

## Minutes of the Wylfa Newydd Project Liaison Group Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, Wylfa Newydd Site Office, Cemaes

### Present:

Dennis Evans	PLG Chair (Chair, Rhosybol Community Council)
Wyn Thomas	Deputy PLG Chair (Grŵp Llandrillo Menai)

### Horizon

Sasha Davies	Head of Strategic Development
Ifer Gwyn	Stakeholder Engagement Manager
Geraint Jones	Project Engineer
Daron Hodges	Wylfa Newydd Site Manager
Richard Foxhall	Communication and Stakeholder Relations Manager
Delyth Owen	Community Involvement Officer

### Also:

Manon Owen	Translator – Cymen
Carli Evans Thau	Minute taker – Cymen

### Members Present

Cllr Aled Morris Jones	IACC, Twrcelyn Ward
Alwyn Rowlands	Ynys Mon - Citizen's Advice Bureau
Anna M Jones	Tref Alaw Community Council
Bethan Morris	CIO
Dafydd Griffiths	Llaneilian Community Council (Chairman)
Clr Dafydd Rhys Thomas	IACC, Ynys Gybi Ward
Eric Torr	Cwmni Cemaes Cyf / Ynni Talybolion Cyf
Gafyn Jones	Magnox Ltd
Geraint Hughes	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Gerry Belanger	Amlwch Town Council
John Chamberlain	Anglesey Agricultural Society/ Holyhead Rotary Club
Lowri Joyce	Hitachi
Medwyn Griffiths	Public Health Wales
Michael Dodds	Member of the Public
Susan P Scott	Anglesey Federation of the WI
Dr Tom Conway	Wylfa Retirees Association
Inspector Trevor Howes	CNC Nuclear New Build Liaison Officer

### Apologies:

Aaron Bayley	Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones
Aled Rowlands	National Grid
Alli Hunt	Nuclear Skills Academy for Nuclear
Andrew Connolly	National Grid
Annwen Morgan	IACC, Asst. Chief Executive
Bryn Jones	Bangor University
Carys Davies	IACC, Head of HR
Derek Owen	Chair, Llanbadrig Community Council

Derek Vaughan	MEP
Enid Williams	IACC, Youth Services
Gareth Williams	National Grid
Cllr G O Jones	IACC, Llifon Ward
Dr Gwynne Jones	IACC, Chief Executive
Gwynne Morris Jones	Council for the Protection of Rural Wales
Hywel Williams MP	Arfon Ward
Jac Jones	Mechell Community Council
Jackie Blackwell	Citizen's Advice Bureau
Janet Finch Saunders AM	Aberconwy Ward
Cllr John Griffith	IACC, Talybolion Ward
Dr John Idris Jones	Morlais
Cllr Llinos Medi Huws	IACC, Council Leader, Talybolion Ward
Llyr Griffith AM	Welsh Assembly Regional Member for North Wales
Mel O'Hara	Member of the Public
Melanie Wymer	Bodorgan Trust
Robin Beckmann	Welsh Government, Head of Nuclear Sector and Energy Programmes
Sian Gwenllian AM	Arfon Ward
Steve Graham	Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)
Tris Denton	Menter Newydd
Wil Edwards	National Farmers Union (NFU)

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## 1 **Welcome, minutes of the December 2017 meeting and matters arising – Dennis Evans**

Dennis Evans welcomed everyone to the meeting at 5.30pm. The Chair noted the tragic accident at RAF Valley earlier in the week, acknowledging that accidents do happen and that it is important to set, meet and maintain high standards in industry.

It was noted that Gwen Parry Jones has been appointed to join the Horizon team at Wylfa Newydd. Ms Jones started her career at Wylfa, has vast experience and a wealth of knowledge in the industry. Anglesey born and bred, she has returned to her home county to live and work.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed a true record, proposed by Dr Tom Conway, all in agreement.

The Chair noted that Horizon are close to submitting the DCO application to London. Ifer Gwyn will provide an update later in the meeting, while further information regarding the A5025 improvements will be provided by Geraint Jones.

National Grid matters are ongoing. It is expected that a decision be confirmed regarding the Menai crossing in the summer.

