

NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 MAY 2009

Present: Councillors D Banks (Deputy Chairman in the chair);
D Moore; A Norwood and Miss E Woodburn.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Holliday
and E Brenan.

Officers: F McMorrow, Acting Chief Executive; L Cockroft, Planning
Consultant; J Betteridge, Head of Development Strategy; P Graham,
Head of Development Operations; J Hughes, Strategic Planning
Manager; T Greer, Scientific Officer; I Curwen, Senior Communications
Officer and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Also Present Councillors J Bowman; G Clements; J Kane; N Williams;
H Wormstrup; R Salkeld; J Prince and P Tyson.
Mr S Dagnell and Mr R Gill, RWE.
Ms R Mathison and Mr P Flemming, NDA.

Disclosure of Interest

Councillors D Banks; A Norwood; H Wormstrup and P Tyson declared
personal interests in the agenda due to either being employed or
having family or friends employed in the nuclear industry.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2009 were signed by the
Deputy Chairman as a correct record.

NWG 33/08 Nuclear New Build Nominations

The Planning Consultant provided Members with an overall
assessment of sites at Braystones, Kirksanton and Sellafield that had
been nominated as potential Nuclear Power Station sites in Copeland.
Along with details of the proposed timetable as set out by Government.

The process was currently in the 'Public Comment' stage which runs
until 14 May and was not for consultation, but invited comments on the
factual detail.

Each site was then looked at in detail and Members comments invited.

With regard to the Braystones site, Members raised questions about
flooding, the size of the site & the number of reactors it could house
and it's robustness against seismic activity.

With regard to the Kirksanton site, Members raised questions about flooding and sea defences, whether the land had been secured, connection to the National Grid and cooling methods.

With regard to the Sellafield site, Members raised questions about the size of the site in relation to that of the reactors, the proximity of the reactor to the sea and the use of good agricultural land.

For all three nominated sites, Members were concerned about the lack of transport infrastructure and the ability to build at the three sites simultaneously.

In summing up, the Head of Development Strategy emphasised the Council's Community Leadership role. Members were reminded that the major consultation process would begin in the autumn.

RESOLVED – that

- a) the report on Nuclear New Build Nominations be received, and
- b) Members provide responses to the Planning Consultant in order to draft the Council's response.

The meeting closed at 3:55pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....