

D&CPC LIAISON GROUP MEETING – Thursday 27th April 2023

Present	John Jennings, D&C PC (JJ)	Andy Pratt, D&C PC (AP)
	Martin Walkingshaw (MW)	Mike Pigott (MP)
	Samantha Ward (SW)	Samantha McKenzie (SM)
Apologies	Suey Browne, D&C PC (SB)	

Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting and tabled apologies sent from Suey. There were no issues raised from the last meeting (28/03/2023) and minutes deemed accurate and approved by the committee.

Outstanding Actions

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

MP said dialogue had started. An offer has been made for the appointment of a Site Development Manager who would be helping to take this forward. Trade Unions have been engaged and the consultation and negotiation process has commenced. Further updates will be provided when they are available. **MP Action ongoing**

- **Request G Garrs contacts parishioner, to discuss queries over UKRWI**

MW has spoken to G Garrs and believes parishioners' initial queries have been addressed. **MW Action closed**

- **To set up a community engagement event to provide an update on near term activities planned for the Repository site**

24 May 2023 has been given as the agreed date. AP confirmed the Village Hall had been booked. SW agreed to forward more information as soon as this was available, for publication on the Parish Council's website. A letter drop to residents will also follow with the details. MW noted that the recent residents tour was well received with many showing a genuine interest in the site. Feedback was received that they felt better informed as a result. Action taken by SW to look at a future event for those that were unsuccessful in securing a place previously. **Action Ongoing SW/ SM/ MP**

JJ noted that sometimes those working feel excluded from the events organised and that some consideration should be given to this. MW suggested that going forward, we could look to incorporate drop-in style events for the community after/ before the working group meetings. Action on SM to work with AP and Rob Ward to start planning these into the calendar, potentially alternating times so to accommodate a wider audience. **New Action SM**

- **Traffic Management. Reinforcement of expectations with the workforce and speed monitoring.**

MP detailed the work that had been done since the last liaison meeting. A speed monitoring afternoon was undertaken in conjunction with Cumbria Constabulary to provide monitoring data. Out of 112 vehicles monitored, 6 offenders were recorded in exceeding the speed limit. Upon investigation, none of

those exceeding the limit were NWS employees. Two were recorded at a speed of 36mph, which were subsequently stopped and cautioned. MP will continue to reinforce the issues of speeding with the workforce, and where necessary, will take any necessary action. **MP Action closed**

Nuclear Waste Services from Martin Walkingshaw

MW spoke through key highlights since the last meeting. Period 12 reporting has been done and our safety record remains good. Across the NDA estate, NWS has the lowest recordable incident rating currently and we have just received our 17th RoSPA gold award.

Work continues on our integration of the IT and management systems as a priority within the business, as well as organisational changes being worked through to encompass the larger workforce. MW's role is now Chief Operating Officer (COO): Operations and Programmes, where he will now be responsible for Waste Operations, the GDF Programme, GDF Siting and NWS Community Operations. Waste Services will move out of MW's current remit to sit alongside IWMP under Claire Gallery-Strong. MW explained that at a working level, very little change would be noticeable, but it made sense to streamline and enable collaborative working between teams where roles sometimes overlap.

GDF Update from Martin Walkingshaw

MW is currently working through detail on siting and partnerships with the support of Simon Hughes as well as GDF Tranche 3 with Tom Keegan. By the end of May, there should be a clearer picture on the Tranche 3 milestones.

MW has been speaking to CoRWM, looking at potential improvements around the GDF partnerships and where we can do better, providing support by getting the right experts to engage at the right times. AP said that he felt the Mid-Copeland events were well supported and well received, noting that others may not have had the same experience. MW has been invited to speak at the CoRWM plenary event as well as take part in a knowledge sharing trip to Berné in France.

International links are coming to the forefront, with interest and visits from the NDF from Japan, as well as Canadian NWMO which we will continue to encourage.

Site Operations Update including Repository Development (RD) stakeholder look ahead from Mike Pigott

General

MP went through the key highlights noting the continued focus on Nuclear and Conventional Safety, Compliance, and Responsible Stewardship of the site.

