

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Title	Theddlethorpe GDF Community Partnership Meeting 16		
Date	Thursday 18 th April 2024		
Time	From:	14:00	To: 16:30
Location	Coastal Centre, Victoria Road, Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire, LN12 2AQ		
Independent Interim Chair	Jon Collins (Interim Chair)		
Note taker	Victoria Mana		
Meeting Attendees –			
Community Partnership (CP) Members			
Sector	Name	Organisation	Role
Nuclear Waste Services (NWS)	Sarah Fletcher	Nuclear Waste Services	Interim Community Engagement Manager
Council	Cllr Martin Hill*	Lincolnshire County Council	Leader
Council	Cllr Craig Leyland	East Lindsey District Council	Leader
Council	Cllr Simon Acklam	Theddlethorpe & Withern Parish Council	Parish Council Representative
Council	Cllr Claire Arnold	Mablethorpe & Sutton Town Council	Town Council Representative
Voluntary	Tammy Smalley*	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	Head of Conservation
	David Fannin	Lincolnshire Voluntary Engagement Team (LVET)	Director
Voluntary	Ken Smith	Guardians of the East Coast	Chair
Business	Gareth Rowland	Holivans Ltd	Director
Business	Carl Richardson	Dunes Family Entertainment Centre Ltd Dunes Food Events Company Ltd	Director Managing Director
Business	Helen Fisher	We Are Carbon	Proprietor
Meeting Observers			
	Andy Gutherson	Lincolnshire County Council	Executive Director of Place
	Edward Wright	Lincolnshire County Council	Policy & Engagement Officer (Nuclear Energy)
Other Attendees			
	Simon Hughes	Nuclear Waste Services	Siting & Communities Director
	Matt Swift*	Nuclear Waste Services	Senior Project Manager
	Nicky Kirkby	Nuclear Waste Services	Operations Manager
	Nicola Clarke	Nuclear Waste Services	Community Engagement Manager
	Joe Blissett	Nuclear Waste Services	Grants Manager
Guest Presenter			
	Jamie Matear	Nuclear Waste Management Organisation (NWMO), Canada	Director, Siting Coordination
Apologies			
Voluntary	Rob Druce	Mablethorpe Coastwatch	Station Manager
Observer	Lydia Rusling	East Lindsey District Council	Assistant Director of Economic Growth
Notes	*Attended Meeting Online		

Agenda

Item	Description
1	Introductions, apologies and opening remarks
2	Declaration of Interests (any new / changes) - standing item
3	Review of outstanding actions from previous meeting and matters arising
4	Jamie Matear, Nuclear Waste Management Organisation, Canada
5	Programme of Activities – Update of progress Workstream one: Communications & Engagement Workstream three: Community Investment Funding Workstream four: Visioning Workstream five: Operations & Governance
6	Topical Events – Update of plans
7	AOB

Notes

Item	Notes for the record	Raised by / lead
1	Introductions, apologies and opening remarks	Interim Chair
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions made and apologies noted 	
2	Declaration of Interests (any new / changes) Standing item	All
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates 	
3	Review of outstanding actions from previous meeting and matters arising -	Interim Chair
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was highlighted that Mablethorpe primary school was hosting an open day on 20th April to get the views of young people about what it is like to live and work in the local area. The point was made that this is the type of event which CP members should look to attend, and request made that information about such events is shared with CP members for them to consider attending • <u>Update</u> – Nicky Kirkby attended this event on 20th April 	
4	Jamie Matear, Nuclear Waste Management Organisation (NWMO), Canada	Jamie Matear
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal overview of the NWMO approach to the siting process and discussion which included the following – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>How the Canadian communities feel about the process of a GDF</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2010 – 2012: much positive interest was initially generated as 22 communities put themselves forward as a potential host for the geological repository for spent nuclear waste, with two now remaining 	

	<p>in the process, Ignace, North-West Ontario and South Bruce, South Ontario</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NWMO aspire to execute a fair, transparent and rigorous process, their ultimate aim being to identify an ‘informed and willing’ community ➤ Community Liaison Committees (CLCs) are independent voluntary bodies which promote learning, information sharing and understanding (CLCs are the equivalent of the CP) <p><i>2. How NWMO engages with challenging and difficult communities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Acknowledgement that different people oppose the project for different reasons, eg, some oppose nuclear power in general, others live in non-nuclear areas and have a general lack of understanding ➤ NWMO has welcomed opposition groups (known as critical voices) to participate at its engagement events so that their views can be heard and respected ➤ Being proactive and involving as many people as possible has been an important part of the process and acknowledging that the public are mostly drawn to events when there is something new for them to learn ➤ Using physical elements such as bringing in a truck of the type which would be used for moving the waste creates a talking point and generates more interest and allows more circumvent conversations ➤ Delegations go to present in areas where critical voices are strong – and it is recognised that this is sometimes a reactive response ➤ It was acknowledged that the public thirst for specific information – such as the publishing of technical reports, the understanding of benefits to the community, etc can be challenging. Owing to the complexity of these topics, they can take time to be fully approved which can lead to scepticism from the public ➤ NWMO did share technical information with the CLC and then the public, and these reports can be seen on their website (please see the link at the bottom of this item) <p><i>3. <u>How NWMO monitors public support</u></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NWMO have consistently listened to the communities involved in the process over the last 12 – 14 years and this has engendered trust and confidence over this time ➤ There was discussion around the timing of a Test of Public Support (ToPS) and whether the setting of a specific timeframe is too restrictive. The Canadian process has been organic and flexible as the whole process is seen as emerging over time without being overly prescriptive <p>Home The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO)</p>	
5	Programme of Activities	
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update of progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Early stages of workstreams delivery progressing well 	Nicky Kirkby
5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workstream one: Communications & Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Branding for CP material is being worked on and the CP website is in the process of being redesigned 	Helen Fisher & Jon Collins



