

Minutes of the Wylfa Newydd Project Liaison Group
Thursday 20 September 2018, Wylfa Newydd Site Office, Cemaes

Present:

Dennis Evans PLG, Chair

Horizon

Sasha Davies	Head of Strategic Development Wales
Danny Thomas	Strategic Development Wales Co-ordinator
Daron Hodges	Wylfa Newydd Site Manager
Ifer Gwyn	Stakeholder Engagement Manager
Lorna Clary	Wylfa Newydd Site Environmental Lead
Richard Foxhall	Communication and Stakeholder Relations Manager

Attendees

Cllr. Derek Owen	Llanbadrig Community Council (Chair)
Cllr. Roger Dobson	Llanbadrig Community Council
Cllr. Jac Jones	Mechell Community Council
Cllr Gerry Belanger	Amlwch Town Council
Cllr Dafydd Griffiths	Llaneilian Community Council
Mrs Anna M. Jones	Tref Alaw Community Council
Cllr Keith Thomas	Mayor of Holyhead
Cllr Aled Morris Jones IACC	Twrcelyn Ward
Cllr Richard O. Jones IACC	Twrcelyn Ward
Cllr Kenneth P Hughes IACC	Talybolion Ward
Cllr John Griffith IACC	Talybolion Ward
Cllr Gwilym O Jones IACC	Llifon Ward
Cllr Ieuan Williams IACC	Deputy Leader, Lligwy Ward
Cllr Bryan Owen IACC	Bro Aberffraw Ward
Mrs Bethan Morris IACC	Community Involvement Officer
Mr Tony Jones	Regional Community Cohesion Co-ordinator
Mr Kevin Barnet	Tregele Action Group
Mr Medwyn Griffiths	Public Health Wales
Mr Geraint Hughes	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Mr Trevor Howes	Civil Nuclear Constabulary Nuclear New Build Liaison Officer
Mr Iwan Williams	Natural Resources Wales
Mr Gwynfor Owen	National Trust Wales
Mr Alwyn Rowlands MBE	Ynys Môn Citizen's Advice Bureau
Ms Mairede Thomas	Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales / YDCW
Mr Gafyn Jones	Magnox Ltd
Dr Tom Conway	Wylfa Retirees Association
Mr Jon Bailey	Cape PLC- Member of the Public
Mr Michael Dodds	Member of the Public
Mr John C. Jones	Member of the Public

Also:

Gwynfor Owen, Translator	Cymen
Sydna Roberts, Minute taker	Cymen

Apologies:

Gwen Parry-Jones	Horizon: Executive Director - Operational Development
Mrs Annwen Morgan	IACC: Assistant Chief Executive
Mr Dylan Williams	IACC: Head of Economic Development

Ms Carys Edwards	IACC: Head of HR
Cllr Llinos Medi Huws IACC	Council Leader, Talybolion Ward
Cllr Richard Griffiths IACC	Twrcelyn Ward
Cllr Dafydd Rhys Thomas	Ynys Gybi Ward
Mr Clifford Everett	Holyhead Town Council (Clerk)
Ms Jackie Blackwell	Ynys Môn - Citizen's Advice Bureau
Ms Siân Gwenllïan AM	Arfon Constituency
Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM	Dwyfor Meirionnydd Constituency
Mr Llyr Gruffydd AM	Welsh Assembly Regional Member for North Wales
Mr Albert Owen MP	Ynys Môn Constituency
Mr Derek Vaughan	MEP
Mr Steve Graham	Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)
Mr Tim Jones	Natural Resources Wales (Former CCW representative)
Ms Alli Hunt	National Skills Academy for Nuclear
Dr John Idris Jones	Morlais
Mrs Lowri Joyce	Hitachi Nuclear Energy Europe
Mr Mel O'Hara	Member of the Public

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1. Welcome, minutes of the September 2018 meeting and matters arising

The Chair Mr Dennis Evans welcomed everyone to the meeting at 5.30pm. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed a true record with all members in agreement.

2. Overview by Gwen Parry-Jones, Director of Nuclear Operations

Sasha Davies (SD) tendered Gwen Parry-Jones' apologies and stated that she wished to convey the following points:

- Noted good progress as regards to current discussions between Horizon and the British Government
- Site Preparation and Clearance planning application approved by IACC, which is regarded as a positive step forward in the process.
- The formal statutory 'journey' of the DCO application is underway and progressing well.