## 2 Introduction and Wylfa Newydd progress update – Sasha Davies

**Sasha Davies (SD)** thanked all present for their attendance and for the opportunity to provide an update on behalf of Horizon. She noted that following a senior management restructure, Greg Evans is promoted to the role of 'Executive Director Operations', based primarily in Gloucester but also with time at the Wylfa Newydd site office. The local team has been significantly strengthened by the appointment of Gwen Parry Jones as Director of Nuclear Operations. Gwen will be based at the Wylfa Newydd site office, and it is hoped that she will be able to attend the next PLG meeting to meet the members.

**SD** noted that a lot of work had been completed both on site and at Gloucester in the preparation of 427 documents forming part of the DCO application. Ifer Gwyn would give further information later in the meeting. It is hoped to submit the application to PINS at the end of March.

Education – those present were informed how Horizon continue their programme of engagement visiting primary and secondary schools in both Anglesey and Gwynedd, and also distributing books to pupils as part of International Women's Day. Applications for this year's Work Insight Week will open early April providing work placement opportunities for GSCE and A-level pupils. The Profi Programme in conjunction with Bangor University has been shortlisted for an Arts & Business Cymru Award.

Supply and Skills Chain Development – **SD** noted that a supply chain portal was being developed – CompeteFor – and that a representative could attend the next PLG meeting to answer any queries if required. The portal is expected to be launched in the coming weeks.

With over 200 applications for the next round of apprentices, interviews and assessments are due to take place in April. There are currently 33 individuals following training programmes at Coleg Menai as part of the apprenticeship programme.

In the Community - Horizon have now obtained a community bus that will provide officers with the means of visiting various communities and rural areas sharing information with and taking feedback from local residents. The vehicle will provide opportunities to meet with people where there may not be a suitable or accessible venue.

**SD** noted that over £75k had been donated to various projects throughout North Wales as part of the Charitable Donations Scheme during 2017/18. Horizon also support projects in other ways, and besides providing 1,000 unbranded hi-vis vests, to be kept in the community for any future events that might require them, Horizon staff took part in the attempt to break the world record for the number of people in hi-vis vests in Amlwch. Although not successful in the world record attempt, the event did set new records for both the UK and Europe.

Site Activity – **Daron Hodges (DH)** gave a summary of activities on site. Ground investigation works have now been completed. Archaeological investigations however are ongoing. Construction of the second bat barn in Cemaes is about to start thus demonstrating the company's environmental commitment. Daron Hodges noted that works to renovate the former

Magnox Visitor Centre has commenced, and that it is hoped that the café will be re-opened in the near future.

The Chair thanked both **Sasha Davies** and **Daron Hodges** for the information shared, noting that 2018 is an important year for both Horizon and the host community.

### **3 Development Consent Order (DCO) application and planning consent update – Ifer Gwyn**

**Ifer Gwyn (IG)** thanked the Chair for the invitation to attend and to provide an update on the DCO process. He noted that the majority of the documents in draft form were ready to be presented to Planning Inspectorate (PINS) at the end of the month. There are 427 documents spanning over 33,000 pages in all. PINS has 28 days to accept the application before setting a specific timescale for consideration of the information (there is a specific process to follow). In addition two Town and Country Planning Act (TCPA) planning applications are being considered by the Isle of Anglesey County Council (IACC) for Site Preparation and Clearance, and for the A5025 Highway Improvements. The proposed new sections of highway are not included in the TCPA as these form part of the DCO application.

Horizon are currently forming a document to help people find relevant information within the DCO application. Once submitted, all documents will be available on the PINS website ([infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk](http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk)), with hard copies for reference only available at the Horizon Site Office and at the Anglesey Business Centre, Llangefni. All non-technical documents have been translated and will be available in Welsh and in English.

In addition to the DCO application, permit applications are to be submitted to National Resources Wales (NRW). These applications are to be considered in parallel with the DCO application with evidence cross-referenced from the DCO submission. NRW will determine the timescale for the consultation on these applications, and for the approval of permits.

