



Summary of the key points from the Trawsfynydd Site Stakeholder Group Meeting held on the 20 June 2024

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and presented a brief update on issues since the last meeting.
2. Thomas G Williams presented the NRS Site Director's Report
3. Tanya MacLeod presented an update from the ONR.
4. Iwan Williams gave a briefing on the NRW / EA joint report circulated previously.
5. Dave Wallace presented an update on NDA issues.



**Trawsfynydd Site Stakeholder Group Meeting
Thursday 20 June 2024 13.00 hrs
Conference Centre**

MINUTES

PRESENT

NAME

Cllr. Keith O'Brien,
T G Williams
Elin P Jones
Rory Trappe
Beryl Williams
Chris Rayner
Gareth Hind
David Wallace
A McAteer
RP Owen
Nigel Wright
Paul Richardson
Steve Thomason
Andrew Innes
Tanya MacLeod
Iwan R Jones
Iwan Williams
Steve Harris
Gerallt Rhun
Abinard Ranganathan
Cathryn Pritchard
Mair Jones

ORGANISATION

Trawsfynydd Community Council (Chair)
Site Director
NRS
Trawsfynydd Retirees Group
Trawsfynydd Retirees Group
Traws/Maentwrog NRS
Wylfa/Maentwrog NRS
NDA
Maentwrog
Traws NRS
Traws NRS
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Traws NRS
ONR
Cyngor Gwynedd
Natural Resources Wales / EA
NWF&R Service
Trawsnewid
Baringa (observer)
NRS
NRS

In Attendance

Eleri Llewelyn Morris
Sydna Roberts

Cymen - Translator
Cymen – minute taker

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 1pm. He noted that, due to the pre-General Election period the NDA has advised a limited agenda .

He welcomed Abi Ranganathan from Baringa the organisation that is looking at SSG arrangements across UK who was in attendance as an observer.

The following apologies were noted: -

Cllr. Elfed Roberts; Gwynedd Council
Gwen Pettifer; Merched y Wawr

Colin Tucker; Penrhyndeudraeth resident
Bill Hamilton; Director of External Affairs NRS
Kate Baxter; Sustainability Manager NRS
Elliw Williams; Cwmni Eginio
Jonathon Holland; NWEF Service

The Chair continued by welcoming Tom Williams the newly appointed Site Director following Angharad Rayner's move to another post. It was agreed by members that the SSG write to Angharad Rayner to wish her well and thank her for her services at Trawsfynydd. KO'B was pleased to recognise that TW is equally committed to give his full commitment to the Welsh Language at SSG meetings and promoting and supporting local community links.

The Chair referred to GBN and WG's recent announcement regarding Trawsfynydd. He thanked Cwmni Eginio's attendance at this meeting and the work undertaken to date at Trawsfynydd.

KO'B also wished to promote a local event featuring Y Pelydrau a local folk group to be held at Trawsfynydd Village Hall tomorrow night (21.6.24).

No Declarations of Interest were received.

2. Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2023

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2023 were presented and accepted as a correct record pending the meeting date detail of Thursday 4 December 2023 *to read* Monday 4 December 2023.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2023

None raised.

3. Chairman's Address

The Chair referred to the following activity since the last meeting and proposed meetings.

- Meeting of the SSG National Forum on 12 January 2024
- Review of Traws SSG – one to one Teams meetings with Baringa
- Chair and Vice Chair meeting with Chief Executives 8-9 July in Manchester
- The 2024 NDA SSG Summit – 17-18 September 2024 in Manchester

4. Trawsfynydd Site Director's Report – Thomas G Williams

Thomas G Williams, Site Director gave a brief background to his career to date noting that he had been on site since 2009 and that he had been the Head of Waste Management for the past 5 years. He wanted to thank his predecessor acknowledging her commitment to the Welsh Language and her support to the local community.

He then went on to provide members with a presentation on site developments since the last meeting, summarised as follows: -

Launching of our 10 yr strategy

TW stated that the 10-year strategy outlines no big changes for Traws as it remains a decommissioning site and that the milestones for the next 5 years have been known to the site previously.

Safety Focus

It was noted that there had been 2842 days without lost time injury resulting from extensive work continually being undertaken to ensure the highest calibre of safety.

Health and Well-being

TW referred to a very proactive Health and Wellbeing group on site that hold activities for all the workforce examples of which were,

- Pride Event
- Men's Health
- Informal discussions re Mental Health
- Social events e.g. Bingo

Workforce Profile

	Number on Site	Local %
NRS	220	93
Agency	15	67
Contractors	79	65
	314	75%

Apprenticeships

There is a total of 7 apprentices on site -
2 X Electrical Craft maintenance
1 X Mechanical craft maintenance
4 X RAD Protection Technician

Four new apprentices are expected at the beginning of August 2024. TW noted that some apprentices move away following completion of their course but will, hopefully, return in the fullness of time.