3 Introduction and Wylfa Newydd progress update

Sasha Davies (SD) thanked all present for their attendance and for the opportunity to provide an update on behalf of Horizon. SD guided all through the update presentation drawing particular attention to the following:-

Education

- Two Work Insight Weeks held in July which were attended by 21 Year 11;12 and 13 students from local schools
- The education programme is underway again in schools across Anglesey Gwynedd and Conwy. So far, there are 21 scheduled visits to school this term reaching out to approximately 800 children.
- Sponsored the Ysgol Gyfun Llangefni 'Team Drive Wales' in the annual 'F1 in schools' competition. They have just competed representing Wales in the world finals in Malaysia, where they won first prize for the Global Team Identity Award, sponsored by Ferrari.

Skills Development

- 12 new apprentices have joined the Technical Apprenticeship Scheme, the third cohort. This means that currently employs 33 apprentices in total, with the majority being Welsh-speakers, and living on Anglesey.
- The first cohort of apprentices – who have just entered their final year of the scheme – have recently started an eight month placement gaining valuable experience working at operational nuclear sites in Spain, in partnership with our nuclear training provider, Tecnatom.

Supply Chain

- Pleased to announce the appointment of Bechtel as the Project Management Contractor (PMC) for the Wylfa Newydd project. Contracts have also been signed with Hitachi Nuclear Energy Europe and JGC New Energy UK Limited (JGC).
- There will be a 'Supplier and Contractor Engagement Event' hosted by Horizon in October, giving businesses from across North Wales, the UK and beyond the chance to learn more about the Wylfa Newydd Project and to build relationships with other organisations. Specific sessions will be held later to help local companies to get 'business ready'.

In the Community

- The community vehicle is on the road and travelling across the Island – giving people another opportunity to meet us.
- Attended this year's Anglesey Show for the tenth consecutive year, and Horizon is now sponsoring the main pavilion at the Anglesey Showground.
- One of the main sponsors of and attended the National Eisteddfod of Wales in Cardiff Bay – which was another successful event, and an opportunity to talk about the project with new audiences
- Next week will see the launch of a new communications campaign across the Island and North Wales
- The "We're Ready" campaign will communicate messages relating to the contribution that the project will be making now and in the future to communities, businesses and families
- Stage One of the campaign is to reach out to communities and search for stories where people are looking forward to positive change
- Bus & team touring the island 28th Sept to 2nd Oct
- Stage Two of the campaign will launch in the new year
- 'We're Ready' will present a range of the stories we discover in the words of the community
- Stories will cut across a range of perspectives and themes including business growth, cultural dividend and community optimism
- It will include an advertising campaign in local papers and radio, along with media relations and social media
- A range of campaign elements will be rolled out, including:
 - **'We're Ready' Roadshows** – where regional stakeholders will be brought together to help people take advantage of the change that Wylfa Newydd will bring as a catalyst
 - **'We're Ready' Masterclass series** – where celebrities will be invited to the Island to give guidance and advice to communities - from rugby skills to business advice

Site Activity

- Work is about to commence on building a bat barn on the land behind Maes Capel in Cemaes. This work is expected to take around 12 weeks to complete.
- The current phase of Archaeology is coming to a close.

- The National Grid 132kv cable relocation is on track and cables will start to be laid very soon.
- Away from the site, Ground Investigation studies have been carried out at the proposed SSSI compensation sites.

Questions:

Cllr. Ken Hughes (KH) suggested that the students who were successful with the F1 schools competition be invited to a future meeting of the group to give a presentation on their success. It was agreed that this was an excellent idea and that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to the group on behalf of this forum.

Cllr. Roger Dobson (RD) enquired whether there will be any future archaeology digs. **Ifer Gwyn** noted that there may be future digs during the Spring 2019.

Cllr. G O Jones wished to congratulate Horizon on the positive steps taken regarding the joint working with local schools, Coleg Menai and the success of the apprenticeship scheme.

Tony Jones (TJ) acknowledged that there was a positive communications campaign in place but enquired whether there was a follow-up strategy. **SD** confirmed that there will be follow-ups; however, she also noted the need to be mindful of the DCO Communications Strategy in order to avoid any cross-over.

4 Development Consent Order (DCO) and planning consent update – Ifer Gwyn (IG)

Progress to date

- The DCO has now passed the relevant representation period.
- The next stage is for the Planning Inspectorate to announce when the Preliminary Meeting will be and where.
- The public meeting will set out procedural matters for the application, and the outcomes will be circulated to all interested parties.
- This process usually takes three months and, if successful, will move into the examination period, followed by recommendation, decision, and post decision.

