



Summary of the key points from the Trawsfynydd Site Stakeholder Group Meeting held on the 4 December 2023

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and presented his address.
2. Angharad Rayner presented the NRS Site Director's Report
3. Nigel Wright gave an update on the Ponds Complex Demolition and Height Reduction projects at Trawsfynydd site
4. Tanya MacLeod presented an update from the ONR
5. Dave Wilby gave a briefing on the NRW / EA joint report circulated previously.
6. Pip Hett summarised her previously circulated NDA report via video link.
7. Bill Hamilton provided an update on behalf of NRS Ltd
8. Mr John Idris Jones gave an update on Cwmni Egino and Zoe Prtichard on Cwmni Lafan



**Trawsfynydd Site Stakeholder Group Meeting
Monday 4 December 2023 13.00 hrs
Conference Centre**

MINUTES

PRESENT

NAME

Cllr. Keith O'Brien,
Angharad Rayner
Elin P Jones
Bill Hamilton
Sandra Hughes
Rory Trappe
Paul Richardson
Steve Thomason
Sam Morgan
John Idris Jones
Lisa Birks
Tom Hurford
Zoe Pritchard
Cllr Elfed Roberts
Cllr. D. M. Williams
David Wilby
Tanya MacLeod
Steve Harris
Nia Bowden
Iwan Jones
Sion Roberts
Gerallt Rhun
Colin Tucker
Nigel Wright

ORGANISATION

Trawsfynydd Community Council (Chair)
Site Director
NRS
NRS Director of Communications
NRS – Admin Clerk
Trawsfynydd Retirees Group
NRS / Prospect TU
NRS / Prospect TU
Independent
Cwmni Eginio
Cwmni Eginio
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Cwmni Lafan
Gwynedd Council
Maentwrog Community Council
NRW
ONR
NWF&R Service
Cyngor Gwynedd
Cyngor Gwynedd
Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri
Trawsnewid
Penrhyndeudraeth resident
NRS

In Attendance

Aled Jones	Cymen - Translator
Sydna Roberts	Cymen – minute taker

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 2pm.

The following apologies were noted: -

Elliw Williams	Cwmni Eginio
Cathryn Pritchard	NRS
Rory Chape	Emergency Planning, Dwr Cymru

Jeff Hall	NW F&R Service
Cllr. Meryl Roberts	Penrhyndeudraeth Town Council
Gwyn Roberts	Site Inspector NRS
Gwen Petitfor	Merched y Wawr
Jonathon Holland	NWEP Service
Cllr Gwynfor Owen	Cyngor Gwynedd, Talsarnau Harlech

No Declarations of Interest were received.

2. Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2023

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2023 were presented and accepted as a correct record pending the correction that Cllr. J. Richards was present.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2023

None raised.

4. Chairman's Address

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and reported on meetings he had attended since September 2023, NIA presentation in Cardiff; SSG/NDA meeting in Manchester and an SSG Chairs and Vice Chairs meeting.

Item 11 was presented at this stage of the agenda in order to facilitate officers' attendance at another meeting.

11. Cwmni Eginio update – John Idris Jones

Mr J I Jones was welcomed to the meeting. He confirmed that the Cwmni Eginio business case has now been completed and presented to central government.

He informed members of a further two appointments to Cwmni Eginio – Lisa Birks and Tom Hurford Head of Project Development who were present at the meeting and gave a brief introduction to themselves and their career to date. Zoe Pritchard from Cwmni Lafan reported on the development of a current project to identify local history themes that will inform future development strategies for Cwmni Eginio. These activities will include 1 to 1 interviews in schools and local clubs and societies as well as circulating questionnaires locally. ZP acknowledged that Trawsnewid is an invaluable source of information to support the project.

JIJ stressed the importance of promoting Cwmni Eginio, its aim and objectives and members were urged to voice their support formally with all relevant entities. It was agreed that Cwmni Eginio develop a standard letter of support that can be shared locally.