Sustainability & Environment

TW noted that Kate Baxter is the NRS Sustainability Manager and although not present today she can provide an update on creating a multi-year Green Policy Master Plan at a future meeting. He referred to tree planting project in Eryri undertaken by NRS volunteers. The newly developed 'Neighbourly App' is now live and open to requests for support from local projects, Cwmni Seren renovating the old garden being a good example.

STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics)

Since December, the site has hosted a variety of STEM events and engaged with schools and colleges to promote local careers for years to come.

Recent achievements

TW outlined recent achievements as follows -

- 60th HAW package encapsulated.
- Completed the emptying of silt storage tanks.
- Delivery of Low Level Waste Consignments (LLWCs)
- Conducted survey works of the reactor core.
- Completed and opened the new welfare facility, known as Yr Ysgwrn, in accordance to staff feedback.

Current Projects

Current projects are -

- New sewage plant – TW reported satisfactory progress.
- Planning framework – purpose to provide guidance to both Planning Officers and the local community on the vision for the site going forward.
- Site security reconfiguration – works progressing well with Mitie and TD Plant with the initial phase due to complete in August. Final stage of procurement for the security hardware installation work with Total Security Protection, with this phase of the work to commence in September.
- Ponds Complex demolition and disposal – further update at the next SSG meeting.
- Reactor Height reduction – this will be the main project for the next 12-24 months.

TW presented a short video illustrating progress to date.

Magnox Socio-Economic grants

TW noted that the full £1.02m NRS socio-economic allocation was utilised for financial year 2023/24 with £317,787 of this supported projects close to Trawsfynydd site. Beneficiaries were as follows:

- Byw'n Iach, Gwynedd Canoe Pathway project received £2K.
- Supported Ysgol Bro Hedd Wyn Trawsfynydd to purchase three large touchscreen whiteboards via £2820 funding.
- Harlech Ardudwy Leisure awarded £3000 to fund a new boiler for the changing room and Café area.

- Cor y Brythoniaid awarded £2000 towards the production of commemorative CD's celebrating 60 years as a local choir.
- £10,000 investment into Cell B's £36,425 Jail Yard project for young people.
- Supported Bala Lake Railway Trust with £36,725 to fund the technical work and amendments to surveys.
- £500,000 awarded to Menter Mon over two years to develop resilient communities on Anglesey and Gwynedd

The Chair thanked TW for his comprehensive update and noted that there are 3 Lead and Learn sites in the UK, Trawsfynydd being one of them. He praised the dedication of current staff and the opportunities available to young people to gain apprenticeships.

Question and Answer session.

Beryl Williams enquired whether COVID is still affecting the workforce. TW stated that the site maintains robust health records on all staff, however, in light that it is no longer a statutory duty on workplaces to undertake COVID tests no formal records on such are kept.

5. Report by the Office for Nuclear Regulation – Tanya MacLeod

Tanya MacLeod presented her report for the period 1 Oct 2023 to 31 March 2024 previously circulated with papers.

Routine inspections during the period covered the following:

- management of operations including control and supervision
- radioactive waste management
- decommissioning
- conventional (non-nuclear) health and safety
- security (adding security information to this report will be dependent on its classification)

No significant issues were highlighted.

TMcL referred to an incident when a rear offside wheel came away from a scissor lift. It was found that the stub axle assembly had sheered with evidence of fatigue and corrosion. The ONR was contacted by telephone shortly after the incident and the nominated site inspector attended the week after to view the scissor lift and discuss the incident with the engineering manager directly.

ONR considers that the duty holder's response to the incident has been adequate and does not consider any further follow-up action is required.

The Chair thanked TM for her update.

6. Report by Natural Resources Wales – Iwan Williams

Iwan Williams was welcomed to meeting and presented his report which covered the period from November 2023 to April 2024. He noted that there were no concerns identified during the period but was happy to respond to any queries from members. He also stated that NRW are available to attend the local Community Councils if required.

The Chair thanked IW for his update.

7. Report by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority – Dave Wallace

Dave Wallace was welcomed to the meeting on his first visit to Trawsfynydd. His report outlined NDA Board updates; outreach activities in Q1 of 2024; all engagement priorities for 2024; publications and policy updates and the detail regarding Mission Delivery.

The Chair welcomed DW to his first meeting and for his summary of the report previously circulated.

8. NDA update - Bill Hamilton

Bill Hamilton had tendered his apologies, but it was agreed that his scheduled presentation on the Thinks Insight project will be delivered at a future meeting.

9. AOB

- The Chair stated that he was pleased that the responsibility for Maentwrog and the Lake had been transferred back to Trawsfynydd from Wylfa.
- TW referred to the Waste Operations Team which has been nominated for an award for their outstanding work on site with the result expected in the next few months.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Date: 12 December 2024

Time: 1pm

Venue: Trawsfynydd Conference and Induction Centre

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 2.15 pm