

D&CPC LIAISON GROUP MEETING – TUESDAY 27th APRIL 2021

Present: John Jennings, D&C PC
Paul Pointon, LLWR
Martin Walkingshaw, LLWR
Donna Glasson, LLWR

Andy Pratt, D&C PC
Rob Yetts, LLWR
Megan Watson, LLWR

Apologies: Suey Browne, D&C PC
Cath Giel, LLWR

Outstanding Actions

Actions raised at March's meeting

- Arrange a date and time to deliver the parish council bench from LLWR – Action on DG & Site Operations TL. [Delivery took place Friday 9th April. Action closed](#)
- Contact details for LLWR Ecologist to pass to the parish council – Action CAG. [Email issued to John 12/04/21. Action closed.](#)

New Agenda Items

- Update on Site Operations and Projects (including COVID-19)
- Transition to Subsidiary model
- Progress on Waste Division
- HGV summary report overview
- LLWR vacancies – update from HR
- Rail repairs on LLWR – 4th/14th May
- Wide load – RDP bridge w/c 11th May
- Road closure B5344 for gas works postponed until 1st June
- Any other business

Paul Pointon welcomed everyone to the meeting and tabled apologies on behalf of Suey and Cath.

Minutes of the last meeting (30/03/2021)

Approved by the committee.

Paul gave a brief visual update of the site to the attendees that had been presented to the workforce during the All Hands Briefing on Monday 26th April. The photographs show how much the site is changing and progressing for the RDP programme, new haul roads, stock piles, water lagoon area and traffic lights.

Update on Site Operations and Projects

Rob Yetts gave a verbal summary of current activities on the LLWR Site:

LLW areas

The Site has received 0 containers year to date. As mentioned last month, the detailed plan for this financial year now shows 132 containers due to arrive. Sellafield Ltd have changed their deliveries and LLWR will only receive a train when it has 10 containers loaded, this is more efficient and cost effective.

Maintenance

The team is still maintaining all safety critical, statutory or regulatory tasks. The team are continuing to work at full strength in their separate “cells” or “pods, really good work from the team.

Infrastructure

The team continues to support all Site areas from a COVID-19 and welfare facilities approach.

The drainage works at the south end of Site have started, we are aware of the issues and how to repair them. LLWR still have a priority of the drainage works on the west side involving two local landowners, we have requested costs from our contractors to conduct the works.

Surfacing of the Site Perimeter track started slightly later than anticipated. The work will continue into May with the potential for up to 15 extra lorries per day during this period. The tarmac lorries have been well marshalled through the village by Stobbarts.

PCM Programme

The programme is complete. The demolition works for the decommissioned empty bunkers now becomes part of the Repository Infrastructure Programme (RIP), which will hopefully take place this financial year.

Repository Development Programme

RDP continues at a fast pace with lots of changes happening weekly. The haul road is progressing over to the west side and we have a delivery date for the new bridge which will span Drigg stream. Stock pile C is filling up and the water lagoon D is well under construction.

The bridge delivery is scheduled for Tuesday 11th May which will be in 3 sections (each load being 23.02m long) the wide load letter is ready to be posted to the residents and the reminder letter hand delivered the day before.

Repository Infrastructure Programme

We have new work faces for this financial year which include the replacement of the north and south enviro door at DGF, replacement cladding outside DGF and maintenance to all Site gates.

Geophysics ground surveys update

Geophysics work is complete.

Boreholes

We are on schedule for the borehole works to start on LLWR Site on Monday 17th May. All works will be carried out within the LLWR Site boundary. There will be no wide load deliveries for these works.

Company Updates

Paul gave the update relating to the Transition to Subsidiary - the transition plan is on track for 12th July and the readiness review witnessed by ONR was complete in April. Paul announced Rob's replacement is Mike Pigott and he will start his handover with Rob on the 31st May.

Martin gave an update on the Waste Division transition - talks have started with the RWM CEO to share experiences and resources, both companies having excellent knowledge of the nuclear industry. LLWR and RWM will remain separate legal entities.

A brand consulting agency have conducted initial interviews on behalf of the Waste Division, one of which was with John Jennings.

HGV Summary

Megan Watson delivered the HGV summary for the April period. LLWR received 107 HGV's over a four-week period, with one curfew breach. The lookahead forecast stats for the next period are anticipated as 246 HGV's this includes the extra tarmac lorries and RDP deliveries. The next abnormal loads expected to the Repository will be the haul road bridge in May. No train deliveries during April.

LLWR Vacancies

The update provided by the HR department has 6 current vacancies at LLWR, one staff permanent position and others are agency positions.

The selection of vacancies are advertised through either www.publicsectorresourcing.co.uk or www.gov.uk/llwr. DG will continue to issue notifications to the PC representatives as new vacancies are advertised.

AOB

Paul asked for further details on the road closure which CCC had informed LLWR via email. After receiving an email on 12/04/21 stating that the B5344 Drigg Road will be closed for 3 days between 26-28th April it was apparent the road diversion had not taken into account the low bridge in Seascale. Any vehicle larger than a transit van would not be able to get under the bridge, such

as school buses, dustbin lorries, delivery trucks to local businesses and shops, and in the event of an emergency, any emergency vehicles.

After contacting Drigg & Carleton Parish Council it was apparent that there were some issues for the local communities as well as LLWR. Cllr Andy Pratt made several calls to CCC (Cllr Hitchen and Cllr Turner) to request for a hold on the road works. LLWR received an email on the 21st April with a new date of Tuesday 1st June for the road closure.

It was agreed that CCC need to consult with the Parish Councils and LLWR for future road closures or works that may affect the community and the Repository.

Paul had contacted the Parish Council on Monday afternoon to say that one of our contractors on the Site had been taken ill and a blue light response for an ambulance was needed.

During the LLWR WCSSG meeting on the 21/04/21, Cllr Moore raised concerns over Near Surface Disposal (NSD) proposals. Martin Walkingshaw has since contacted Cllr Moore to have a meeting with him and go through the information that has already been presented at the WCSSG meetings to allow better understanding of NSD.

It was agreed that both Seascale PC and Drigg & Carleton PC should have a joint meeting with LLWR to develop better their understanding of potential NSD. Action to arrange a joint meeting. CAG & MW.

Actions raised at meeting 27/04/2021

- LLWR to arrange a joint meeting with Seascale PC and D&C PC for better understanding on potential NSD. Action on CAG and MW.

Date of Next Meeting

Date of the next Skype meeting will be Tuesday 25th May, 6.00pm.

Paul closed the meeting.