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Distribution of GDF Voice is due on 20th May➤ A CP member expressed concern about the lack of engagement carried out so far by CP members within the community and would like this to be addressed. Sentiment expressed was that members of the community should have the same learning opportunities and access to information as the CP➤ Response was that the strategy should look to facilitate future engagements being led by the CP and that a strategy meeting is scheduled for 29th April➤ The message was that the CP need to be proactive, not reactive➤ Identify and approach local Parish Councils with the idea of offering to present information about the CP and its work➤ A CP member expressed the view that many local people are unaware of what the role of the CP is and who the members are and thinks that more visibility of the CP is needed➤ Also noted that the messaging needs to be consistent and a request made for a supply of frequently asked questions with approved answers to be made available➤ It was confirmed that doorstep activity is due to restart in May➤ Holiday maker survey will take place during the summer (over a four week period)	
5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Workstream three: Community Investment Funding<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ There is still a large amount of funding to allocate before the end of the CIF Year (June 2024)➤ Focus of the panel is to provide value and benefit for local people➤ It was clarified that, whilst NWS expect due diligence, the measuring of the value and genuine benefit is left to the discretion of the panel	David Fannin
5.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Workstream four: Visioning<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ An extensive range of activities is planned for the upcoming months and a general request made to CP members for help in running these➤ Aspiration is for this work to link in with the wider visioning work of the rPLAs	Carl Richardson
5.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Workstream five: Operations & Governance<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Interim Chair left the room for this part of the meeting➤ Documentation about the recruitment of a substantive Chair is currently being assessed by the legal team at NWS➤ It was confirmed that the minutes from Meeting 15 set out the preferred criteria for choosing a substantive Chair➤ The advert should be as open and as encouraging as possible in order to attract as many applications as possible➤ Profiling and Skills audit is required to support potential co-opt recruitment➤ Frequency of CP meetings going forward needs to be reviewed, and this will include inviting CP members to feedback their preferences	Cllr Craig Leyland

6	Topical Events – Update of Plans	Sarah Fletcher
6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Meet the Experts (Topical) events of 27th – 29th June are NWS led owing to their technical subject matter and content, but support from CP members is very welcome ➤ Feedback from these sessions, along with other engagement feedback will help to shape future events which will happen three to four times a year ➤ Requests were made of CP members to agree to the promotion of these events via CP channels (meeting slide 32) ➤ Consider the capacity of meeting venues when inviting members of the public to attend events 	
7	AOB	Interim Chair - All
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ None noted 	

Action Log

Meeting Date	Minutes Reference	Item	Date Due	Date Actioned	Status	Comments
18.04.24	5.2	Collate a list of Parish Councils and other appropriate groups for the CP to approach. Extend an offer to go to talk about the CP and their role in the GDF process	20.06.24		Open	Nicky Kirkby
18.04.24	5.2	Produce a slide pack outlining the work and purpose of the CP. Include a profile of the CP members to use the pack to help promote awareness of their role within the local community	20.06.24		Open	Anneline Wilson to action
18.04.24	5.2	Start an NWS internal comms briefing directory	31.05.24		Open	Anneline Wilson to action
21.03.24	3.3	Once CP member profiling and skills audit complete, including circulating to CP Members for approval, a paper to be written setting out	20.06.24		Open	Nicky Kirkby to action

		any demographic, skills and experience gaps which a co-opted individual might bring to the Partnership				
21.03.24	3.4	Paper to be written reporting on the progress of the young person co-opted role	20.06.24		Open	Nicky Kirkby to ask LCVS to provide update
21.03.24	3.5	Talk to CLIP college about the Youth Council	20.06.24	01.05.24	Closed	Nicky Kirkby to action
18.04.24	5.5	Circulate a meeting frequency survey to CP members	10.05.24	13.05.24	Closed	Nicky Kirkby to action Email sent 13.05.24 with responses requested by 23.05.24
18.04.24	6.1	Investigate the restrictions on numbers attending any proposed events. Consider if a pre-booking option is to be promoted	16.05.24		Closed	Nicky Kirkby to work with events team
18.04.24	6.1	Email to be sent to CP members re the requests for using CP channels etc for promoting events (meeting slide 32)	30.04.24	29.04.24	Closed	Victoria Mana to action Email sent 24.04.24 with responses requested by 29.04.24