

D&CPC LIAISON GROUP MEETING – TUESDAY 31st May 2022

Present: John Jennings, D&C PC
Andy Pratt, D&C PC
Suey Browne, D&C PC
Martin Walkingshaw
Mike Pigott
Megan Watson
Samantha Ward

Apologies: Donna Glasson
Samantha McKenzie

Martin Walkingshaw welcomed everyone to the meeting

Minutes of the last meeting (26/04/2022) – There were no issues raised and the minutes were deemed accurate and approved by the committee.

Outstanding Actions

- **Enhance the Drigg Bursary report.**

Samantha and John had a meeting to review the Drigg Bursary report to demonstrate alignment to the funding criteria and highlight the benefits of the fund to the local community. John awaiting further information from Samantha. Action ongoing SM/JJ

- **Stakeholder engagement from BEIS for policy and consultation document.**

BEIS were expected to issue the consultation document by the end of May/June, this date has been pushed out again and expectation is now August time due to government delays. Once this is published, we can progress and engage with the local parish councils. Action Ongoing MW

- **To provide updates for working hours at the site.**

No significant update since the last meeting, MP has a meeting with unions planned for next week (Weds 08.06.2022) and will provide more information at the next meeting. Action ongoing MP

- **Community bench, new area to be located.**

The parish council are to identify an alternative location to site the bench. Once identified our operations team will support delivery of the bench. There have been no further updates provided since the last meeting. Action ongoing JJ and AP

Nuclear Waste Services Update

Martin Walkingshaw gave a progress update as Chief Operating Officer for Nuclear Waste Services. Continuing through a busy period of activity, notable highlights were:

- Attendance and giving support to Mid Copeland GDF drop- in at Drigg Village Hall. A noticeably bigger turnout, with Nuclear Waste Services personnel increasing as well as those from LLWR repository to attend any future events.
- LLWR Site International academics heritage and culture visit on the 19th May.
- ONR Senior Managers Nuclear Security Briefing from 24th -26th May provided great insight and awareness to the team with great learning value.
- Our newsletter is due to come out with a feature on the use of land concerning the SSSI This should help to clear up some of the rumours around its intended use and focus on environmental monitoring programme purpose.
- Blended working progressing, with new pilot areas at Pelham House and on-site office accommodation for more agile working.
- An incident on site by a visitor while attending a visit has been noted, this resulted in a broken arm and although there were no obvious causes, the ground surface has been deemed as slightly uneven. All policies were followed however this causes us to refocus on the basics and look at relaying some paving stones.
- On a more sombre note, a CCF applicant has received some online abuse. The victim is being supported and the case is being looked into, but it is not something Nuclear Waste Services will tolerate.

Site Operations update from Mike Pigott

LLW Operations

ISO Containers

- 29 containers are groutable, with the campaign planned for October 2022.
- 34 currently on hold of which 12 are releasable in the short term.
- 2022/2023 remains at around 85 as a provisional forecast.

TRS

- Concrete barriers have been successfully placed north of V8 in the week commencing 25th April.
- The second of 11 rail consignments went on Fri 27 May, with a total of 200 drums out of 1068 received to date.
- TRS drum operations are still planned to start Summer 2022, with mobilisation on 13th June, scaffolding at the end of June and the third rail consignment planned for mid-August.

PCM Drum Re-Characterisation

- There has been continued progress on this and is now an NDA Employee Award Winning Project for Value for Money.
- At the close of play 31st May, there were 1401 of 1808 assayed.

Maintenance

- Normal plant backlog of 2, down from 4. Fast Work Orders at 37, reduction on previous week at 46. These remain at acceptable levels and no concerns with a focus on planned dates.

Infrastructure

- Drainage work will resume as we progress into Spring, corrective actions at south/west of site prior to Winter appear to have been successful.

Repository Asset Care, Enhancement, and Remediation

- RACER remobilisation continues to show enhanced integration across site and the supply chain. DGF Care and enhancement continue with both north and south Envirodoors

removed and reduced. Replacements were delivered to site on the 18th May. Replacement commences in July and the grouting campaign planned for October.

- PCM Magazine demolition planning and procurement is also well underway.

RDP

- Minor civils work due to complete the 17th of August and the Haul road, with its recent addition of tarmac, is looking good.

Priorities going forward

- Mike Pigott will have delegated authority from Martin while on Annual leave over the next two weeks. This will include covering the Drigg and Carleton Annual Gala judging. Action JJ to send over details.
- Regulatory Annual Review of Safety on the 8th June.
- PCM demo BAT study on the 9th June
- TRS Operations continue
- Envirodoors and DGF Mobilisation to continue.
- Continued focus on safety security environmental compliance and good stewardship.

HGV summary report

MW summarised:

- There were 138 deliveries to site by road in May.
- 1 Curfew breach. When asked, the driver explained this was due to heavy traffic and due to the nature of the load, they were unable to turn away in this instance (Tarmac delivery for RDP).
- Looking forward, there will be an increase in road deliveries due to the import of tarmac for the haul road (45 expected w/c 30th May and 30 expected w/c 6th June. This is due to be completed on the 10th June.
- 1 abnormal load collection from site scheduled on 7th June (collection of excavator for RDP). Postal letters have been sent, and physical letter drop will take place to the affected residents on 6th June.

HR Vacancy Report

The update provided by the HR department has 8 current vacancies at Nuclear Waste Services, all of which are permanent staff positions.

Site emergency exercise – 9th June 2022

Fire and rescue will be in attendance as well as police representation. The expectation is for this to start as normal at around 9.30am and continue through to lunch time.

Buoy falling head text booked for 21st June 2022

For information only, and to expect some activity around Manhole 11.

AOB

- SB asked if in future when the minutes are distributed, could a note to say that these are ok for onward submission be included. As previously other versions for social media platforms and website uploads have been provided. Action on DG and SMc.
- The removal of speed bumps from outside Rose Cottage has seen an increase in traffic speed in that area. The situation is currently being monitored, with various suggestions being put forward (painted chicanes/ removable bollards). It was noted that some of the culprits were in Network Rail vehicles. Action on Megan to make contact to raise the issue.

Parish Council questions

- JJ commented that a request for use of the marquee had been submitted to hold a memorial event for N Thompson, who passed away during covid. This was for the 28th June. Details to be forwarded by JJ to SM and DG. This may mean the planned date for the next meeting will need to be moved.

Actions from meeting

- **Enhance the Drigg Bursary report.** Action ongoing SM/JJ
- **Stakeholder engagement from BEIS for policy and consultation document.** Action Ongoing MW
- **To provide updates for working hours at the site.** Action ongoing MP
- **Community bench, new area to be located.** Action ongoing JJ and AP
- **To amend/provide note with future minutes to authorise the onward distribution.** New Action DG and SMc
- **To make contact with Network Rail regarding traffic speed around Rose Cottage.** New Action MW
- **To rearrange the date of the next meeting.** New Action DG

Date of Next Meeting

Date of the next meeting to be arranged. (originally planned for 28.06.2022, but needs to be revised)

Martin closed the meeting.