



Summary of Key points from the Wylfa SSG Meeting 11.04.24

1. The Chairman reported on the events he has attended since the last SSG meeting.
2. Stuart Law presented the Site Director's Report which included a short video on the company's new brand, NRS and its vision.
3. Nuclear Restoration Services – NRS (previously Magnox) update – Bill Hamilton updated members on corporate and communications issues.
4. NDA Report – David Wallace the NDA representative for Wales and Scotland gave a verbal update on NDA issues.
5. Ms Tanya MacLeod gave a verbal summary on the report previously circulated with the meeting papers.
6. NRW/EA update report was also circulated with the meeting pack and David Wilby NRW provided a summary at the meeting.



Minutes of the Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group **Thursday 11 April 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
Cllr Gordon Warren	Amlwch Town Council
Bill Hamilton	Director External Affairs NRS
Iwan Jones	Energy Island Officer IoACC
Virginia Crosbie	MP for Isle of Anglesey
Bethan Davies	MP Office
Alwyn Rowlands	Member of the Public
Cllr Derek Owen	Isle of Anglesey CC / Llanbadrig Community Council
Tanya MacLeod	Nominated Site Director ONR
Cllr Llinos Medi Huws	Leader Isle of Anglesey County Council
Mair Jones	Socio-Economics Lead NRS
Cllr. Jackie Lewis	Councillor IoACC
Cllr. Gareth Winston Roberts	Councillor Amlwch Town Council
Cllr JH Jones	Councillor Mechell Community Council
Gordan Warren	Councillor Amlwch Town Council
Cllr G O Jones	Councillor IoACC
David Wilby	Lead Specialist (Nuclear Industry) NRW
Enid Jones	Member of Merched y Wawr
Jonathan Holland	Lead REPPiR, Emergency Planning NW Council
Ffion Morris	Engineering and Maintenance Manager NRS
Jon Zalot	Lead REPPiR, Emergency Planning
Angharad Crump	Energy Island Programme Delivery Manager
Mark Elsworth	Head of Radiological & Environment NRS
Steve Roberts	HSE Manager
Cath Pritchard	SSG Secretariate NRS
Elin P. Jones	Comms and Socio Economics Lead NRS
Carly Evans	Clerk, Llanbadrig Community Council

In attendance:

John McNamara	GBN
Barry Cran	GBN
Stephen Bray	GBN
Bethan Gwyn	Translator - Cymen
Sydna Roberts	Minute taker – Cymen

Apologies:

Wyn Roberts	Head of Nuclear Economy and Transport, WG
Kate Simpson	Environment Agency
Peter Day	Federation of Small Businesses Anglesey
Gwyn Roberts	EHSS&Q Inspector NRS
Cllr Liz Wood	Isle Anglesey County Council

1 Welcome and Receive Apologies for Absence

2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held 19.10.23.

The minutes, circulated prior to the meeting, were received and accepted as a true record. (DO/GW)

3 Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

None raised

4 SSG Chairman's Report

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and provided a brief update on the following:

- Face to face Manchester NRS SSG Chair/Vice Chair event on 22-23 November 2023
- SSG Forum Meeting via Teams 12 January 2024
- Face to face Manchester NDA SSG Chair Workshop – 20 March 2024

5 Wylfa Site Director's Report

SL presented a comprehensive report summarised as follows: -

An informative video was shared regarding the launch of NRS across all the UK sites. SL explained that NRS are responsible for the delivery of value for money decommissioning and restoration of nuclear sites ensuring that all our futures are safe, secure, and sustainable.

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: 2094 days (as at 3 April 2024)

SL noted that whilst proud of the above figures there was no room for complacency.

People

Wylfa One Team

- 199 NRS site staff
- 82 MSO based at Wylfa.
- Site participated in and completed Psychological training.

Apprentices

SL noted that the apprentice intake for September has been completed and a contract offer for one electrical apprentice has been made. Currently seeking landing pads for those who complete their apprenticeships this August.

