



Summary of the key points from the Trawsfynydd Site Stakeholder Group Meeting held on the 11 December 2025

**Trawsfynydd Site Stakeholder Group Meeting
Trawsfynydd Visitor Centre – Neuadd Islyn (Main Hall)
Thursday, 11 December 2025 at 13:00**

Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2025
3. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2025
4. Chairman's Address – Elfed P Roberts
5. Site Director's Report – Tom Williams
6. Report by the Office for Nuclear Regulation Update – Katie Chandler
7. Report by Natural Resources Wales / Environment Agency Report Update
Iwan Williams/Dave Wilby
8. Report by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
9. Welcome and Introduction - Costain
10. AOB
11. Voting for the Position of Chair

Date and time of next meeting 2026 – 18th June 2026

MINUTES

PRESENT

NAME

Elfed P Roberts
T G Williams
Elin P Jones
Mair Jones
Eirian Hughes
Geraint Parry
Meryl Roberts
Rhys Llywelyn
Ilan Jones
Gerallt Rhun
Peter Williams
Steven Parry
Rory Trappe
Sioned Lewis
Lisa Birks
D.M.Williams

ORGANISATION

Acting Chair
NRS
NRS
NRS
FUW
Cyngor Gwynedd
Cyngor Gwynedd
PAA
NFU Cymru
Trawsnewid
Liverpool University
NRS
Prospect
Seren Ffestiniog / Gwesty Seren
Talsarnau
Maentwrog Community Council

James Trott	Costain
Helen Kelly	Careers Wales
Llio Hughes	Mabon ap Gwynfor AS
Delyth Lloyd	Eryri National Park
Iwan R Jones	Cyngor Gwynedd
Aron Roberts	Trawsfynydd Community Council
Jon Cawley	Eryri National Park
Iwan Williams	Natural Resources Wales
Kerry Wyn Parry	On behalf of Liz Saville-Roberts AS
Rhian Jones	Neuadd i'r Dyfodol Trawsfynydd
Gareth Hinds	NRS Maentwrog
Colin Tucker	Penrhyn
Elliw Williams	Cwmni Eginio
Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn	Cyngor Gwynedd
Tonya Hughes	NRS
Cath Pritchard	NRS

In Attendance

Manon Cadwaladr –
Translator
Alaw Evans – Minute
taker

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

A special exhibition was presented by Boston Dynamics of Spot the robotic dog. Spot is a robot that is used by the nuclear industry in the UK and globally. It takes people away from hazardous areas. This particular robot has a manipulator arm that is able to pull, grab and grasp objects as well as deploy instruments. He also noted how it can walk up and down stairs and avoid collision which shows its stability.

The Chair thanked the team for introducing Spot to the meeting.

The following apologies were noted:

John Madden
Katie Chandler
Steve Murray
Bill Hamilton
Andrew McAteer
Cllr Gwynfor Owen
Glyn Davies - Diffwys and Maenofferen Ward
Beryl Williams - Trawsfynydd Retiree

No declarations of Interest were made.

2. Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2025

Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2025 were presented and accepted as a correct record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2024

None raised.

4. Chairman's Address

The Acting Chair reflected on the past year, acknowledging the loss of the former Chair, Keith O'Brien, and thanking NRS, NDA and colleagues for their support.

Key updates included: NDA 20th anniversary event, upcoming reactor height reduction works led by Costain, continued community investment via the station fund, and progress exploring a science park model.

Concerns were raised regarding Egino's future, loss of experienced staff, and uncertainty over the footbridge, although discussions are ongoing.

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

Thomas G Williams, Site Director presented his report summarised as follows:

Safety

3400 days without a lost time injury; safety remains the top priority.

People Onsite

Over 300 staff on site, with 92% locally based. Apprenticeship and early career activity continues to grow.

Targets and Milestones

Most key targets are on track; relocation of the Site Security Control Room slightly delayed but expected completion by March 2026.

STEM and Skills

Increased engagement with schools, expansion of work experience opportunities, and collaboration with universities.

Waste Processing

Programme nearing completion with the majority of radioactive waste processed; final completion expected by March 2026.

Reactor Height Reduction

Approved £70m project progressing; visible changes anticipated from summer 2026 with significant temporary workforce increase.

Ponds Deplant

Application for environmental permit variation withdrawn to allow further data gathering; resubmission planned with demolition timeline into the 2030s.

Assets and Operations

Ongoing infrastructure improvements and use of robotics (Spot) to enhance safety and efficiency.

Community and Socio-economic

Increased engagement activity and continued local investment through community and economic programmes.

The Chair thanked TW for his report

Question and Answer Session

Q1: Cllr D.M.Williams - When will graphite removal from the reactors take place?

A1: TW confirmed that removal remains part of the plan. However, due to ongoing strategic reviews, the timeline may change, with the earliest estimate currently around 2040.

