



Summary of the key points from the Trawsfynydd Site Stakeholder Group Meeting held on the 19 June 2025

1. The Vice-Chair welcomed all to the meeting and presented a brief update on issues since the last meeting.
2. Thomas G Williams presented the Nuclear Restoration Services (NRS) Site Director's Report
3. Apologies received from ONR
4. Iwan Williams gave a brief verbal update NRW / EA issues.
5. Jonathon Jenkin presented an update on NDA issues.
6. Bill Hamilton provided an update on NRS corporate affairs.



**Trawsfynydd Site Stakeholder Group Meeting
Thursday 19 June 2025 13.00 hrs
Conference Centre**

MINUTES

PRESENT

NAME

Cllr. Elfed P. Roberts
T G Williams
Elin P Jones
Beryl Williams
Chris Rayner
Gareth Hind
David Wallace
A McAteer
Elliwl Williams
Lisa Birks
Jonathon Jenkins
Cathryn Pritchard
Tonya Hughes
Paul Potter
Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn
Iwan Robert Jones
Cllr. Aled Morris Jones
Colin Tucker
Kerry Wyn Parry
Bill Hamilton
Gerallt Rhun
Llywarch Davies
Virginia Crosbie
Andrew McAteer
Rob Edwards
Cllr Meryl Roberts
Cllr John LI Richards
Cllr. D M Williams
Aron Roberts
Steve Thomason
Iwan Williams
David Wilby

ORGANISATION

Trawsfynydd Community Council (Vice- Chair)
Site Director
NRS Communications
Trawsfynydd Retirees Group
NRS Trawsfynydd /Maentwrog Sites
Wylfa/Maentwrog Sites
NDA
NRS Maentwrog Site
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NRS Secreteriat
NRS Communications
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UK Forum Chair NDA SSG
Penrhyndeudraeth Resident
Representative Liz Saville Roberts MP
NRS Director of External Affairs
Trawsnewid
Cyngor Cymuned Trawsfynydd
Chair Nuclear Delivery Group
NRS Maentwrog Site
Penrhyndeudraeth Community Council
Gwynedd Council
Talsarnau Community Council
Maentwrog Community Council
NRS Trawsfynydd Site Trade Union Safety Representative
NRS Trawsfynydd Site Trade Union Representative
Natural Resources Wales
Environmental Agency

In Attendance

Heledd Davies
Sydna Roberts

Cymen - Translator
Cymen – minute taker

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 1pm.

The following apologies were noted: -

Kate Chandler ONR

Gavin Hodgkinson Sation Engineer Porthmadog

John Madden Environmental Agency

Cllr. Gwynfor Owen – Harlech a Llanbedr

Mair Jones NRS Socio Economic Lead for Wales and Scotland

Cllr Marc Lloyd Griffiths Ffestiniog Town Council

Paul Richardson – NRS Trade Union Representative

No Declarations of Interest were received.

2. Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2024

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2024 were presented and accepted as a correct record. (GRh/JLR)

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

None raised.

4. Chairman's Address

The Vice-Chair opened the meeting with the sad news of the recent passing of the Trawsfynydd SSG Chair, Cllr. Keith O'Brien. He paid tribute to a true and very knowledgeable gentleman. A native of his beloved Trawsfynydd he knew the area well and took great pride in its history, environment and people, highlighted by his literary and photographic skills. He was particularly noted for his humour and will be greatly missed by the community and beyond. Above all, he will be missed by his wife, children, grandchildren and extended family and the group expressed their sincerest condolences with a minutes silence.

Aled Morris Jones SSG UK Chair seconded ER's fitting tribute noting that he will miss a knowledgeable, good humoured and supportive friend and colleague.

Mrs O'Brien had also sent a message of thanks to the SSG which read as follows

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom Williams and the Team for the lovely flowers I received after losing Keith.

I would also like to thank the members for their friendship, support and readiness to help Keith whilst he was Chair of the Stakeholder committees. He had made a lot of good friends through attending various committees over the years during which he was Chair. As was said in the eulogy on the day of his funeral, his knowledge of the industry – both locally and nationally – was to be admired.

Thanks again and I wish the committee continued success for the future”.

The following meetings have been held since the last Traws SSG meeting:-

- SSG Chairs and Vice Chairs briefing with Rob Fletcher – 30 January 2025
- Introduction to the new NRS Sustainability Strategy – 5 February 2025
- SSG Chairs and Vice -Chairs follow up meeting with Rob Fletcher – 14 February 2025
- SSG Forum - 11 March 2025
- SSG Chair and Vice Chairs - Forum 2 May 2025
- SSG Chairs and Vice Chairs - Forum 30 May 2025
- SSG Chairs and Vice Chairs - Forum 6 June 2025

The Chair also referred to the Neighbourly leaflet. NRS has partnered with Neighbourly, an award-winning giving platform that helps businesses make a positive impact in their communities by donating volunteer time, money and surplus products, all in one place. Members are encouraged to share the information and contact details are on the leaflet shared within the meeting papers.

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

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

Safety Focus

It was noted that there had been 3239 days without lost time injury as of 16 June 2025. TW stated that this was due to the continued work being undertaken to ensure the highest calibre of safety on site.

Our People

- Around 190 NRS staff on site and 100+ contractors.
- 8 apprentices currently training and 4 more expected in August

Business Planning at Trawsfynydd

Overview of projects planned at Trawsfynydd for 2025/26

- Height Reduction of the Reactor buildings
- Ponds Deplant
- Completion of the High Activity Waste Programme
- Asset Care – Relocation of the Site Security Control Room (SSCR)

STEM

Welcomed over 100 students to site to learn about nuclear history and careers with future visits to Maentwrog being planned.

