



Summary of Key points from the Wylfa SSG Meeting 08.04.25

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 – Mr Bill Hamilton External Affairs Director updated members on Community Engagement.
4. NDA Report – Jonathon Jenkins was welcomed back to the SSG by the Chair.
5. ONR report - Tanya MacLeod presented her report for the period 1 July – 31 December 2024. She also thanked the SSG for their welcome and support over the last 3 years noting that the group will be in good hands with her replacement, Katie Chandler
6. Iwan Williams presented a joint NRW/EA update report.
7. No questions were raised during the Question and Answer Forum



Minutes of the Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group
Tuesday 8 April 2025, NRS Wylfa Hub Office Cemaes Anglesey

Present:

Cllr Aled M Jones	IOACC Twrcelyn Ward and SSG Chair
D Stuart Law	Site Director, NRS
Jonathon Jenkins	NDA
Cllr G O Jones	Councillor IoACC
Cllr Derek Owen	Councillor IoACC (Vice Chair)
Cllr. Jackie Lewis	Councillor IoACC
Iwan Williams	NRW
TH Poole	CPRW
Steve Roberts	Site HSE Manager – Horizon Nuclear Power.
Cath Pritchard	SSG Secretariate NRS
Tonya Hughes	SSG Secretariate NRS
Elin P. Jones	Comms and Socio Economics Lead NRS
Mair Jones	Socio-Economics Lead NRS
Tanya McLeod	ONR
Katie Chandler	ONR
Cai Perrin	Rhun ap Iorwerth representative
Alan Edwards	Llinos Medi representative
Cllr Gareth W Roberts	Amlwch Town Council
Cllr Ken Hughes	Councillor IoACC
Cllr JH Jones	Councillor Mechell Community Council
Iwan Jones	Isle of Anglesey Council
Gwen Thomas	Isle of Anglesey Council
Bill Hamilton	Director of External Affairs – NRS
Jonathan Holland	Emergency Planning Officer

In attendance:

Gwynfor Owen	Translator - Cymen
Sydna Roberts	Minute taker – Cymen

Apologies:

Cllr Gordon Warren	Amlwch Town Council
Cllr Liz Wood	Amlwch Town Council
Rhun ap Iorwerth	SM
Llinos Medi	MP Ynys Môn
David Wilby	Environmental Agency

Peter Day
Cllr Llio Owen

Federation of Small Businesses, Anglesey
Councillor IoACC

1 Welcome and Receive Apologies for Absence

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

He welcomed back Jonathon Jenkins from the NDA after a period of secondment. He also welcomed Katie Chandler newly appointed ONR Inspector for Wylfa and thanked Tanya McLeod for her valued contribution to the SSG wishing her well in her new appointment. He also welcomed the return of Cllr Ken Hughes following his recent re-election to IoACC Talybolion constituency.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held 17.10.24

The minutes of the meeting held 17.10.24, circulated prior to the meeting, were received, and accepted as a true record.

3 Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

None raised.

4 SSG Chairman's Report

The Chair gave a brief update as follows:

- Expressed concern regarding the recent NRS spending review and the implications of a reduced allocation over the coming years.
- He noted that it has been 20 years since the NDA was established and that it is proposed to review the SSG's future role and responsibilities.

5 Wylfa Site Director's Report

SL presented the Site update report summarised as follows: -

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: 2475days (as at 02.04.25)

People

Wylfa One Team

- 184 NRS site staff
- 77 NRS based at the Wylfa Hub.
- Staff have recently completed the Annual Employee Engagement Survey – 82% completion rate.

Apprentices

The apprentice intake for August 2025 has commenced with 25.4.25 being the closing date.

Business Planning at Wylfa

SL outlined the following as priority projects for 2025-6.

- Electrical overlay system – This allows for the installation of new EOS cabling to Site
- Dry Store Cell 4 decontamination – This project is being scoped up
- Reactor buildings asbestos removal -This project is estimating the future works
- Turbine hall and associated buildings decommissioning. Wylfa has achieved a significant milestone by mechanically air gapping all pipework within four designated cable tunnels. This is a step towards the separation and permanent disconnection of the turbine hall from the rest of the site, preparing it for demolition.
- Intermediate Level Waste recovery equipment design and build - flask filling area trough is now obsolete and this project is building up the scope for its ultimate disposal

Site update:

Decommissioning programme

It was noted that all projects are on target, however, future funding may affect further progress. Members were shown a short video on Reactor Asbestos removal, managed by the Altrad Team on site.