Long Service Awards

At Wylfa three 20-year awards were issued in December 2023 with one 40-year, one 30-year and three 20-year awards due this year.

Site Update

Decommissioning programme

- A new and independent Electrical Overlay System is required that will meet modern standards, as well as being more appropriate for a C & M site. SL stated that the detailed design had commenced and that preparations are underway to clear cable trays and the redundant switchboards. A new Earthing Design has been completed and awaiting report to be issued.
- Reactor Asbestos Removal projects supports the company strategy for reducing the asbestos hazard prior to entry to C&M stage. The project strategy draft has been issued and awaiting signatures. SL reported that achieving Gate 1 was ahead of schedule.
- Turbine Hall Islanding is a project to isolate the Turbine Hall and will include air gapping of services into and out of the Turbine Hall.

Waste programme

- DSC4 Skip Removal – current phase of this project involves writing a number of specifications to define the detail of various aspects involved in accessing the cell, retrieval of steelworks and cell furniture before completing the decontamination operation. To date the following have been drafted:-
 - Specification for concrete cutting into cell
 - Workstation specification on pile cap
 - Hoist specification for lifting skips out of cell.
- HAW/LAW waste - SL reported that both the above projects are currently paused as they can withstand progressing for now and still achieve the 2027 completion target.
- DCIC Storage Facility – the project aim is to construct and inactively commission an ISF for storage of no greater than 24 DCIC's loaded with ILW for a period of 120 years. Currently awaiting the verified and issued EAN.
- A new NRS Wylfa Site Environmental Management Plan has been issued which provides update on what has been developed/demolished to date.

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.
- Waste consigned off site not arrived at intended disposal site – the issue was discussed by Site Management, Mitie Management, and the waste carrier Flakt group and resolved by delivery to the disposal site.

- Air Con Unit F-gas leak- until found to be defective. Flakt were asked to quote for repair, however, it was also noted that the unit is now empty so no more refrigerant gas can leak.

Sustainability

SL reported that the site Sustainability Group has continued to meet on a quarterly basis. Issues discussed have been the introduction of a new waste route for branded workwear; vegware for meals phased out; trialling use of waterless urinals; ran a cycle to work scheme in collaboration with Halfords. It has also held a tree plant campaign where over 300 trees were offered to colleagues on the site and local school.

STEM

SL reported that school visits to the Site have continued and thanked STEM ambassadors who give their time to inspire the next generation of innovators. Work experience opportunities will re-commence in July this year.

NRS Socio economic

SL stated that the full £1.02m NRS allocation has been used in financial year 2023-24 with £204,480 of these supporting projects close to the Wylfa site. The Morlais Tidal Energy project has received £900K to date with another £900K joint NRS/NDA committed over the next three years. Anglesey County Council North Anglesey Regeneration Plan received a further £75,000 to commission visitor economy surveys and plans to improve local tourism amenities. £9680 NRS funding allowed Inspire by Sbarduno to offer free maths GCSE revision sessions to students on Anglesey. As regards to smaller grants, £5000 was awarded to Llanelian Community Council towards a £42,000 project to rejuvenate the Lon Tyddyn Waen play area which is also used by the local Primary School.

NDA Socio- economic refresh

SL reported that the above document, following a 12-week public consultation period, was published on 5 April 2024 and is now available online.

The Chair thanked SL for his report and congratulated him and all staff on their excellent safety record; their engagement with young people throughout North West Wales; and the continued benefits to the area via the Socio-economic support grants. He then invited members to present any questions.

Question and Answer Session

VC enquired as to how SSG members can provide support. SL noted that there is very little direct interactive opportunities, however, it would be helpful and positive for the SSG members to promote NRS as a good employer for the future.

JL enquired where agency staff were from and what is their remit. SL stated that the transition process did not retain enough electricians, and the agency staff are local. There is a recruiting process underway, however, there will always be a need for occasional expertise.