5. Trawsfynydd Site Director's Report – Angharad Rayner

Angharad Rayner, Trawsfynydd Site Director, was welcomed to the meeting and provided members with a presentation on site developments since the last meeting, summarised as follows: -

Magnox Ltd has now been rebranded as Nuclear Restoration Services (NRS) from 31 October 2023. This is more than merely a change of signage it is a demonstration of the changes within the organisation to become delivery focused, transformative, innovative, and growing.

Safety Focus

2668 days since a lost time injury.

Health and Well-being

The company has been running Health and Wellbeing campaigns looking at the importance of mental health and encouraging psychological safety. Staff have been invited to attend webinars on these topics. Staff have also been encouraged to take advantage of the Flu vaccine vouchers. A monthly staff newsletter has also been developed.

Workforce Profile

	Number on site	Local
NRS	227	95%
Agency staff	18	55%

Apprenticeships

There are a total of 8 apprentices on site -

- 1 Mechanical Craft maintenance apprentice has completed their course
- 2 X Electrical Craft maintenance
- 1 X Mechanical craft maintenance
- 4 X RAD Protection Technician

2 temporary apprentices on a fixed term contract have been taken on in order that they could complete their apprenticeship following their respective employers going into administration.

There are further 6 new apprentice opportunities in Trawsfynydd, details available on the NRS website.

Sustainability & Environment

AR noted that the Ospreys have since left the site for the season having raised two chicks successfully this year.

A Bio-diversity Masterplan is being developed which will support current and future planning applications in terms of biodiversity offset.

A final report on the initial field surveys is expected by the end of March 2024.

NRS have partnered with national company 'Neighbourly' to promote voluntary work in the community, Trawsfynydd being a trial site.

STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics)

AR reported that since the last SSG the following events have been hosted;

- Welcomed 8 work experience students in June/July

- 2 work experience students in October
- Visits from Ysgol y Moelwyn, Ysgol Eifionydd and Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn
- Site representatives attended an event through the Seren Network.

Recent achievements

AR summarised recent achievements as follows:

- Community engagement workshop during the summer
- Ponds down engagement
- Several international visits
- Height reduction – ITT issued to supply chain.
- Emergency scheme demonstration exercise
- Sewage treatment plant – entering non-active commissioning stage.
- Permit application for ponds demolition this week.
- De-planting resin plant
- Recommissioning ponds vent systems and cranes to support final stage of deplaning.
- Surveys for reactor dismantling continue.
- Contracts placed for reactor dismantling scheme design packages.
- Resolved grouting issues and back into operations.

Site work for the next 6 months –

- Continue to drive the grouting of ILW packages.
- Permit variation application – commence final de-planting of the ponds halls and lanes
- Review tenders for height reduction
- Complete 15 LLW consignments
- Commence clearing the turbine hall footprint ready for height reduction.
- Completion of new sewage plant and transfer over to normal operations.

Height Reduction Timeline

- Inform Supply Chain of scheme and procurement timescales – *completed Dec 2022*
- Selection Questionnaire issued – *completed May 2023*
- Invitation to tender – *completed August 2023*
- Review of Tenders – February 2024
- Negotiation Phase and Final bids scored – May 2024
- Sanction and Assurance process begins – June 2024
- Contract awarded – January 2025
- Physical work – April 2025

Reactor dismantling Schemes.

AR reported good progress over last 6 months with Reactor Dismantling. Approval was gained in July to commence the next 3-4 years developmental work. The scheme design work is progressing, and will give a good understanding of how the reactors will be taken apart. A 3D model of the

entire reactor building, and its contents will support this design work, and the model will be shared with SSG members in time.

As regards the characterisation scope, significant progress has been achieved to understand key data for the reactors, including physical, dimensional and radiological data.

Magnox Socio-Economic grants

NRS socio-economic funding remains at £1,020,035 annually, available across all 12 NRS sites with £954,380 funding already committed.

Locally, Porthmadog Football Club received £1749 to purchase training equipment and fund a course for volunteer coaches to run a girls only football huddle.

