



OLDBURY ON SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the

NUCLEAR NEW BUILD COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Tuesday 2nd April @ 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr Keith Sullivan, Cllr Matthew Clothier, Dr Tony Acton, Ms Gillian Ellis-King (South Gloucestershire Council)

Clerk: Emma Pattullo

The following minutes will be considered for approval at the next meeting of the Committee and may be subject to change until that time.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received & accepted from Cllr Matthew Riddle, Cllr John Cornock, Malcolm Lynden, and Cllr Tony England (Rockhampton PC).

2 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25th February were proposed as an accurate record by MC, seconded by TA and agreed by all.

3 Review of actions (not otherwise on this agenda)

No relevant actions outstanding.

4 To discuss recent information from Horizon

A letter has been received from Leon Flexman of Horizon which summarised past commitments between the council and Horizon and clarified arrangements for the near future. Horizon intend to keep their present assets in the Oldbury area at this stage and will continue efforts to bring the farmhouses into tenanted occupation. Contact details going forward were provided.

The committee appreciated the letter and were glad to see acknowledgement that any parishioners who feel they have suffered significant harm as a result of Horizon's involvement in the area can still approach the company to discuss a solution. It was agreed that KS will reply on behalf of the committee.

Action: KS to reply to Horizon

GE-K confirmed that SGC are expecting applications for restoration works at Shepperdine Farm and The Wells in the near future. Horizon has also advised that work at Jobes Green and Dairy Farms are should be concluded soon and the properties will be let.

GE-K also reported that at a recent meeting with SGC, the Horizon Chief Executive indicated that even if Horizon's efforts to agree a satisfactory funding methodology with the UK government are successful, there could be a significant delay to the previously expected development programme. It was understood that this might be in the region of 2-3 years, but it is very difficult to say at this stage how accurate that might be. In the meantime, SGC are continuing to develop policy around new nuclear, and working to capture the knowledge built up in recent years such that the project can be picked up as smoothly as possible in the future. SGC will also respond to relevant consultations, such as that on the re-nomination of the site at Oldbury, and would seek the views of the Parish when preparing this.

The Council is also awaiting the outcome of the submission to Historic England regarding the potential listing of The Wells.

Horizon have also offered to give a presentation on future plans once the Government's energy white paper and the National Policy Statement have been published.

5 To receive report on the DCO examination process for Wylfa Newydd NNB

TA has compiled a report summarising the DCO process so far. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Post meeting note – TA has updated the report since presenting it at the meeting; the attached is the updated version.

The examination so far appears to have been an efficient and thorough process. The present stage ends on 23rd April, following which the examining panel have three months to compile their report and the Secretary of State has a further three months to make a decision.

The Horizon decision to suspend works at Wylfa has of course impacted on the examination process. It is still carrying on as this was deemed more efficient than stopping it and potentially trying to restart in the future. The company have requested that the eventual consent order be valid for 6 years rather than the usual 5. The panel have suggested a number of additional safeguards to ensure the conditions of the order are fully met; these safeguards will require the consent of the Secretary of State before construction can start. The SoS would also have to approve any transference of the licence to another party.

6 To determine future arrangements for this committee

It was agreed that this committee should remain in existence but that there was little point in frequent meetings at this stage. Accordingly, the next meeting will be held in six months, unless there are any significant happenings in the meantime.

7 Closure & date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 1st October at 7:30pm.

Signed as a correct record at the following meeting:

**WYLFA NEWYDD NUCLEAR POWER STATION DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER
EXAMINATION STATUS AS OF APRIL 10th, 2019**

The Examination led by the UK Planning Inspectorate being held on Anglesey started with a Preliminary Meeting on October 22, 2018 to agree the procedure and is due to complete 6 months later on April 23, 2019. Five expert panellists are led by a Chairperson appointed by the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Six hearings from 24 October to 9 January covered topics from the Development Consent Order (DCO), Biodiversity and Socio-Economics with the panellists commenting on and asking questions on a wide range of matters with key stakeholders present including local government, national government and Horizon Nuclear Power.

During the week March 4 to 8, five hearings were held covering the following areas:

1. Compulsory Acquisition
2. The Development Consent Order
3. Wylfa Newydd Development Area
4. Associated Developments
5. Biodiversity

There was also an evening open floor session on March 5.

Lists of Action Points have been prepared for all hearings and these, together with full Audio Recordings of the sessions are available on the National Infrastructure Planning Website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/wylfa-newydd-nuclear-power-station/>

Action Points are responded to by stakeholders according to a series of deadlines in various ways, sometimes directly to the panellists at the sessions and sometimes later in writing.

At the most recent hearings in March, there was discussion of the effects that Horizon Nuclear Power's suspension of the development at Wylfa would have on the Development Consent Order. Specifically, Horizon has proposed:

- A system of guarantees for payment of compensation for Compulsory Acquisitions,
- A demonstration that there will be adequate funding for construction and
- A mechanism for the possible transference of the project to another developer

All three requiring the consent of the Secretary of State before construction may start.

Horizon have also requested to extend the timeframe of the DCO from 5 to 6 years and to change compulsory acquisitions from immediately after a DCO is implemented to a time window of 8 years. The Examiners have recently requested further clarifications on these two issues from Horizon

The Planning Inspectorate must prepare a report on the application to the Secretary of State, including a recommendation, within three months of the close of the six month Examination stage. The Secretary of State then has a further three months to make the decision on whether to grant or refuse development consent.

Tony Acton.