Decommissioning Progress

Height reduction – contract award expected end of summer with a start date for September 2025

Ponds Deplanting – waste removed with demolition preparation underway

Assets

- SSCR operational area enclosure completed
- Effluent pipe repair project commenced
- New sewage plant installation progressing as planned

Reactor Dismantling

- Design work progressing within the key milestones
- Collaboration with national expert and regulators continues
- Detailed planning for dismantling work is in development

Explanation of Radioactive Waste

As requested at the last meeting a detailed explanation of the levels of radioactive waste was presented to the meeting and is available on the SSG Traws website - [Site Stakeholder Groups - Trawsfynydd SSG Meeting](#)

Maentwrog

Maentwrog site is now under the management of Trawsfynydd. A major maintenance plan has commenced – full outage period commenced on 5 June for 4 weeks

NRS Socio Economic Funding

TW reported on the continued financial support provided to local projects such as

- £65K to Canolfan Prysor
- Smaller grants to Caffi Largo; Phytopen; TJ Construction; Cogs y Gogs; Ty Afon.
- The fund continues to support Gwynedd Council's Recovery Programme with 58 businesses and 100+ individuals having been supported.

The Chair thanked TW for his update

Question and Answer session.

Cllr Meredydd Williams enquired if the Maentwrog site was on the open market. TW confirmed that this is not the case.

Cllr J Richards enquired as to the disposal of graphite. TW stated that options are being considered by Richard Harris, who is part of NRS's Waste Strategy team and is based in Cardiff, and that updates will be provided to members as and when received.

Elliw Williams asked if there was scope to work with local specialist regarding disposal. TW welcomed the opportunity to work locally wherever possible, however, he was currently unaware of any such local specialist in this case.

Beryl Williams requested an update on the situation with the bridge. TW confirmed that arrangements are underway for demolition as safety was paramount. He also assured members that the open and continuous dialogue with the local community as regards future developments will be maintained.

VC enquired as to current and future support for the apprentices. TW confirmed that sites across the UK utilise the support of the Energus scheme and that Trawsfynydd site intends to welcome an intake of 4 new apprentices later this year.

6. Report by the Office for Nuclear Regulation – Katie Chandler

Katie Chandler had tendered her apologies, however, in her absence, she was welcomed to the SSG as the newly appointed ONR Inspector for Trawsfynydd

7. Report by Natural Resources Wales / Environment Agency – Iwan Williams / David Wilby

Iwan Williams and David Wilby were welcomed to meeting
IW wished to apologise for not providing a written report noting that this was due to administrative difficulties. He stated that regular inspections had taken place as required and that there were no significant issues to report.
He also introduced Dave Wilby as a newly appointed EA Inspector for Wylfa who was covering the meeting on the EA's behalf.

The Chair thanked IW and DW for their attendance and update.

Question and Answer Session – none received

8. Report by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority – Jonathon Jenkin

Jonathon Jenkin was welcomed back to the SSG.
He paid his respects to Cllr.O'Brien acknowledging his incredible knowledge, good humour, friendship and admiration across the NDA nationally.

He referred to the following updates

- Spending Review - group funding for 2025/26 is at just over £4bn, this includes increased Government funding demonstrating significant public investment in nuclear sites and facilities. Despite funding challenges, the NDA is focused on its nationally important mission to ensure the safe and efficient decommissioning of the UK's nuclear legacy, with much to deliver.
- NDA 5th Strategy will go out to consultation for a 12-week period from 7 July 2025 to 29 September 2025. Responses are welcomed.

- SSG & NDA meeting to be held on 2 July in Manchester
- The NDA celebrates its 20th anniversary this year and is hoping to hold an event locally to celebrate the unique history of Trawsfynydd. More details to follow.

Question and Answer Session

VC referred to the recent announcement by the Government regarding renewable energy and enquired if JJ could elaborate on the NDA's views. JJ stated that there is a view to deploy wind and solar energy but that there was nothing area specific to report at this moment.

9. Corporate Update NRS – Bill Hamilton

Mr Bill Hamilton, NRS Corporate Affairs Director was welcomed to the meeting and gave a brief update on corporate issues. He referred to Chapel Cross and the intention to develop an energy park at the site which may well provide a similar vision for Trawsfynydd

He also referred to a programme of local engagement events that have been ongoing for the last 18 months. A polling company has been employed to facilitate the process. One of the issues highlighted was the lack of knowledge around NRS within the local community. This has led to developing what is being described as a Deep Dive programme of events within local communities. Four sites have already taken part with another 4 to take place before the end of the year - Trawsfynydd scheduled for early September. Members were assured that further information will be provided well in advance. BH also noted that the events may well be a good avenue to discuss local concerns regarding the bridge.

Question and Answer Session

VC thanked BH for his update and kindly suggested that ensuring a mobile information stand in the Anglesey Show in August would be beneficial to gain local views.

EW noted that Cwmni Egino welcomed and supported all efforts to ensure local involvement

10. AOB

- **Election of SSG officials** – the Chair noted that the process of election will take place at the December meeting.
- **Egino** – Eili Williams updated members on work to date. She stated that whilst the Trawsfynydd site has not been identified for new nuclear, collaborative work around alternative developments for the site are ongoing. She offered to provide an update/ presentation on the Growth Deal programme to a future meeting of the SSG.

Date and time of next meeting

Date: 11 December 2025

Time: 1pm

Venue: Trawsfynydd Conference and Induction Centre

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 14:10