



Summary of Key points from the Wylfa SSG Meeting 17.10.24

1. The Chair reported on the events he has attended since the last SSG meeting.
2. Stuart Law presented the Site Director's Report updating members on site developments since last SSG meeting.
3. Nuclear Restoration Services – NRS update – item forwarded to the next SSG meeting due to Bill Hamilton absence.
4. NDA Report – David Wallace the NDA representative for Wales and Scotland gave a verbal update on NDA issues.
5. The ONR report was previously circulated within the meeting papers pack.
6. Iwan Williams presented a joint NRW/EA update report.



Minutes of the Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group

Thursday 17 October 2024, NRS Wylfa Hub Office Cemaes Anglesey

Present:

Cllr Aled M Jones	IOACC Twrcelyn Ward and SSG Chair
Stuart Law	Site Director, NRS
David Wallace	NDA
Alistair Findlay	NDA
Cllr Gordon Warren	Amlwch Town Council
Cllr Derek Owen	Isle of Anglesey CC / Llanbadrig Community Council
Llinos Medi	MP Ynys Môn
Cllr. Gary Pritchard	Leader IoACC
Cllr G O Jones	Councillor IoACC
Cllr Derek Owen	Councillor IoACC (Vice Chair)
Iwan Williams	NRW
TH Poole	CPRW
Steve Roberts	Site HSE Manager – Horizon Nuclear Power.
Cath Pritchard	SSG Secretariat NRS
Elin P. Jones	Comms and Socio Economics Lead NRS
Peter Williams	University of Liverpool

In attendance:

Bethan Gwyn	Translator - Cymen
Sydna Roberts	Minute taker – Cymen

Apologies:

Mair Jones	Socio-Economics Lead NRS
Tanya McLeod	ONR
Cllr Dafydd Griffiths	Llaneilian CC
Cllr Gareth W Roberts	Amlwch Town Council
Cllr Gwilym Morris	Rhosybol CC
Cllr. Jackie Lewis	Councillor IoACC
Cllr JH Jones	Councillor Mechell Community Council
Cllr Liz Wood	Amlwch Town Council
Rhun ap Iorwerth	SM
Iwan Jones	Isle of Anglesey Council
Kate Simpson	Environment Agency
Bill Hamilton	NDA – Wales representative
Jonathan Holland	Lead REPIR, Emergency Planning NW Council

The Chair acknowledged Cllr. G O Jones reference to the recent passing of several retired and long-service members of staff. He kindly invited members to stand for a minute silence to express the SSG's condolences to their family and friends.

1 Welcome and Receive Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and noted the absences as recorded above.

He gave a particular welcome to Cllr Gary Pritchard as the new Leader for Isle of Anglesey Council. Cllr Pritchard thanked the Chair and Site Director for the site visit preceding this meeting. The Chair also thanked Stuart Law and Elin P Jones for arranging the visit.

AMJ wished David Wilby the previous NRW representative well in his new post with the Environment Agency.

The Chair also welcomed Llinos Medi to the meeting in her role as the newly elected Plaid Cymru MP for Ynys Môn.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held 11.04.24.

The minutes of the meeting held 11.04.24, circulated prior to the meeting, were received, and accepted as a true record. (Cllr. GOJ/Cllr.GW)

3 Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

None raised

4 SSG Chairman's Report

The Chair gave a brief update on the following:

- SSG Chairs/ Local Authority Meeting 8-9 July
- NDA Stakeholder Summit in Manchester 17-18 September

5 Wylfa Site Director's Report

SL presented the Site update report summarised as follows: -

The **10 year Strategy** outlining the future opportunities for all NRS sites has been launched with Trawsfynydd identified as the Lead and Learn site. The presentation referred to the Wylfa specific milestones for 2024/2025.

EHSS&Q statistics

SL reported on the safety statistics as follows:-

- Total recorded incident rate (TRIR): 0.00
- Days away case rate (DACR) 0.00
- Number of days since a lost time accident: 2311 days (as at 8 October 2024)

People

Wylfa One Team

- 195 NRS site staff
- 76 NRS based at the Wylfa Hub.
- Staff have recently completed the Annual Staff Survey

Apprentices

SL noted that the apprentice intake for September has been completed. Three apprentices have secured ongoing permanent employment on site.

