

STRATEGIC NUCLEAR AND ENERGY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 5:00 PM

Present: Councillors Yvonne Clarkson; David Moore; Dave Smith and Elaine Woodburn.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Fallows.

Officers: Paul Walker, Chief Executive; Pat Graham, Corporate Director People and Places; Steve Smith, Acting Head of Nuclear and Energy Development; and Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Also Present: Councillors George Clements and Peter Kane

SNEB 01/11 Appointment of Chairman

It was moved by Councillor David Moore duly seconded and

RESOLVED that Councillor Elaine Woodburn be appointed Chairman for the municipal year 2011/12.

SNEB 02/11 Appointment of Deputy Chairman

It was moved by Councillor Yvonne Clarkson duly seconded and

RESOLVED that Councillor David Moore be appointed Deputy Chairman for the municipal year 2011/12.

SNEB 03/11 Managing Radioactive Waste Safely (MRWS) – Government Consultation on Siting Process

The Acting Head of Nuclear and Energy Development presented a report to the Board summarising the background and providing an update on the current work of the MRWS partnership.

During the discussion that followed, it was requested that a presentation be arranged for all Members on the background to the MRWS process and this be followed (possibly in November) by a workshop that again, all Members be invited to, as part of the third round of Public and Stakeholder Engagement (PSE3).

The Board considered the initial comments listed for inclusion in the response to the Government's consultation, which closes on 30 September 2011, made suggestions for amendments and additions.

RESOLVED that

- a) The Acting Head of Nuclear and Energy Development draft a response to the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) and this be circulated to Board Members for comment, and
- b) The response to DECC be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the portfolio holder, for submission by 30 September 2011.

SNEB 04/11 Nuclear New Build Update

The Board was provided with an overview of Nuclear New Build together with an update.

Members were advised that work at NuGeneration Ltd and National Grid was progressing and that they were meeting regularly.

Further progress would be reported to Members via email.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

SNEB 05/11 Weightman Report

The Acting Head of Nuclear and Energy Development advised the Board that on 14 March 2011, the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change requested HM Chief Inspector of Nuclear Installations to examine the circumstances of the Fukushima accident in Japan on 11 March 2011.

A report highlighting initial findings was published in May 2011 and the final report is expected later this month.

Members were appraised of the scope of the report and the initial findings as they relate to the nuclear agenda for Copeland and its communities.

RESOLVED that

- a) the report be noted, and
- b) the final report be an Agenda item for a future meeting of this Board.

SNEB 06/11 Forward Plan and Work Programme

A proposal for dates and subject matter for future meetings was discussed.

RESOLVED that

- a) The Strategic Nuclear and Energy Board will meet on 24 November 2011 at 10am, 5 January 2012 at 5pm and 29 March 2012 at 10am and
- b) The subject matter for future meetings be amended to include the final Weightman report on the November meeting agenda and to remove the MRWS partnership recommendation ref to DMBs from the March 2012 agenda.

SNEB 07/11 General Updates

Members were provided with a written update on three planning related issues being:-

- Notification and consultation on a County Waste Matter. Planning Application at the Low Level Waste Repository, near Drigg, Holmrook (Ref 4/11/9007/OF2)
- Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm
- Keekle Wind Farm Proposal

RESOLVED that updates be noted

The meeting closed at 6:00 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....