

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Title	Theddlethorpe GDF Community Partnership Meeting 17		
Date	Thursday 16 th May 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	Rob Druce	Mablethorpe Coastwatch	Station Manager
Voluntary	David Fannin	Lincolnshire Voluntary Engagement Team (LVET)	Director
Voluntary	Ken Smith	Guardians of the East Coast	Chair
Business	Gareth Rowland		
Business	Carl Richardson	Dunes Family Entertainment Centre Ltd Dunes Food Events Company Ltd	Director Managing Director
Business	Helen Fisher	We Are Carbon	Proprietor
Meeting Observer			
	Edward Wright*	Lincolnshire County Council	Policy & Engagement Officer (Nuclear Energy)
Other Attendees			
	Simon Hughes	Nuclear Waste Services	Siting & Communities Director
	Alison Beard	Nuclear Waste Services	Siting & Communities Project Manager
	Bruce Cairns	Nuclear Waste Services	Chief Policy Adviser
	Nicky Kirkby	Nuclear Waste Services	Operations Manager
	Nicola Clarke	Nuclear Waste Services	Community Engagement Manager
	Anneline Wilson	Nuclear Waste Services	Regional Communications Manager
	Mike Bowman	Nuclear Waste Services	GDF Adviser / Consultant
Guest Presenters			
	Jane Uptlen	Australian Radioactive Waste Agency (ARWA)	Manager, Communications & Engagement
	Jodie Lindsay	ARWA	General Manager, Social Licence & Operational Support

	Helen Cassidy	ARWA	Manager, Operations & Inventory
	Howie Fei	ARWA	Assistant Manager, Operations & Inventory
	Jenni Stiffe	Australian Radiation Protection & Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA)	Director, Communications
	Abby Oakey	Australian Submarine Agency (ASA)	Policy Officer, Stewardship & Security Division
	Cassandra Casey	Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO)	Principal Advisor, Social Licence & Stakeholder Engagement
Apologies			
Voluntary	Tammy Smalley	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	Head of Conservation
Observers	Andy Gutherson	Lincolnshire County Council	Executive Director of Place
	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	Australian Nuclear Agencies
5	Summary of surveys prepared by GOTEK and ELDC Councillor, Withern & Theddlethorpe Ward
6	Youth engagement
7	Feedback from Theddlethorpe Annual Parish Meeting
8	Programme of Activities – Update of progress Workstream one: Communications & Engagement Workstream three: Community Investment Funding Workstream four: Visioning Workstream five: Operations & Governance
9	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"> • Minutes from previous meeting were approved • Nicky Kirkby referred to the young person co-opt role. Nicky is still working on this, but wanted to make Partnership members aware that this process could take a few more months. A paper will be brought to a future meeting to consider the options around how to proceed 	
4	Australian Nuclear Agencies	Australian Guests
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation provided an overview of the reasons for their visit to the UK and Australia's current place in the process for the storage of nuclear waste • Visit to the UK (and then to Sweden) in order to gain knowledge by collaborating with organisations already further ahead in the process • Considering using the UK's model of a consent based approach • Nuclear industry is on a much smaller scale in Australia than in the UK • Australian government have been seeking a solution for a waste storage facility for about 40 years • The waste is either intermediate level or low level (no high level waste) • Much of the nuclear waste is a byproduct from nuclear medicine • ANSTO facility, Lucas Heights, near Sydney, has a nuclear reactor, therefore producing (and also storing) radioactive material. It is also a base for nuclear research and technological development • There is a need to find a location for longer term and more sustainable storage, with Kimba, South Australia being a proposed site • The management of waste from nuclear-powered submarines is also a part of the programme and this needs to be considered as part of the longer term project • ARPANSA is the independent regulator for all organisations which use or produce radiation • ARPANSA has a role as a health advisor to both the government and community and helps with guidance around protecting workers from radiation, eg, those administering x-rays, etc • ARWA is the equivalent of NWS and was established in 2020 by the Australian government • ARWA recognise that demonstrating safety is key to gaining trust of local communities 	