Dyffryn and Talybont Junior Football Club received £935 towards new free standing aluminium goals.

Cell B receive £10,000 for the Iard project to kit out an Iso container for a multifunctional space to host art and food project workshop for youngsters.

Aberglaslyn Mountain Rescue Team received £4558.00 for waterproof kits for 35 unpaid volunteer team members.

Other larger awards were described as: -

Menter Môn - £500,000 over two years to deliver £3.5m Menter Gwynedd a Môn project supporting new enterprises across both counties

Balchder Môn (Anglesey Confidence) and Grymuso Gwynedd (Empowering Gwynedd) focuses on developing capacity and confidence within its communities. The Enterprise Hub, supporting start-ups in Gwynedd and Môn has been awarded £400,000.

The Chair thanked AR for her comprehensive update and invited members to present any questions.

Question and Answer session

Cllr John Richards raised the issue of school visits. AR confirmed that only STEM visits are undertaken currently in schools. She noted, however, that NRS are continually reviewing links into educational organisations and a review of their Welsh Language Policy will support future developments in order to comply with Welsh Language statutory requirements.

As regards the monthly staff newsletter, the Chair suggested that SSG members be included on the circulation list in order to facilitate sharing of information and enhance members remit as 'critical friends'. It was agreed to include SSG members on the circulation list for future newsletters.

6. Ponds complex demolition project update – Nigel Wright

Mr Nigel Wright was welcomed to the meeting and reiterated the timescales as follows:-

Ponds Demolition timeline

- Q3/Q4 RSR permit variation
- Q4 2023 – 2yr determination period
- Q3 2027 – begin contractor award process
- Q3 2030 – completion of physical works.

The Chair thanked NW for his update and invited members to present any questions.

Question and Answer session

Cllr Elfed Roberts stressed the importance of considering the social values to the community when awarding contracts.

Colin Tucker, Penrhyndeudraeth resident, enquired as to why one side of the complex was higher than the other. NW stated that this formed part of the architectural design process.

Cllr Meredydd Williams asked about the planning process. It was reiterated that the National Park was part of the planning process discussions.

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

Tanya McLeod presented her report for the period 1 April 2023 – 30 Sept 2023. She noted that there had been several inspections during the period all with satisfactory conclusions. She confirmed that, throughout this reporting period, the nominated site safety inspector had maintained the fortnightly meetings with the Trawsfynydd leadership team representatives to discuss workforce resilience, transport on site, events and activities taking place on the site. No significant issues were highlighted to ONR.

A level 1 emergency exercise was undertaken on 7th June 2023 which achieved 'Adequate' rating.

As regards Non-Routine Matters, there were no such matters or events of significance during the period.

The Chair thanked TM for her update.

Question and Answer Session - none received.

8. Report by Natural Resources Wales – Dave Wilby

Dave Wilby was welcomed to meeting and presented his report which covered the period since June 2023 and summarised as follows:-

- 1-day inspection held in June 2023 on asset management gave assurance that the asset management arrangements are suitable and noted progress in implementation and maturity of the asset management database.

- 1-day inspection in September 2023 focussing on the arrangements for the analysis and reporting of aqueous radioactive waste discharges. No areas for concern noted.
- NRW continue to have routine catch-ups, every two weeks, with NRS to discuss regulatory issues.
- Radioactive discharges to air and water from Trawsfynydd remained well below permitted limits in this reporting period.
- Environmental monitoring - all results submitted were in line with those from previous periods and show no cause for concern.

Question and Answer Session - none received.