A 4 year Strategic Workforce Plan is currently being developed.

Decommissioning programme

- A new and independent Electrical Overlay System is required that will meet modern standards, as well as being more appropriate for a deferral site. SL stated that the detail design had commenced and that preparations are underway to clear cable trays and the redundant switchboard. A new Earthing Design has been completed and awaiting report to be issued.
- On-Site Distribution Enabling Scope - Permanent Disconnection: All 18 tagged systems in tunnel 2RG1-4 have been disconnected from their switchboards. The remaining three systems will be de-cabled by the end of October. Cable Removal: About 14,000kg of cables have been removed and recycled.
- New supply to site - Legal easement and deed have been completed. The schedule for installing new ductwork along the approach road is being advanced.
- Reactor asbestos removal - this project supports the company strategy for reducing the asbestos hazard prior to entry into the deferral period.
- Turbine Hall (TH) Islanding – this project is to isolate the Turbine Hall and will include air gapping of services (both mechanically and electrically) into and out of the TH including the Ancillary Buildings within the proposed PC boundary area, which will then become the construction site.
- Dry Store Cell 4 skip removal, a first-of-its-kind project at Wylfa, aims to remediate legacy issues in the storage cell. A commercial strategy has been developed taking on board the new Public Procurement Regulations. The team is now focused on removing the East end charge chute onto the pile cap and has made steady progress with enabling activities.

Waste programme

- HAW/LAW processing facility - currently, there is no suitable location for the processing and packing of Higher and Lower Active Wastes (HAW/LAW) on site.
- ILW retrieval project – finished Phase 2 of the optioneering workshop.
- Waste Clearance facility – the Beyond Design Basis building ready for dismantling. Following the PAC a full planning application has been presented to the Local Authority.
- DCIC storage facility – Interim Storage Facility. An updated implementation schedule has been created, simplifying the commercial process.

Areas for Improvement

- High Legionella results – an enhanced flushing regime is in place and under constant review. SL noted that there are no immediate health issues on site.
- Plant degradation and equipment failures – degeneration and corrosion of some structures have been identified with a repair or removal prioritisation plan in place.
- ONR Enforcement notice – improvement for some systems required.

Good Practice

- Wildlife Trust's 30 Days Wild campaign was supported by the Site throughout June.

- Environmental Sampling Adjustments - the Environmental Sampling Team conducted all sampling at Wylfa Head on foot instead of using 4x4 vehicles. This change aims to minimize potential damage to the important ecological areas.
- Radiological Protection - the frequency of sampling seaweed in a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) was reduced. This adjustment helps to minimize damage and safeguard this sparse variety of seaweed.
- Beach clean - volunteers from Wylfa participated in a beach clean-up at Aberffraw beach on September 3rd.
- Environmental Awareness Display - a display outside the canteen featured a petition urging water companies to improve their sewage systems.
- Carbon footprint workshop - the session included an interactive component where participants calculated their own carbon footprints and discussed the results thus highlighting the importance of awareness in reducing carbon emissions.
- Compostable Waste Stream - has been added to each mess room. This initiative aims to reduce food waste sent to landfill, promoting more sustainable waste management practices.

STEM

SL reported that school visits to the Site have continued in collaboration with the Trawsfynydd site. The Engineering Manager and STEM lead has highlighted the importance of these visits in promoting the industry and helping young people make informed career choices.

Tyddyn Môn – the Wylfa Waste Projects team and Sites Executive Team volunteered at Tyddyn Môn, a local charity supporting adults with learning disabilities. Organised through the NRS Volunteering Programme and Neighbourly, the teams focused on re-sheeting a polytunnel for winter and enhancing a sensory music outdoor space.

Anglesey Show - secured a pitch during the show to promote career opportunities and development.

