities and stakeholders.
- **IG** provided a short overview of timescales for the Project. He noted that the DCO submission date had moved from this year to the first quarter of 2018. He said this doesn't change the Project significantly, but does mean Horizon can take the time to hold further discussions on some elements of the Project with stakeholder bodies. He noted the DCO was a large document, covering upwards of 30,000 pages of information, and the company is focused on getting that detail right.
- **IG** said there were a set of other milestones the company was working on. He said these included four licence applications to Natural Resources Wales covering radiological substances, combustion installation, water discharge and a marine licence. These would be applied for in the autumn/winter and would also involve stakeholder consultation.
- **IG** concluded by presenting an overview of Horizon's statutory community benefits work. This included the creation of an employment and skills service, a capital investment programme for all five secondary schools on the island, affordable housing, establishment of a tourism fund and the appointment of a Welsh language and culture co-ordinator to ensure protection of the language.
- **DE** thanked **IG** and added that the DCO application was not being submitted as envisaged as it had been deferred in order to take into account all the consultation feedback and provide more information to the groups that had requested it.

Questions and Comments:

- **TC** stated that he had suggested a proposal that dedicated cycle tracks were considered for the A5025. He asked what had happened to this.
 - **IG** said this had been suggested by others. He said it was an important issue and consideration had been given during the preparation of the Online Highways TCPA application. However, there were no plans to provide a dedicated cycle path as part of the application.
 - **DE** acknowledged **TC's** concerns as he had also stressed that the road should be wide enough to allow easy traffic movement, especially for wider vehicles and farm vehicles to pass cyclists.

- **TC** asked for further details on the supply of water to the site and whether Llyn Alaw needed to be enlarged.
 - **DH** said Welsh Water had been approached regarding the matter, and details of exactly how much water was needed for the new plant could be provided on request, should **TC** write to Horizon asking for the information. Welsh Water would need to inform Horizon what work is required. This discussion is still ongoing.
 - **TC** asked whether the pumping station would need to be reinforced.
 - **DH** stated that this would be undertaken by Welsh Water with input from Horizon as needed.

- Derek Owen (**DO**) chair at Llanbadrig Community Council expressed his disappointment in Horizon as he felt the local community's concerns about the Betws bends along the A5025 east of Cemaes had not been considered. He said the evidence the road was being used by contractors was clear and would continue to be the case during construction. He also expressed some concern the online improvements were unsuited for larger vehicles.
 - **IG** acknowledged the concerns and said the issue was being given proper consideration in response to comments and feedback as well as modelling Horizon has done. He said the question was how the issue was addressed, either through the DCO process or via local planning processes.
 - **DE** said that the matter had been raised consistently and that it needed to be addressed; there had been fatalities on these hazardous roads, and surely within the huge scale of the project, the budget could be stretched to improve the roads.

- Councillor Gwilym Jones (**GJ**) stated that the issue regarding A5025 improvements near Cemaes has been pressed on for several years in committees. He added that he was glad that work was to be done between Valley and Tregele and was pleased that improvements were being made. His main concern was that businesses in Valley were worried about loss of trade if the bypass was built and the existing leg of the A5025 from Valley was stopped up.
 - **RF** stated that he was at the consultation event in Valley where businesses and the community council had expressed their concerns on the proposed bypass to both Horizon and IACC Highways engineers present. An assurance was given that they would look again at whether it might be possible to keep that section of road open.

- Councillor John Wyn Griffith (**JWG**) said that works to the A5025 were very important but would involve lots of traffic lights, causing congestion. As a result, and to avoid the works, traffic would be

using alternative smaller roads and villages, which could not cope with heavy traffic. **JWG** asked whether there were any plans to improve these smaller roads.

- **IG** responded that this was not included in the current planning application, however Horizon would be working closely with the road contractors to reduce congestion and inconvenience wherever possible.
- **JWG** added that it was hardly possible for two cars to pass on the small roads and asked for consideration to be given now to widen these roads.
- At this point, Cllr Ken Hughes (**KH**), Cllr. Richard Jones (**RJ**) and **JWG** declared an interest as they were members of the Isle of Anglesey County Council Planning Committee.

4. Update on progress – Lowri Joyce, Regional Stakeholder Relations Manager, Menter Newydd

- Lowri Joyce (**LJ**) presented an update from Menter Newydd, the contractor with responsibility to build Wylfa Newydd. She said that Menter Newydd was working to Horizon’s timescale with their main aim to produce a well-founded delivery plan to engineer, procure and construct Wylfa Newydd. **LJ** stressed Menter Newydd’s experience in the field, to work locally and worldwide, with teams in the UK, Japan and the USA.
- **LJ** presented details of the work to date, which included working towards Horizon’s FID (Final Investment Decision); increasing detail, clarity and certainty across project planning. **LJ** said detailed planning was essential to show viability, underpin the construction approach and to prepare for delivery.
- **LJ** said this financial year had seen a task orders from Horizon which was now agreed until March 2018. The division of responsibility had been largely clarified, for example, who was responsible for building what. Menter Newydd was also in discussion with Horizon on the detailed construction plans.
- **LJ** presented a short update on the GDA (Generic Design Assessment) process. She said the process looked at safety, environmental protection and security. Hitachi-GE has a green metric from the regulators for completion of the four-year process in December 2017. She said the whole process had been transparent, with all submissions available on the website. Over 80 comments had been received and Hitachi-GE had responded to all of them.
- **LJ** concluded that work was progressing well. For those interested, the website could be found at www.menternewydd.com

