



Bradwell Local Community Liaison Council (LCLC)

1 April 2026

Held via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Brian Main	Chair
John White	Vice Chair
Cllr John Driver (Maldon District Council)	Voting Member
Cllr Robert Davidson (Colchester City Council)	Voting Member
Peter Davidson (Bradwell-on-Sea Parish Council)	Voting Member
Andy Blowers (BANNG)	Member of public
Ian Clarke (BANNG)	Member of public
Paul Burgess	Non-Voting Member
James Heavingham	Environment Agency
Alan Walker – Site Director	NRS
Kayleigh Ridley	NRS
Tonya Hughes	NRS
Cara Webb	NRS

Apologies for Absence

Aidan Kelly (Environment Agency); Terry Burns (Essex Council); John Akker MBE (West Mersea Town Council)

1. Welcome and Introduction

3390 The Chair opened the meeting at 19:06 and confirmed the meeting would also serve as the AGM. Apologies were noted and members welcomed.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

3391 The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record. Andy Blowers maintained that the distinction between voting and non-voting members was unnecessary and inconsistent with practices in other Site Stakeholder Groups. He concluded by saying he would leave the matter there for now.

Brian Main replied that he did not wish to revisit all prior discussions but noted that he had encountered situations where individuals seeking voting status did not have any substantial supporting membership. He stated that the constitution had been ratified and would remain the framework for the group's governance.

3. NRS Bradwell Site Report

3392 Bradwell remains in care and maintenance in a passively safe condition. No incidents or security events were reported.

Environmental and site updates included planned beach clean, improved signage reducing fly-tipping, and biodiversity measures such as wildflower areas.

Routine maintenance continues across the site including ISF, crane inspections, and infrastructure checks.

Waste movements remain limited, with some exports completed and minimal low-level waste generation.

Approximately £18,000 socio-economic funding awarded; applications now open.

Key questions and responses

- Brian Main asked whether there was a process for smaller grant applications.
 - Alan Walker confirmed that applications up to £2,000 follow the same process and should be submitted via Kayleigh Ridley.
 - Brian Main thanked him and confirmed he would pass this information on.
- Cllr John Driver asked how long annual hazardous waste removals would continue.
 - Alan Walker explained the waste mainly consists of small amounts of paints and oils, which will continue to be generated until site operations fully cease. He emphasised quantities are minimal and pose no unusual hazard.
 - Cllr Driver noted and accepted the explanation.
- Cllr John White asked what monitoring or action was in place for groundwater in the vaults, noting levels had stabilised.
 - Alan Walker confirmed levels are continuously monitored and remain very low compared to the size of the vaults. Investigations are ongoing to identify the source, with specialist studies underway.
 - Cllr John White thanked him for the explanation.

4. Environment Agency Report

3393 Regulation remains proportionate to the reduced risk profile. No compliance issues identified.

Groundwater ingress is slightly higher than predicted but stable; Best Available Technique (BAT) review ongoing.

James informed the group that in December, NRS had submitted two significant regulatory documents: the Site Wide Environmental Safety Case (SWESC) and Waste Management Plan (WMP). These documents were required for all nuclear

sites and would be maintained “live” to support the eventual permit surrender phase when the site approached its end state. The Agency’s focus would be on ensuring these documents were kept updated as the site transitioned through its lifecycle.

Environmental monitoring shows no concerns; radiation levels remain well below public limits.

Key questions and responses

- Cllr John Driver asked whether Bradwell’s performance was consistent with expectations in care-and-maintenance.
 - James Heavingham confirmed the site was performing broadly as predicted and that the Environment Agency was satisfied with NRS’s arrangements.
 - He noted only slightly higher-than-expected groundwater ingress, which continues to be monitored and investigated.
- Brian Main asked whether radiation levels remained well below Government reference levels.
 - James Heavingham confirmed this was the case, with Environment Agency monitoring and RIFE reports showing no off-site concerns.
- Professor Andy Blowers asked about progress on Bradwell’s long-term end state.
 - Alan Walker explained that final site end states are expected to be confirmed within the next ten years.
 - He confirmed Bradwell’s plan remains full reactor dismantling and site clearance, with lessons from Dungeness A and Trawsfynydd helping shape the approach.
- Professor Andy Blowers asked whether the boilers would be removed alongside the reactors.
 - Alan Walker confirmed that Bradwell’s boilers are expected to be dismantled as part of reactor dismantling and currently require no earlier intervention.
- Cllr John White asked whether the Environment Agency relied solely on NRS reporting issues.
 - James Heavingham confirmed that the Agency carries out independent inspections, reviews incident logs, and also receives mandatory reports from NRS.
 - He noted that Alan Walker’s team often reported issues beyond what was legally required, showing a high level of transparency.
- Cllr John White asked whether the Environment Agency could undertake unannounced inspections.
 - James Heavingham confirmed that it has legal powers to do so and that independent contractors also verify monitoring and sampling activities.

5. Any Other Business

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- New parish representative, Peter Davidson, welcomed and support offered.
 - Fly-tipping concerns raised near National Grid land – investigation to be undertaken.
 - Outstanding NDA response on zirconium pins to be circulated when received.
 - Fingleton Review noted; updates to be provided in future reports.
 - Cllr Robert Davidson reported that local government reform in Essex had now been formally announced. Tendring, Braintree and Colchester would form a North Essex Unitary, while Maldon and Chelmsford would form Mid Essex Unitary. Elections for shadow authorities would take place in May 2027. He suggested that the LCLC distribution list might need updating accordingly.
 - No confirmed plans for SMRs at Bradwell.

Actions

- Investigate fly-tipping and report appropriately (Alan Walker).
- Circulate the outstanding response to the zirconium pins query raised by Ian Clarke once it has been received. Alan Walker to review the query as well and provide any additional information if possible (Secretariat).
- Review membership in line local government changes and ahead of the new shadow unitary authorities being elected in May 2027 to ensure correct Cllr representation. (Secretariat and Chair).

6. AGM – Chair and Vice Chair Confirmation

- 3395** Brian Main and Cllr John White were unanimously reconfirmed as Chair and Vice Chair.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 23 September