Q2: HK - Are there opportunities to engage more closely with apprentices?

A2: TW confirmed that this would be supported, with further discussions to take place.

Q3: GP - Feedback on community contribution. Positive feedback was provided recognising the site's strong contribution to local employment, skills development, and opportunities for young people.

Item 6 – Report by the Office for Nuclear Regulation Update – Katie Chandler

The Chair apologised on behalf of Katie Chandler and moved to the next item.

Item 7 – Report by Iwan Williams Natural Resources Wales / Environment Agency

Iwan Williams was welcomed by the Chair.

IW noted that there were no significant updates to report during this period.

It was reiterated that the environmental permit variation application has been retracted. Communication has been ongoing with NRS to support a future resubmission.

Another application by the NRS is currently being considered, which is to reuse concrete from the reactors. This license has been considered and a decision will be made over the next months.

Question and Answer Session

Q1: A member asked how the concrete would be used onsite.

A1: IW answered that it would be used to ensure a level site to the west of the current site.

The Chair thanked IW for his update.

Item 8 – Report by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

The Chair apologised on their behalf for their absence and therefore moved on to next item.

Item 9 – Welcome and Introduction - Costain

James Trott provided an update on mobilisation for the reactor height reduction project.

The programme will reduce structures from c.55m to 29m through phased deplanting, decontamination and controlled dismantling using cranes.

Enabling works are underway, with multiple subcontractors engaged and opportunities for local supply chain involvement.

The project will be delivered collaboratively, with a focus on safe, sustainable decommissioning and recognising the site's heritage.

Commitments to social value include developing skills and apprenticeships, supporting local employment, engaging with schools, and enabling business growth.

Question and Answer Session

Q1: Elliw Williams from Egino - noted that they have useful insights to share with Costain.

A1: JT thanked EW for this and welcomed a conversation afterwards.

Q2: GP - asked JT to expand on how they're going to advertise to recruit locally.

A2: JT responded that they have leaflets, recruitment events and an express an interest form on Costain's website. They will also advertise online.

Q3: GP - asked if there would be any roadshows within communities.

A3: JT confirmed this.

Q4:HK - asked how Careers Wales can work with Costain to advertise their apprenticeship opportunities.

A4: JT said that they're looking to create connections to ensure that everyone knows what's being offered. He acknowledged that advertising on Costain's website alone isn't enough and that they need to work together to ensure people know about upcoming posts.

Item 10 – AOB

Word on behalf of Liz Saville-Roberts

An apology was given on behalf of Liz Saville-Roberts. It was noted that she and Llinos Medi will meet with Patrick Valence, the Nuclear Minister, in early January.

Egino

EW noted that the closure of Cwmni Egino was not their decision and expressed disappointment, while recognising the team's achievements and positive impact.

Ongoing work has included developing future opportunities, such as a proposed innovation centre with Cyngor Gwynedd.

The importance of continued investment in the area was emphasised to support economic activity and retain local people, alongside recognition of NRS's contribution.

Work has also supported the AI Growth Zone bid to include Trawsfynydd.

EW expressed hope that momentum will continue and confirmed willingness to provide ongoing support and share knowledge.

The Chair thanked EW and the team for everything they've done.

The Chair invited D.M. Williams to speak, who outlined strong concerns regarding the closure of Cwmni Egino, highlighting its importance to local jobs, economic growth, and collaboration.

He proposed drafting a collective letter to relevant bodies to advocate for retaining key staff, noting broad support from members.

The Chair agreed that a letter would be prepared for review.

EW highlighted limitations due to the formal closure process but suggested alternative approaches, such as forming a partnership model to continue the work, and confirmed willingness to support further discussions. It was also noted that securing funding remains critical to future development.

Footbridge

A query was raised regarding the future of the footbridge.

TW confirmed it will be demolished on safety grounds, with funding requested to progress removal.

No decision has yet been made on a replacement, with further consideration required once budget and planning details are confirmed.

Community views and potential opportunities for involving local people will be taken into account.

The Chair thanked TW for his response.

Item 11 – Voting for the Position of Chair

TW noted that this was only the third time a new Chair has been elected in the station's history. He outlined the process, confirming that eligible stakeholder members could nominate and vote.

Attendance was verified, and 12 eligible members participated in the vote.

TW announced the result of the vote:

There were two candidates: Elfed P. Roberts and Geraint Parry

The results –

Elfed 9

Geraint 4

The stakeholder Group elects Elfed P. Roberts as the new Chairman of the Group.

A word from ER:

ER thanked members for their support, noting his strong commitment to representing local interests and strengthening links between the site and community.

He acknowledged the legacy of the previous Chair and confirmed his intention to build on this.

D.M. Williams congratulated ER and queried the timeline for appointing a Vice-Chair.

TW confirmed this is expected to be addressed by the next meeting.

End of meeting.