9. Report by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority –

Pip Hatt had tendered apologies to the meeting but summarised the previously circulated report via video link and as follows: -

- NDA's sponsoring department, the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), has a new Secretary of State Claire Coutinho.
- NDA's new Interim Chair, Chris Train OBE, replaced Roz Rivaz whose term of office ended in August.
 - Chris Train and David Peattie met with the SSG Chairs and Vice-Chairs in Manchester on 16-17 October.
- After the successful in-person stakeholder summit in Edinburgh last year, preparations are underway for the next in-person event in Cumbria in 2024. We continue to promote both in-person and online events and will host a virtual summit on December 12th 2023.
- NDA has already hosted regional stakeholder engagement roadshows in partnership with academia this year, with plans underway to hold one in partnership with Bangor University in 2024.
- NDA took part in the Nuclear Industry Association's 'Week in Parliament' in September.
- The NDA also had a presence at the NIA's sister event at the Welsh Senedd, where NRS Site Director Angharad Rayner spoke about the NDA and Trawsfynydd's progress in delivering our mission and the benefits which decommissioning brings to the Welsh economy, including employment and skills development.

- Preparations have continued for the NDA and NRS to take on decommissioning of the fleet of Advanced Gas-cooled Reactors (AGRs) from EDF Energy. The first site to transfer is expected to be Hunterston B in 2026.
- The NDA has developed a draft code of practice to provide guidance to sites and site licence companies (SLCs) on how timing and pace of decommissioning could be assessed in a more structured, consistent, and transparent manner. The strategy team is happy to engage with any SSGs wanting more information.
- NDA has published its Mission Progress Report which details the work that has been going on across the group over the past year and how that contributes to the completion of NDA's mission.
- Every three years, NDA reviews its socio-economic strategy to check that it is fit for purpose and updated where necessary. It was set to go-live on GOV.UK towards the end of November 2023 and last 12 weeks. SSG chairs should have received an advance copy.
- The search for a suitable site for a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF), to permanently dispose of the UK's higher activity waste, continues. NWS is looking for other communities that might be interested in participating.

The Chair acknowledged receipt of the presentation.

Question and Answer Session

The Chair reminded members that any questions to Pip Hatt can be presented via the SSG Secretariate.

10. NRS update - Bill Hamilton

Bill Hamilton was welcomed to the meeting and briefed members as follows: -

- Referring to the recent rebranding BH reiterated that this was a genuine sign of change for the company.
- A 10-year NRS Strategy will be published shortly under the leadership of the newly appointed Chief Executive, Rob Fletcher. This will be circulated to all SSG members once completed.
- Big Conversation – this is an independent company that has been contacting communities to ascertain the views of young people. It is hoped to utilise the resulting conversations to inform further discussions on future NRS developments.

BH was thanked for his presentation.

Question and Answer session

Cllr Elfed Roberts enquired as to whether NRS is linking into Cwmni Lafan and other local organisations. BH noted that discussions are already underway with Cwmni Eginio and that contact will be made with Zoe Pritchard after today.

Rory Trappe expressed concern regarding disconnect between agencies. He referred specifically to previous local information gathering activity eg Stori Traws. He suggested developing a forum like Ynys Ynni on Anglesey. BH stated that NRS would wish to be involved but would not be able to lead on such a forum. TH stressed the need to avoid working in isolation and that there are plans to arrange a joint workshop during February/March 2024. Elen P Jones also referred to the established North Wales Economic Communications Board.

15. AOB

Cllr Meredydd Williams enquired about the timescale for building the new waste storage building. AR stated that a detailed design stage will be required initially, however, she did not envisage a requirement for a 2nd storage facility within the next 5 years.

Gerallt Rhun Trawsnewid, asked if there was an update regarding the bridge. It was confirmed that discussions are ongoing between Trawsfynydd Community Council and the NDA. Although there are no confirmed commitments to date, the NDA are committed to maintain the dialogue and are fully aware of the fervent local views.

Cllr J Richards enquired as to NDA/NRS funding. Members were informed of an imminent meeting to discuss finance allocations and there were no indications of a decrease in current funding levels. AR stated that Trawsfynydd was in a strong position as lead site for decommissioning. It was acknowledged, however, that current funding may well be reviewed and reallocated.

16. Date and time of next meeting

Date: 20 June 2024 – preceding with a Site Vist.
Time: 1pm
Venue: Trawsfynydd Conference and Induction Centre

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 3.45 pm