LLMH thanked SL for sharing all the information and requested that he relays the SSG members gratitude of all their hard work to all site staff.

GOJ wished to congratulate staff on all safety aspects reflected within the report. He was also pleased to note continued employment of young people and asked what experiences they

receive that they can take with them in the future. SL noted that there were undoubtedly fewer opportunities than in previous years. The younger members of staff learn good basic skills delivered by Team Leaders that are encouraged to mentor.

GWR stated the importance of relaying this kind of information outside this forum and enquired if there was a staff vacancy system in place. SL confirmed that all vacancies that are advertised externally in a way that is accessible to all, however, current vacancies are very few.

GWR asked if it was possible to have open nights on site for parents. SL stated that concerted efforts are made by staff to engage directly with the schools.

VC referred to the benefits of the proposed Free Island high profile jobs board.

Members expressed concern regarding the capacity of the current 400kv transmission line to support future developments. SL noted that this query required a National Grid response.

6 NRS Corporate update

Mr Bill Hamilton External Affairs Director for NRS was welcomed to the meeting.

He gave a brief presentation on corporate issues summarised as follows: -

- Ongoing work with the workforce to develop a 10-year strategy as SL had previously described.
- A polling company has undertaken work to engage with young people across the northwest region. This work is yet to be completed but it is envisaged that a video will be presented to members at the next SSG meeting in October.
- There will be further engagement events around the area, however as Wylfa no longer has a Visitors Centre NRS will explore other venues and means for full engagement.

Question and Answer session.

GWR noted that there are several venues on the Island that could accommodate further engagement activities.

The Chair thanked BH for his update.

7. Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

David Wallace was welcomed to the meeting as the new representative for the NDA for Wales and Scotland. He referred to the following:-

- In Scotland the NDA are currently reviewing Parliamentary engagement and what can be learned from each other in order to achieve a consistent approach. To this end a cross party group has been established and has met for the first-time last week to look at decommissioning and environmental 'clean-up' DW noted that the relationship with elected representatives seems better in Wales.
- Regional Stakeholder event held in Bangor University was well attended and beneficial to highlight nuclear expertise in Wales, and to ensure engagement with young people.
- The SSG Chairs event in Manchester confirmed the importance of the SSG's and that its role and remit need to be publicised more.
- Currently looking at venues for the next face-to-face event – members will be kept updated.
- A Biannual Stakeholder Survey to be agreed.
- The NDA Strategy 5 to be published March 2026
- GDF Stakeholder engagement continues.
- NDA graduate programme has reopened.
- The NDA and the Nuclear Institute Young Generation Network (YGN) have announced they are extending their partnership to 2025.

Question and Answer session.

David Wilby wished to note that he was, unfortunately, unable to attend the recent NDA event in Bangor University as the invitation was short notice. DW noted this comment for future reference.

VC requested an update on the proposed GDF sites. DW confirmed that three communities remain, and whilst discussions are ongoing, it was very much a final decision for the areas.

8 Office for Nuclear Regulation Update

Tanya MacLeod summarised the report previously circulated with the meeting papers. She was pleased to note all Inspections undertaken had been graded green – adequate, which is the highest level. She also referred to the move to a 4-day working week and that a project assessment report recorded no significant changes/ issues.

Question and Answer session.

None presented.

9 Natural Resources Wales / Environmental Agency Update

A joint NRW/EA report for the period October 23 to March 24

David Wilby presented the above report. He stated an inspection conducted in January 2024 on environmental resources and gaseous radioactive waste management and no non-compliance issues were reported.

10 Great British Nuclear

The comments, questions and answers given by Great British Nuclear Representatives are not minuted as they are not formal members of the SSG.

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

12. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting at 4pm

Dates Next Meeting –

Thursday 17.10.24

Signed
Cllr Aled M Jones
Chair