NRS Socio economic

- NRS socio-economic funding remains at £1.1m annually across the twelve sites, with £6,000 per site for good neighbour level.
- £1.02m committed to date, £132,000 of which is supporting projects in Wylfa's communities.
- An additional £360,000 NDA funding - £300,000 for continued support for the Morlais Marine Characterisation Research Project and £60,000 for MSParc Low Carbon Team (March-August 2024)

Holyhead Town Council received £1,000 to purchase NRS branded sustainable gazebos. Volunteers of diverse backgrounds welcome tourists from the cruise ships into Holyhead Port. 24,000 cruise passengers were welcomed in 2023, with more expected this year.

Rhosybol Community Council - received £1000 towards a Remembrance D-Day event commemorating the 80th Anniversary and held on Mynydd Parys and was very well attended.

The Chair invited members to present any questions.

Question and Answer Session

Cllr GP enquired as to whether any gaps in workforce were due to lack of funding or lack of skills. SL stated that this was dependent on the job in hand. For example, the removal of asbestos requires specific skills requiring additional funding. He also stated, however, that collaborative working with the Trawsfynydd site can result in sharing of skills and costs.

Cllr.GW enquired as to the total number of apprentices currently on site. SL confirmed that there are currently 4 which is fewer than previous years. He also noted, however, that the staff numbers are reduced which results in the reduction of work programmes and mentor support.

Cllr. DO – enquired about electricity supply backup. SL noted that the whole of Anglesey is supported by one transformer at this time and that his priority was to ensure security in situations of restrictions in supply.

The Chair thanked SL for his presentation and also thanked the Socio-Economic funding of the Commemorative event on Mynydd Parys which was a resounding success. He hoped for continued support from the NRS in another future commemorative event to be scheduled in 2025.

Llinos Medi MP thanked SL and his staff for ensuring the high standard of safety on the site for all.

6 NRS Corporate update

Mr Bill Hamilton had tendered his apologies, the 'Thinks Insight' presentation will be delivered at the next SSG meeting.

7. Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

David Wallace was welcomed to the meeting and summarised the report shared with the meeting papers as follows:

He introduced Alistair Findlay NDA Head of Regional Affairs to the group. Mr Findlay was appointed on 8.9.24.

- **General Election** – noted a change in Government with Labour Party now in power. DW also welcomed the new MP for Ynys Môn, Llinos Medi.
- **Engagement priorities for 2024**
 - A Stakeholder Conference was held on 17 and 18 of September in Manchester. Videos from the event will be available on the NDA webpage. It was announced that the NDA would be investing an extra £5m over the next five years to support

around 20 PhDs. This builds on the current annual spend of £45m in early careers, including apprenticeships, graduates, and PhDs.

- Cross Party working group is being established in Wales, working with the NIA, and reflecting the group already established in Scotland. It is envisaged that the first meeting will take place in November 2024 in the Senedd.
- Spending Review – the review result is yet to be received.
- A Cyber Security centre has been developed to identify and address any security breaches.
- Members were encouraged to view the links within the report for further details of developments.

Question and Answer session. – none received

The Chair thanked DW for his presentation.

8 Office for Nuclear Regulation Update

Tanya MacLeod had tendered her apologies. Members acknowledged receipt and content of her report previously circulated within the meeting papers pack.

Question and Answer session - none presented.

9 Natural Resources Wales / Environmental Agency Update

A joint NRW/EA report for the period April 2024 – September 2024 was presented by Iwan Williams.

IW informed members that David Wilby has moved to a new post with the Environment Agency, he was wished well by all.

IW had no further information to share other than the content of the report and that positive collaborative working with the Site continues.

Question and Answer session.

Cllr GOJ referred to the recent announcement that National Resources Wales will be reducing their workforce and queried how this will affect future work. IW noted that these were undoubtedly challenging times but that there will be no reduction in the regulatory elements of the business.

10 Open Forum Question and Answer Session – no further questions were raised.

11. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting at 2.55 pm

Dates Next Meeting – to be confirmed

Signed

Cllr Aled M Jones, Chair