### **Questions and Comments**

**Wyn Thomas (WT)** noted that the opportunities offered to all apprentices was to be commended and the fact that the new cohort would also be visiting Japan was promising. Designed with the needs of the nuclear industry, the new facilities being developed at Coleg Menai's Llangefni site will ensure participants are skills-ready. It was noted that Mona Lifting have recently secured a large international contract, thus showing that with the right mentoring we have the skills and ability on our doorstep.

**Dr Tom Conway (TC)** asked whether the supply of water required for the operation of Wylfa Newydd was likely to impact on local supply. **IG** replied that Horizon are currently working closely with Welsh Water to eliminate any potential impact and to upgrade the system as required. **DH** confirmed that Welsh Water are looking to install a new mains supply direct to the site.

The Chair was assured that the planning process from submitting the DCO application was set to a tight timescale in order to consider all information presented, meet with interested parties and come to a decision in a timely manner. The process from acceptance to final decision is

expected to take in the region of 18 months. The Hitachi board meeting is to take place on the 28th March to approve the documentation to be submitted to PINS at the end of the month.

#### **4 Update on A5025 on-line proposals – Geraint Jones**

**Geraint Jones (GJ)** gave an overview of the road improvement proposals. Proposals for online improvements have already been lodged with IACC Planning Department, working in conjunction with IACC Highways Department as the owner and responsible authority. The offline improvements such as bypasses and new sections of road will form part of the DCO submission.

It was explained that the purpose of the improvements was to achieve a consistent highway with a minimum 7.3m width, including the pavement and hard strip. It was confirmed that improvements would be in keeping with local landscape and minimising environmental impact. **GJ** showed a map highlighting the areas of both online and offline improvements along the A5025 from Valley to Wylfa Newydd.

**GJ** explained that a perceived pinch point at Cefn Coch, a point of concern for some members and residents since the change in the original proposals, is still consistent with the 7.3m width. The design has been changed to reduce the environmental impact on the ancient woodland by re-aligning the earthworks and alignment of the junction. The design has been approved by the IACC Highways Department.

#### **Questions and Comments**

Cllr Aled Morris Jones (AMJ) thanked GJ for his presentation and noted that there was a need to improve the road from Cemaes towards Amlwch. He asked whether Horizon had any plans at all to look at this issue. Geraint Jones acknowledged that this was a sensitive matter and that he was aware that the IACC Highways Department were looking at plans for improvement. Horizon can provide support to IACC with this development.

The planning application for road improvements (online) remains with the IACC Planning Department. It is hoped that the work can commence in 2018, timing however is dependent on securing all land acquisitions and securing planning permission from IACC.

Cllr Dafydd Rhys (DRh) noted that Valley residents were concerned that there would be no direct access into Valley village from the A5025 and that this would have a negative impact on businesses. It was confirmed that although there would not be direct access into the village to/from Llanynghenedl, access would be via a new roundabout and that there was no perceived negative impact on access into the village.

Dafydd Griffiths (DG) asked what the intentions were regarding the Sustrans Cycle Path/Route; would there be designated crossing points where the route crossed the improved A5025? It was confirmed that crossings would be moved away from junctions to ensure the safety of all users; priority however would always be given to motorised vehicles.

The road improvements proposed are to make the journey from Valley to Cemaes smoother and safer not to increase speed. AMJ noted that the road improvements were a strategic necessity of the project and not a community benefit. It was noted however that the

improvements do provide benefits to the wider community

TC asked whether Horizon were proposing to ban all Wylfa Newydd traffic from using the A5025 from Amlwch as this would be the only justification for not improving the road. Were there any proposals for the development of Rhosgoch Site included in the DCO? The Chair confirmed that there were no such proposals.

AMJ asked whether Horizon were still looking to house 4000 temporary workers on site during construction. If so, this was a lost opportunity to dissipate the impact of so many people on a small community by sharing facilities between two sites.

**DH** noted that all contractors will have, as minimal conditions, a requirement to access the site from Valley, however acknowledging the need to be sensible and apply some common sense - local contractors such as CMP would not be expected to travel around the island.

## **5 Any Other Business**

There being no other business, the Chair thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting at 6.25pm.

**Next Meeting – Thursday 28 June 2018**

Signed  
Dennis Evans  
Chair