Questions and Comments:

- **DE** commented that Horizon’s recruitment would increase significantly after 2020 and were looking at permanent staffing of the station. He noted that adult learners will be an important part of the Project and asked whether there was a programme in place for training those already in employment.
 - **LJ** stated that workforce skills were being considered by Menter Newydd and they were working to understand whether existing training programmes could be used as well as lessons learnt from other projects.

- **SD** said that Horizon was very well engaged with Grŵp Llandrillo Menai and Coleg Cambria and looking at workforce data and demographics to assess how the workforce could be trained and developed. She noted that construction workers were expected to come from Wales/UK as well as further afield.
 - **WT** said that skills development was already underway, particularly in places like the heavy plant centre at Coleg Menai's Llangefni campus. He also noted that a new major skills centre development would be determined by Welsh Government by the end of next month. He said the key issue was to try and use this project to upskill the current workforce, but it had to be acknowledged that the locality could only provide a portion of the required human resources for this huge project.
 - **SD** added that in the wider UK context, there were other major projects across the UK too and sharing skills across these projects – as well as using them as opportunities to train people – was something the Horizon team were discussing with the UK Government.
- Alun Roberts (**AR**) from Môn Communities Forward asked how those already in employment or over 19 years of age would fund further training. He asked whether a fund could be made available for local people to access a low interest loan to fund their own training.
 - **DE** noted that commented that evening and weekend training would be a useful tactic, but said it's not popular.
 - Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas (**DT**) commented that the community was concerned about not being able to fill all the jobs created.
 - **IG** confirmed that the DCO document, which would be made public, included a section on how Horizon would manage this. He noted that the roles would be filled in a range of ways, including locally.
 - Paddy McNaught (**PM**) commented that an ethical procurement strategy needed to be drawn up to guide contractors on their terms and conditions. He said could also include the levels of local people expected to be employed by contractors. He noted that the Welsh Government had just published similar guidelines to avoid situations where blacklists would be made.
 - Leon Flexman (**LF**), Horizon's Corporate Affairs Director, confirmed Horizon was developing a tiered approach to ethical supply chain management. This was partly in place already through the Supply Chain Charter, which governed expectations and ethics, but there will also be a construction code of practice that will cascade down to contractors working on the Project.
 - Councillor Aled Morris Jones (**AMJ**) thanked **LJ** for the presentation which showed the what Horizon was aiming for. He said that the UK needed infrastructure like Wylfa Newydd and that support of the project was important in the local area. **AMJ** also welcomed the movement of accommodation to Wylfa Head but didn't believe the entire workforce should be located there due to the scale of the Project. He felt worker accommodation needed to be diluted around the area, potentially in Rhosgoch or Amlwch. He felt this would help make the case for road improvements.
 - **JC** noted that the small businesses he worked with were in favour of the development but were apprehensive about the potential for draining skills from existing jobs. He was concerned about an exodus of skilled workers to Wylfa Newydd. He felt the only bargaining chip would be the longer-

term roles he – and other business owners – could provide, whereas Wylfa Newydd wouldn't be significant enough to provide long term careers.

- **SD** acknowledged this as a concern and that it is being taken seriously. She said Horizon would be working with Welsh Government, schools, colleges, contractors and local businesses to address the potential challenges.
 - **DE** said he sympathised with **JC's** view.
- Annwen Morgan (**AM**), Assistant Chief Executive at the Isle of Anglesey County Council commented that a year ago the community didn't realise the position it would be in today with regard to the changes outlined in PAC3. She said the area was ready to make the most of this Project, i.e. to come to agreements over the future. She said that the time being taken now was an opportunity to input into the DCO process, and reach a situation where everyone was satisfied.
 - **GJ** commented that people had been employed in the old station from other trades and had retrained themselves very successfully.
 - **TC** sought to reassure **JC** (on his earlier point) that there would be staff prepared to fill in the vacant posts that become available, if not from the locality, then from abroad.
 - **JC** agreed and said that there were huge voids in some areas and that he would welcome employees from any region, but wanted to protect local businesses from severe declines in staff.

5. AOB

- Medwyn Griffiths, (**MG**) from Public Health Wales asked for an update on the work of the health Impact Assessment.
 - **IG** responded that work was underway and that the completed document would be shared with Public Health Wales in October.
- **RF** thanked everyone who had attended the open surgeries and that the next one would be held on October 16 in Cemaes.

6. Close

- The Chair closed the meeting at 7.00pm