Non-material changes consultation

- Currently consulting on some non-material changes made to the proposal within the DCO application, which are;
 - Changes to the timings of our rock ‘blasting’ strategy
 - Changes to the frequency of vessel movements to and from the MOLF
- The consultation was launched on 14th August and closes on 28th September. Two community vehicle events were held on 4th & 5th September in Treglele and Cemaes to explain the changes.
- More information can be accessed at www.horizonnuclearpower.com/consultation

Site Preparation and Clearance

- The Isle of Anglesey County Council approved the application for site preparation and clearance on 5 September 2018
- Work can now commence on preparing the site for construction, which will be the first major phase of work towards building the Power Station.
- The work will include establishing fencing around the site, temporary storage compounds and carrying out site clearance works.

- Should for any reason the DCO not be granted, we will return the land to a condition to be agreed with IACC

A5025 on-line road improvements

- The Isle of Anglesey County Council approved the application for the on-line road improvements in June.
- Work can now start on preparing the existing A5025 from Valley to the Wylfa Newydd site for the construction.
- The work will include widening sections of the existing carriageway and resurfacing the whole length of the road from Valley to Wylfa Newydd.
- Will complement the off-line highway improvements which are part of the DCO application.
- Work is intended to start in Spring next year.

Questions

Cllr Roger Dobson (RD) enquired as regards site preparation and clearance whether – should the overall project not proceed in the future - all Community Councils within the area will be included in discussions/consultations regarding site restoration. IG agreed to take back this issue for further discussion. **SD** noted that legally the consultation is with the IACC; however, she also noted the importance of keeping an open dialogue with the relevant local Community Councils as well.

Cllr Derek Owen (DO) expressed concern regarding the impact of the project as a whole, including the recent road works on Tregle residents. All Horizon's focus appears to be on Llangefni, Horizon have done nothing for its nearest residents. **SD** acknowledged that additional discussions with the residents of Tregle will take place. **Cllr Jac Jones (JJ)** reiterated that concerns are being voiced regarding site clearance but local objections to the SP&C application had not been taken into account. **IG** confirmed that the next steps following the planning approval will be to increase local discussion on the way forward.

Cllr Aled M Jones (AMJ) expressed his disappointment with reference to the £100k earmarked for local support and improvement within the draft 106 Agreement for the SP&C planning consent, and questioned whether this sum was sufficient. **SD** stated that further discussions regarding the DCO s106 agreement discussions were necessary in this respect.

Ken Barnet (KB) enquired whether there were any plans to protect the residents of Tregle from airborne pollutants before site clearance commences. **IG** noted that there was an extensive mitigation plan within the DCO application and will commence locally once Bechtel, the Project Management Contractor is in place.

Ms Mairede Thomas (MT) stated that with long-term disruption across the island for many years with more pylons, no other development on the island required pylons. With this in mind, had Horizon considered alternative interconnector providers to National Grid and investigated the safety and security of a subsea connection? **IG** noted that from a planning perspective, both the National Grid and Horizon's DCO application had considered each other's impact. The Chair noted that a number of options had been considered and that subsea was discounted on cost. He also noted that the National Grid is regulated by Ofgem. **SD** agreed to make further enquiries in order to provide a correct response; however, she also acknowledged that it was not realistic to make any amendments as the DCO application has already been presented.

Cllr Dafydd Griffiths (DG) requested an update on the re-directing of Lôn Gopr along part of the A5025. **IG** agreed to make further enquires in response.

Cllr Derek Owen (DO) commented that an answer on the upgrading of the A5025 between Cemaes and Amlwch would be appreciated.

The Chair thanked both Sasha Davies and Ifer Gwyn for the information shared.

5. Any other business

Mr Iwan Williams (IW) updated members on the NRW consultation. He stated that the consultation ended on 6 September 2018 and that work is now progressing with determination with a further consultation on the draft decision early in the new year. He noted that the timeline will follow that of the DCO aiming for a decision before the end of next year.

Mr Tom Conway (TC) referred to recent press releases regarding the possible closure of primary schools on the Island. He enquired whether Horizon had undertaken any demographic research regarding future projection of pupil numbers that would be of value to IACC in determining future school closures. **SD** noted that work was undertaken jointly with IACC to develop an education numbers profile and was included as part of the DCO. **SD** also noted that the peripatetic nature of construction workers often meant that they do not bring their families with them.

Cllr Derek Owen (DO) – requested that the start time for future meetings be changed to 6pm in order to better facilitate attendance. It was agreed unanimously that the start time be changed to 6pm.

With no further business to discuss, the Chair thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting at 6.40pm.

Date of the next meeting – week beginning 17.12.18 - date to be confirmed.