

NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2006

Present: Councillors D W Moore (In the Chair); D Banks; Ms E Woodburn

Also in Attendance: Councillors H Branney; Mrs YRT Clarkson; Mrs E Eastwood; G Garrity; J Hewitson; K Hitchen; T Johnston; R Salkeld; W Southward; JG Sunderland; N Williams

Apologies for absence was received from Councillors G Blackwell; B Dixon; A Holliday; A Norwood; M Ashbrook; N Clarkson

Officers: D Davies, Head of Nuclear Policy & Sustainability; Z Bergmann, Sustainability Officer; F Duffy, Nuclear Policy Manager; J Hughes, Regeneration Strategy Manager; T Capper; Democratic Services Manager (Items 1-4); L Taylor, Member Services Officer Technical Support

Also present: G Marsden; A Scargill; S Morgan; C Guise; A Daniel; S Williams – British Nuclear Group; C Melville – Cumbria County Council; S Rothery – Cumbria Constabulary

Appointment of Chairman

Due to Councillor G Blackwell submitting his apologies it was moved by Councillor D Banks, duly seconded and

AGREED – that Councillor D Moore be appointed Chairman for the meeting

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 May 2006 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Members Declarations of Interests

Councillors D Banks; H Branney; D W Moore; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; Mrs E Eastwood; G Garrity; K Hitchen; J Hewitson; T Johnston; R Salkeld; JG Sunderland; W Southward; H Wormstrup declared personal interests in the agenda due to either being employed or having family or friends employed in the industry.

BNG

Members received the following presentations, which were then open to question and answer sessions from Members

Calder Hall Cooling Towers – Gill Marsden and Andy Scargill
PCM Return from LLWR – Simon Morgan
MoD Spent Nuclear Submarine Fuel – Chris Guise and Andy Daniel

(Note: Councillors Mrs Clarkson; J Hewitson; K Hitchen; T Johnston; W Southward left the meeting following this item)

CBC Nuclear Policies Consultation Process

Consideration was given to a report bringing together Council policies in relation to the nuclear industry and clarifying the Council's views on nuclear policies prior to consultation with the community and wider stakeholders.

Consideration was also given to a proposed consultation process for Copeland 's Draft Nuclear Policies.

The possibility of highlighting the start of the consultation process at the next Site Stakeholders Group meeting was discussed along with the proposed policies being available on the website. Members stressed the importance that all interested parties should feel that they have been involved in the consultation process

It was **AGREED** that the document be circulated to all internal and external stakeholders for comment.

Copeland Kozloduy Partnership

Members noted a report on the Copeland Kozloduy partnership, which included an update on the recent visit to Copeland by representatives of the Kozloduy Municipality.

A Co-operation agreement signed between Copeland Borough and the Municipality of Kodloduy was noted.

During consideration of this item it was noted that this was a working partnership based on both areas sharing similar problems associated with Nuclear Decommissioning and was not a twinning.

Cumbria County Council – Minerals and Waste Development Framework 2007 To 2018

Consideration was given to a report detailing the sections of the Cumbria County Council Mineral and waste Development Framework 2006 –2018 relevant to radioactive waste.

The Panel pointed out that the site end state for Sellafield had not yet been agreed with the local community and that this should be included in the response.

It was **AGREED** that the final response be circulated to members of the Nuclear Working Group for comment prior to being submitted to the executive on 25 July for approval.

Environment Agency Consultation – Studsvik UK Ltd

Members discussed an application submitted by Studsvik UK Limited to the Environment Agency to register premises at Lillyhall to store and minimise radioactive waste prior to disposal at the Low Level Waste Repository at Drigg.

Members highlighted concerns over the location due to the close proximity of The Lakes College along with transportation issues. The Panel also asked for clarification on where the waste will come from. Members requested that the response should reflect that Copeland Borough council actively encourages the minimalisation and re-use of low level radioactive waste.

It was therefore **AGREED** that a response be formulated and circulated to all Members of the Nuclear Working Group for comment prior to submission to the Environment Agency.

Standards Reports Back

Members received and noted updates on

- a) Planning Issues and
- b) NuLeaf

It was **AGREED** that all planning issues relevant to nuclear issues would be flagged up for all Members of the Panel

Windscale Visit – Friday 4th August 2006

The Panel discussed a visit to Windscale to be arranged for Friday 4th August, the date of the next scheduled meeting. It was **AGREED** that the visit should be open to all Members.

Any Other Business

Members requested that updates on plans for the future of Sellafeld Visitors Centre and the use of local sites for office relocation be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Panel.

The meeting closed at 3.40 pm

Chairman