

SIZEWELL C JOINT LOCAL AUTHORITIES GROUP

Actions from meeting held on 13 March 2015

Present:

Cllr Andy Smith (Chairman), Therese Coffey MP, Cllr Tony Cooper, Cllr Michael Gower, Cllr Trevor Hawkins, Cllr Matthew Hicks, Cllr Geoff Holdcroft, Cllr Graham Newman (Vice Chairman) Cllr Andrew Nunn, Adam Barnes, Lisa Chandler, Arthur Chavonia, Geoff Dobson, Mike Dowdall, Bryn Griffiths, John Pitchford, Katherine Potts, Philip Ridley, Michael Wilks, Paul Wood

Invited Guests:

Judith Mobbs

Apologies:

Cllr Mark Bee, Jai Raithatha (substitute Mike Dowdall), Sharon Blease

1.	Introductions and apologies for absence	
	Introductions made and apologies received.	
2.	Notes of previous meeting and matters arising	
	Notes of the last meeting were approved and would be added to the website	Katherine Potts
3.	Update on EDFs transport proposals	
	<p>The Chairman reported that EDF had declined the opportunity to attend this meeting. Earlier in the week the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had written to them to ask them that if they could not usefully present anything at the meeting due to pending workshops with officers, they send someone to listen to the representations. A response letter had been received from EDF to decline this, with an offer to attend the JLAG meeting in June.</p> <p>Members noted with great regret that EDF had declined to attend in either active or listening mode.</p>	KP add to June agenda
4.	Report from Suffolk Energy Coast Delivery Board meeting 19 February	
	Members heard the key points from the February board meeting. This included a presentation from DECC about the outcome of their review of the nuclear forums nationally, learning from good practise. They would be meeting with the Board soon to make some suggestions to improve SECDB going forward.	
5.	Report from the New Nuclear Local Authorities Group meeting (NNLAG)	
	Cllr Newman reported that he had had some very useful conversations with colleagues (members and officers) from Somerset. It seemed to be becoming more likely that the construction of a number of the new nuclear projects nationally would coincide. This could lead to a national skills and labour gap. We had convened a useful "fringe" meeting on Transport	

	issues, where the importance of working closely with the LEP was stressed.	
6.	Communication and Engagement Update	
	<p>KP reported to the meeting the early feedback from the event, where 57 delegates represented over 30 parish and town councils. The points from the workshop sessions were still being captured and these would help our communications and engagement work going forward. The Chairman felt the event had been a success and thanked those involved. It was felt that the PINS presentation was particularly useful to give the context to attendees, and the importance of engaging with the process in the Pre-Application period to influence the project.</p> <p>Given some of the feedback from the local communities, JLAG asked that the MP's also press EDF for a longer (12 week) consultation period at Stage 2 rather than the 8 weeks currently indicated.</p> <p>It was reported that there would be a press release going out about the event, and all delegates would be sent the feedback and the suggestions for taking this work forward.</p>	Dr Coffey and Chairmen
7.	Workstream update	
	<p>[Geoff Holdcroft joined the meeting at this point]</p> <p><u>Socio-economic</u> – PW gave members an update on his visit to Somerset and some of the learning from there on the Socio-Economic issues. He also mentioned a “fringe” meeting at NNLAG, where we built links with Anglesey and Cumbria – as their projects and Sizewell may well coincide. TC asked whether this workstream was looking at the housing issues and compensation for individual householders, and also the learning from the building of Sizewell B.</p> <p><u>Transport</u> – BG outlined that the EADT had covered the latest position on the four village bypass and also a letter had been sent to the Transport minister, copied to other appropriate Ministers. The letter was circulated to JLAG and had been put on the SCDC Sizewell webpage.</p> <p><u>Skills</u> – Cllr Hicks talked about the presentation from EDF at the February JLAG. He felt that whilst what we heard had been happening at Hinkley had been useful there was not much clarity on the direction things were heading at Sizewell regarding Skills. He had a number of areas where we wished to challenge EDF and a letter would be sent from the two authorities on this subject.</p> <p><u>Environment</u> – MW reported that as part of the HRA work on recreation, EDF have completed some user surveys looking at potential displacement effects – i.e what proportion of people who currently use rights of way/public access in the vicinity of SZC will go elsewhere, and where, during construction.</p> <p>LC noted that the Aldhurst Farm planning application had been approved at Committee and the Decision Notice had been sent out.</p>	<p>Paul Wood/Katherine Potts to find out.</p> <p>Judith Mobbs</p>

9.	Future meetings	
	<p>17th April – a shortened agenda to discuss any outcomes from continuing workshops and also the issue of the local authorities’ resources for Sizewell work.</p> <p>19th June - EDF will present an item on Transport.</p> <p>Meeting dates had been set to Dec 2015.</p>	
10.	Any other business	
	The meeting closed at 4.05pm	