5	Reflective View of External Surveys	Nicola Clarke
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of this item was to receive a report that would help the CP to better understand existing survey results that are being presented as evidence that 85% of local people were not in favour of the GDF. It was pointed out that the report refers to two separate surveys • Correction required around the survey of Autumn 2021– this was overseen by Theddlethorpe Parish Council, and not distributed throughout the wider ward of Withern & Theddlethorpe – NB that the slides have been updated • Clarity given that the questionnaire was sent to c. 500 households, 46% of which were returned with 85% of those saying ‘no’. This was a strictly controlled process • For the second survey of Spring 2024, suggestion was made that Cllr Travis Hesketh should be invited to present his report findings at a future meeting. Therefore, this agenda item was deferred to a future time (please see decision log and action notes below) • Recognised that the survey of Cllr Hesketh was more wide ranging and was facilitated via Facebook groups across different communities. Face to face engagement also took place (with help from others). Overall outcome was that 85% of people said ‘no’ • A CP Member said that he had done an informal survey locally, and his findings had an 85% (anti) / 15% (pro) split • The NWS doorstep engagement team are registering a fairly even split between those who are for, against and undecided • The CP agreed that existing surveys provide useful reference points, but none meet the requirements of the Test of Public Support (ToPS). It is a priority for the CP to agree the process for undertaking a rigorous, verifiable and credible ToPs • A CP Member suggested a joint survey overseen by the two wards, ie, Withern and Mablethorpe as they have very different opinions • Suggestion made that the CP could look to carry out their own survey • Noted that Cllr Hill and Cllr Leyland would abstain from participation in this survey as their focus is the Test of Public Support proposed for 2027. They think that residents should have as much information as possible ahead of a vote being requested 	
6	Youth Engagement	Nicky Kirkby Cllr Claire Arnold
6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event was held on 20th April at Mablethorpe primary school where young people were invited to share their views about what it is like to live and work in the area. Materials were produced, including a video and booklet, which highlighted their top priorities • Their number one priority was a safe indoor space, eg, a Youth Club • Recognised by those attending the event that young people have very clear ideas about how they would like their future to look • Question arose about what the CP can do to give the youth a voice • CP member raised concerns that there are many homeschooled children in the area and they should not be overlooked for any future engagement work with schools • Sarah Fletcher has been invited to a meeting with the governors of John Spendluffe School on 22nd May 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged that any interaction needs to be driven by the young people rather than them being told what to do. The young need to be listened to • Idea proposed that they could be given the opportunity to visit British Geological Survey and other sites • Finding appropriate ways to engage further with young people is needed • Referenced that young voices could contribute towards how Community Investment Funding (CIF) is distributed and to have influence in that area • Simon Hughes mentioned that there are about 130 young people involved in apprenticeships at NWS and he encouraged use of this resource 	
7	Feedback from Theddlethorpe Annual Parish Meeting	David Fannin Helen Fisher
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Fannin, Helen Fisher and Joe Blissett attended this meeting on 25th April on behalf of the CP • Discussion was about CIF, clarity of process was provided, how the CIF year runs and support available for applicants • One outcome was that the application form was thought to be too detailed, and noted that consideration will be given to simplify the application process, especially for grants of £10,000 and under • Noted that there is still a barrier around CIF and many people are discouraged from applying as they don't like the association with NWS • Feedback was received that Theddlethorpe Village Hall Association were concerned at being included in GDF Voice due to the publicity they received • Progress still to be made around communications for CIF 	
8	Programme of Activities	
8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update of progress PoA workstreams now picking up pace, especially Workstream one • Workstream one: Communication & Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Helen Fisher to focus on communications work, Cllr Claire Arnold is now involved with this workstream and will focus on engagement work ➤ Rebranding still in progress – work being done by external agency Design will be in line with the other CPs in Cumbria ➤ Doorstep leaflet still being prepared (slight delay because of rebranding) ➤ Website development still being developed ➤ Work being done to prepare for the meeting in public for June Nicky Kirkby preparing briefing pack ➤ SME talks at end of June being prepared – safety will be the key topic along with geology of Lincolnshire. Suggestion to make the most of the SME's time whilst they are here and how they can further inform the team / CP Members ➤ Doorstep work – this will cover areas across the wider Search Area, not just Mablethorpe town ➤ Work on static information stands is in development ➤ Coastal Centre still seems a steady influx of people each Tuesday to ask the engagement team questions ➤ Holiday maker survey planned for two weeks in July ➤ Great forward focus on creative engagement ways of working 	Nicky Kirkby Helen Fisher Nicola Clarke