- 31 March – John Graham and Sarah Moore retirement.
- The completion of 6 x sunset ecological surveys as detailed at the last meeting.
- 19 April - Approximately 25 residents came onto site for a tour which was well received and something we hope to plan again for those who missed the opportunity. Specific interest was given to the SSSI, with its 999-year lease. Use of this land had been misinterpreted by some residents in the past and so it was good to have the opportunity to answer questions. New Action on SM, to reissue the map of the SSSI to the parish council.

MP said that it was good to be able to show some of the works that had been carried out and had gone almost un-noticed by the residents as part of the Repository Development enabling works, and

being able to point out what is to happen in the next phase. AP commented that since the RDP launch event, there hasn't been much communicated. MW said that it was the hope to re-engage the community with this. The drop in event on the 24th May will be the first of a number of events where we can communicate openly about the work on site and what the residents can expect. MW said we would look to relaunching the open days going forward to help with community engagement.

- 21 April - Speed monitoring campaign in collaboration with Cumbria Constabulary.
 - 1 resident doing 32 MPH not stopped
 - 1 person from Carlisle doing 32 MPH not stopped
 - 1 UPS delivery truck doing 32 MPH not stopped
 - 1 from Wick doing 32 MPH not stopped
 - 1 resident doing 36 MPH, stopped and spoken to
 - 1 resident doing 37 MPH, stopped and spoken to
- 24/25 April - NWS Customer Conference in Bolton. MP shared some images with the group.
- 27 April - Site level exercise was carried out with no issues.

Containers

- F/Y 22-23 – 51 containers have been received to site.
- Groutable – 46
- On hold – 59 plus 160 Overweight top-ups
- Grouting campaign is now underway as part of a 26-week campaign, due to end mid-August.

Treated Radwaste Store Drums

- Drum emplacement has restarted.
- 520 of 600 drums on site now emplaced (of total 1068)
- 100 drum receipts on 21 April, another receipt is expected in June.
- TRS import via road is predicted to start 2 May, lasting for approximately 4 weeks, Monday-Thursday, consisting of 2x HGVs per day.

HGV summary

- TRS HGV deliveries are paused at the moment, restarting 2 May for approximately 4 weeks. This will run Monday to Thursday, avoiding the bank holidays, with 2 HGVs per day.
- Sellafield train dates are planned but not yet confirmed for 26 July and 29 November.

April

- Actual Deliveries (HGV): 51
- Actual Rail Deliveries (Rail): 1
- Curfew Breaches: 0

Repository Development

- Southern Trench interim membrane preparations continue noting Lagoon C stump removal planned in May, which will have a short-term impact.
- June will see visible works being carried out on the drainage at the southern end of the trench cap including 2x excavators and 2x dumpers, carrying out enabling work for interim and final capping.

Priorities

- MP will be attending the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group (WCSSG) meeting on 2 May in place of MW with the support of Bruce Cairns.
- Grouting campaign continues.
- NDA internal audit planned for early May.
- Cumberland Council visit and T2 meeting planned for late May.
- 24 May RD Stakeholder event at Drigg Village Hall.

AOB

AP relayed that there had been conversations with the Rifle Club around the current situation regarding occupancy. MW reiterated as this is now in the legal process, and was in the hands of the solicitors, so currently unable to comment. AP offered to assist in any mediation necessary to come to a resolution, which was kindly noted.

MW asked the PC members to consider a request for the use of the marquee, to support a local event: Whitehaven Pride and Diversity on 5 August 2023. AP and JJ agreed to take this away and speak to the PC members and also check there were no clashes with availability. *NB- the date has changed for the event to 16 September 2023, JJ and AP notified of new date request outside of the meeting.*

AP asked about the possibility of a traffic study being carried out. MP confirmed although this was not in our immediate plans, we may look into this in the future as part of the site development. As an interim measure, better graphics of HGV movements are going to be used in the meetings going forward, looking to show trends an previous data but also any planned activity on what to expect.

New actions

- Look to plan regular stakeholder update events to coincide with the WCSSG meetings- **SM**
- Reissue of the SSSI Map to meeting attendees- **SM**
- Look into the use of the marquee for Whitehaven Pride and Diversity event- **JJ/ AP**

Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting Tuesday 23rd May 2023, at Pelham House.

Current Vacancies

All current vacancies can be found at <https://rwm.hireserve-projects.com/current-vacancies.html>