

NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2009

Present: Councillors A Holliday (Chairman); D Banks; E Brennan; D Moore; A Norwood and E Woodburn.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Brennan; B Dixon;

Officers: F McMorrow, Acting Chief Executive; T Greer, Scientific Officer; and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Also Present:

Mr D Gray, Honorary Alderman and Mr H Rooms, Sellafield Ltd.

NWG 17/09 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2009 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to amendment of minute NWG01/09 to read 'that Councillor D Banks be appointed Deputy Chairman of this Panel for the current municipal year.

NWG 18/09 Disclosures of Interest

All Councillors and Mr D Gray declared personal interests in the agenda due to either being employed or having family or friends employed in the nuclear industry.

NWG 19/09 Arrangement of Agenda

Due to Mr H Rooms being present and with the permission of the Chairman, it was

AGREED – that an extra Item "Sellafield Ltd – Update" be added to the agenda and taken as the first item.

NWG 20/09 Sellafield Ltd – Update

Mr Rooms updated Member's on work currently being undertaken on site including Lifetime Plan 10 and the 6 for 5 project.

Questions from Members were then invited.

During the discussion that followed, Members asked if a gap analysis had been completed and if Stakeholders were involved with priority setting.

Mr Rooms was also asked about the Employment Profile and although unable to give specific details committed to investigating further and providing the Acting Chief Executive with a written reply.

Members requested regular informal updates on Lifetime Plan 10 until March 2010, with more formal (including presentations after that date.

RESOLVED – that the updates be received.

NWG 21/09 Managing Radioactive Waste Safely

Members were updated on Managing Radioactive Waste Safely. This included:

- a) Memorandum of Understanding with Cumbria County Council, Allerdale Borough Council and Copeland Borough Council.
- b) and d) The decision to Participate which was incorporated within the Workplan, and
- c) Public and Stakeholder Engagement.

Members were provided with a leaflet “Managing Radioactive Waste Safely: The Position in West Cumbria” which had been produced by the West Cumbria MRWS Partnership.

It was requested that a copy of this leaflet be made available to each Copeland member.

RESOLVED – that

- a) the update be noted, and
- b) a copy of the “Managing Radioactive Waste Safely: The Position in West Cumbria” leaflet be made available to each Copeland member.

NWG 22/09 Learning from the CARL Conference – sharing key learning points

Members were updated on the recent CARL conference.

In the discussion that followed, Members stated that not all countries used the same acronyms when categorising nuclear waste, for example LLW was used for Low Level Waste or Long Life Waste.

The ability to keep people engaged/involved during the long process was also highlighted.

It was requested that copies of the “Work to Date” leaflets be obtained and placed in the Member’s Room.

RESOLVED – that

- a) the update on the CARL Conference be noted, and
- b) that copies of the “Work to Date” leaflets be obtained and placed in the Member’s Room.

NWG 23/09 NuLeAF Newsletter

Members noted the NuLeAF newsletter for October 2009.

The Group was also advised that Councillor A Holliday had again been elected as Chair.

It was requested that an item on ‘Waste & Minerals’ be added to the Agenda for the Nuclear Working Group at the December 2009 or January 2010 meeting and all Members be invited.

RESOLVED – that

- a) the newsletter be noted, and
- b) an item on ‘Waste & Minerals’ be added to the Agenda for the Nuclear Working Group at the December 2009 or January 2010 meeting and all Members be invited.

NWG 24/09 New Nuclear Reactor Programme - update

The Group were updated on the New Nuclear Reactor Programme.

Members were advised that the sale of land at Sellafield was imminent.

Members were also advised that a leaflet titled Planning Act 2008 was available.

RESOLVED – that the update be noted.

The meeting closed at 2:20pm.

Chairman.....

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