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Two strategy meetings held to clarify how to promote CIF and Visioning with a further meeting planned for July • Workstream three: Community Investment Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Awareness that end of CIF Year 2 is fast approaching (30th June) and pressure is on to get the funding out ➤ CIF panel will consider the current pipeline of applications on 24th June. It is anticipated that Year 2 CIF will be fully committed ➤ Joe Blissett has been working closely with groups to ensure that applications submitted are as strong as possible ➤ Simon Hughes said that he is happy to assist with signing off any business cases if this would help to expediate the process • Workstream four: Visioning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lots of planning has taken place and much to implement ➤ July to end of September will focus on engagement work with the public ➤ October to December will focus on engagement with local businesses ➤ Another sub-group meeting planned for 18th June • Workstream five: Operations & Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chair recruitment work ongoing ➤ Survey for meeting frequency distributed and most members have submitted their answers 	<p>David Fannin</p> <p>Carl Richardson</p> <p>Cllr Craig Leyland</p>
9	AOB	Interim Chair / All
9.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon Hughes referenced the recent updates to the policy framework for managing radioactive materials and nuclear decommissioning (please see action notes below) • Cllr Claire Arnold referenced the upcoming 'So Festival' which takes place 14th, 15th & 16th June in Skegness and Mablethorpe (please see action notes below) • Ken Smith asked when the CP would have more information about transport routes as his understanding was that this would be available in May/June 2024 (please see action notes below) 	

Decision Log

Meeting Date	Minutes Reference	Item	Date Due	Date Actioned	Status	Comments
16.05.24	5.1	CP Members should have the opportunity to consider the material in the two external surveys and to discuss them at a future meeting	16.05.24	16.05.24	Closed	CP Members agreed
16.05.24	5.1	Cllr Travis Hesketh should be invited to present the findings	16.05.24	16.05.24	Closed	CP Members agreed

		from the survey which he arranged and also to present the findings from the Theddlethorpe Parish survey				
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Action Log

Meeting Date	Minutes Reference	Item	Date Due	Date Actioned	Status	Comments
16.05.24	5.1	Invite Cllr Travis Hesketh to present the findings of his report of March 2024 at a future CP meeting. Findings from the Theddlethorpe Parish survey of November 2021 survey to also be presented.	17.10.24		Open	<u>Update</u> – further information has come to light about the appropriate person/s to present local opinion surveys at a future CP meeting. At a workstream leads meeting held in June involving the CP Interim Chair and two workstream leads, updated information was provided about who was involved in the surveys. Further to this, the appropriate people will be invited to present
16.05.24	7.1	Consider redesigning the CIF application form for amounts of up to £10,000 to make the process more simple. Please note that this would be for paper copies only as the online form cannot be amended	17.10.24		Open	Joe Blissett to oversee

18.04.24	5.1	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	19.09.24		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	19.09.24		Open	Anneline Wilson to action <u>Update</u> – in progress and will involve the Communications workstream with the Operations & Governance workstream
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 any demographic, skills and experience gaps which a co-opted individual might bring to the Partnership	19.09.24		Open	Nicky Kirkby to action
21.03.24	3.4	Paper to be written reporting on the progress of the young person co-opt role	19.09.24		Open	Nicky Kirkby to ask LCVS to provide update
16.05.24	5.1	NWS to present all survey work carried out to date by Yonder	21.06.24	19.06.24	Closed	Invite Justin Chamberlain to present this work <u>Update</u> - Justin has confirmed that he can present this work in the October meeting
16.05.24	5.1	Circulate the external surveys together with the slide deck	20.05.24	17.05.24	Closed	Surveys and slide deck emailed to CP Members 17.05.24

		prepared for presentation at this meeting by Nicola Clarke of NWS				
16.05.24	6.1	Circulate the materials produced as outcome of the youth event at Mablethorpe primary school of 20.04.24	24.05.24	23.05.24	Closed	Materials emailed to CP Members 22.05.24
16.05.24	9.1	Circulate the link relating to the updated policy framework for managing radioactive materials and nuclear decommissioning	20.05.24	17.05.24	Closed	Link emailed to CP Members 17.05.24
16.05.24	9.1	Circulate the link relating to the 'So Festival' which takes place 14.06.24 to 16.06.24 in Skegness and Mablethorpe	20.05.24	17.05.24	Closed	Link emailed to CP Members 17.05.24
16.05.24	9.1	Look back through previous minutes for when information about transport routes was due to be shared	20.06.24	31.05.24	Closed	Victoria Mana to action – Previous minutes have been checked and no specific information identified
18.04.24	5.2	Start an NWS internal communications briefing directory	31.05.24	31.05.24	Closed	Anneline Wilson to action <u>Update</u> – Anneline has discussed this with the internal communications team. Work has started and is ongoing