Transition for Maentwrog hydropower station

Management responsibilities for Maentwrog have transitioned from Wylfa to Trawsfynydd as of early December. This strategic move aims to enhance operational efficiency and resource management due to Trawsfynydd's closer proximity to Maentwrog. The change is expected to streamline operations and improve coordination with operations and sustained excellence for Maentwrog Hydropower Station. The team of 7 are given support as and when required by the Trawsfynydd Site Director

Areas for Improvement

- High Legionella results: An enhanced flushing regime is currently in place and under constant review. Where results have indicated an elevated risk, those facilities have been taken out of use. There are no immediate health issues on site.
- Plant degradation & equipment failures: The degradation & corrosion of some structures have been noted. Increased vigilance, defect & asset management will assist with prioritising repair or removal. The review & rationalisation of priority alarms is also underway.

SL also referred to a list of drumbeat projects being developed with a day earmarked in May to promote further.

Good Practice

Refurbishment Main Access Security Gates - Bright Ideas

Completed essential improvements to the Main Vehicle Lock Gates following safety concerns highlighted in an asset condition report. The work was carried out inhouse, saving over £300k.

Sustainability

As part of NRS's sustainability initiative, all sites will implement carbon plans to

reduce emissions. For Wylfa this includes:

- Energy / Efficiency projects
- Building knowledge and sharing best practices
- Eliminate fossil fuel usage where possible
- Knowing our carbon numbers
- Low carbon procurement
- Eliminating the most carbon intensive steel and concrete products

Recent activities:

- Volunteering day for the waste team held at Tyddyn Môn
 - Purchased low energy consumption hand driers to replace existing ones in toilet facilities.
 - Outdoor wellbeing area under development-staff have voted on preferred location and the undercover picnic bench has been purchased.
- Scope of work for enabling groundwork under development
- Various energy efficiency savings are underway focussing on heating and lighting.

STEM

The STEM visits are an opportunity to engage, inspire, and show students the impact they can make in the world of nuclear energy. SL reported on the 24/25timetable of visits and congratulated Wylfa staff on their passion and dedication in organising the events.

Nuclear Restoration Services (NRS) socio-economic scheme 2024-25

Wylfa on tour

Wylfa recently went on tour around the local surrounding communities to highlight recent decommissioning success stories. Visitors had the opportunity to meet the team and learn more about NRS's mission to safely decommission the first generation nuclear and research sites across the UK

Multiyear projects update.

M-SParc

M-SParc Science Park secured £389,000 (£129,667 this year) from NRS over the next three years to continue funding the Low Carbon Team, following previous NDA funding. Highlights of achievements from their last report:

- Secured £624,500 to decarbonise M-SParc.
- Organised an event in Nuclear Week in Parliament with the UK Nuclear Regions Collaboration.
- The team are developing a series of events - 'Egni Conversations', delivering a series of workshops with key stakeholders on a range of topics including climate anxiety, food security, grid balancing.
- Delivering bid writing support through an Ambition North Wales project.
- Working towards completing the electrification of the M-SParc building, getting to around 85% of the way towards Net Zero, inspiring to be the UK's first Net Zero science park.
- Continuing to deliver STEM events. During NIA Nuclear Week in Parliament, M-Sparc launched their newly produced six bite-size videos explaining nuclear power.

Morlais Marine Characterisation Research Project (MCRP)

Highlights of achievements from their last report:

- Morlais have been successful in securing £8m Welsh Government funding to expand the grid connection at Holyhead to export increased capacity once fully operational from next year.
- Successful deployment of the Marinus buoy, fitted with the System Integrator Monitoring Analysis (SIMA) equipment is a significant achievement for the MCRP. The integrated equipment will permit Seiche and MarineSitu to develop an operational Environmental Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EMMP) system that can be deployed on a subsea turbine in 2025. This addresses the regulator requirements and will provide data to benefit the industry.

Recently supported good neighbour projects include:

- Cemaes Bay football club - £485 to purchase gazebos
- Holyhead Hotspurs - £900 for training equipment and NRS branded kit for Under 17's
- Llangefni Rugby Club - £900 for NRS branded hoodies for Under 12's

Alo Inspire by Sbarduno was allocated £9,680 to deliver free bilingual GCSE revision session during the Easter break.

The Chair thanked SL for his detailed report and congratulated him on the Site safety and Apprenticeships success.

Question and Answer Session

The Chair invited members to present any questions.

GOJ wished to reiterate the Chair's comments regarding the excellent work undertaken at Wylfa to engage and support young people by providing educational and work opportunities. Her referred particularly to a recent national news story on S4C highlighting these opportunities.

He also wished to congratulate the new Site Director for Trawsfynydd on his recent appointment, Tom Williams being an ex-pupil of Ysgol Bodedern on the Island.

SL thanked members for their support and reiterated the excellent work undertaken by Ffion Morris, Engineering Manager, and her passion in supporting the young people.

The Chair thanked SL for his presentation.

6 NRS Corporate update

Mr Bill Hamilton, Director of External Affairs was welcomed to the meeting and provided a short presentation on Community Engagement

- Wylfa was the first site to undertake a 'deep dive' engagement event with its community. A Community Roadshow trailer visited Cemaes, Amlwch, Llanfechell and Llangefni.
- Telephone interviews were also undertaken by Thinks Insight with participants chosen from within a 20 miles radius of Wylfa. Questions were asked about decommissioning and community views. It was noted that there is strong support for new nuclear in area

and a view that the decommissioning process must be undertaken robustly and efficiently. It was also noted that there is a good understanding of NRS and its role.

- Three Focus groups were held in the area comprising of a wide range of ages. The key viewpoints were that safety and community engagement was paramount.

BH referred to the reconfiguration in NRS management resulting in removal of a layer of management.

BH noted that the information regarding the Spending Review for the next three years is expected in June 2025

The Chair thanked BH for his presentation and opened the floor to questions.

Question and Answer Session

Cllr GWR enquired as to whether consideration is being given to a full station as opposed to SMR's only. BH assured members that all options are continually being discussed. Cllr GWR stated the importance working collaboratively towards a full nuclear station at Wylfa this to include NRS,SSG, MP, AM and Isle of Anglesey County Council.

Cllr DO wished to reiterate the importance of NRS promoting its role within the community. BH agreed that community engagement is paramount, and that consideration is currently being given to establishing touchscreen information pods within accessible areas locally.

Cllr JL wished to inform members that the MP and AM for Ynys Mon continually raise questions regarding the future of Wylfa in both Cardiff and London.

7. Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

The Chair welcomed Jonathon Jenkins return to the SSG.

JJ thanked the Chair for his kind words and summarised his report previously circulated with the meeting papers.

- The Annual Report which sets out the progress made against the NDA mission, from safely decommissioning existing sites to preparing to take responsibility for more, while managing radioactive waste for the existing programme and new nuclear is available on the NDA website.
- Stakeholder Survey has been undertaken on-line this year with a good uptake recorded.
- The NDA celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, and some events are being planned around this. It is hoped to mark an SSG meeting at each site with a special presentation reviewing the progress over the last 20 years – more details will follow.
- Preparation is underway for Strategy V which is expected to publish in March 2026. The strategy will go out to consultation in July 2025 for a 3-month period.

Question and Answer session. – none received

The Chair thanked JJ his presentation.

8 Office for Nuclear Regulation Update

Tanya MacLeod presented her report for the period 1 July – 31 December 2024 previously circulated with the meeting papers. In this period, routine inspections of Wylfa covered the following:

- radioactive waste management.
- decommissioning.
- security

She also thanked the SSG for their welcome and support over the last three years noting that the group will be in good hands with her replacement, Katie Chandler

9 Natural Resources Wales / Environmental Agency Update

A joint NRW/EA report was presented by Iwan Williams NRW Manager for both Wylfa and Trawsfynydd sites and covered the period from September 2024 to March 2025

He noted that Kate Simpson has left NRW. He tendered David Wilby's apologies due to ill-health. His report was summarised as follows:

- Radioactive discharges to air and water from the Wylfa site were within permitted limits in this reporting period. Non-radioactive discharges to water were also within permitted limits.
- During this reporting period there were no unusual results as regards the environmental monitoring programme.
- A request was received from NRS in November 2024 to change the Compilation of Environment Agencies Requirements, Approvals and Specifications (CEAR). An updated CEAR was issued to NRS in February 2025.
- In August 2024 NRS Ltd. reported on an issue discovered in the monitoring of discharges from Dry Store Cell 5. NRS investigated the issue and provided a report in October. The report was reviewed, and it was concluded that sampling equipment had been incorrectly fitted to a pipe, resulting in a 6-week gap in sampling data. The error was corrected as soon as it was noticed.

Question and Answer session – none received.

The Chair thanked IW for his report and wished David Wilby a speedy recovery.

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 3.25 pm.

Dates Next Meeting – 16 October 2025

Signed
Cllr Aled M Jones, Chair