



MINUTES FROM ALLERDALE GDF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING - MEETING IN PUBLIC

HELD ON

13 July 2023, 6.30pm. Parkway Cinema, Dunmail Park, Workington- In person

Attendees:

Partnership members:

Mary Bradley (MB) - Chair
David Wilson (DW)
Deborah Naylor (DN)
Gordon Grant (GG)
Phil Davies (PD)
Tony Markley (TM)
Adrian Davis-Johnston (ADJ)
Becky Wolstenholme (BW)
John Coughlan (JC)

NWS: Alison Beard (AB) - Partnership Operations Manager
Ged Sojka (GS) - Site Evaluation Manager
Richard Griffin (RG) - Senior Policy Advisor
Paul Skelton (PS) - Programme Director
Laura Kay (LK) - Comms Lead
Chris Bundock (CB) - Grants Officer

Minutes: Katy Arnott (KA) - Community Coordinator
Apologies: Roy Hobson (RH) Lucas Wirga (LW) Chris Gibson (CG)

| Item | Description | Action Lead | By when |
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| 1. | WELCOME <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.Partnership members introduced themselves. | MB | |
| 2. | INTRODUCTION Presented by Mary Bradley (MB), Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none">A brief summary of timescales of the GDF programme was presented. | MB | |
| 3. | PARTNERSHIP PROGRESS OVER 18 MONTHS The Community Partnership was formed in January 2022. It has progressed over the last 18 months and is now enabled to deliver: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Meaningful engagement with the Community- explaining, listening, responding and monitoring opinion.Effective spend of the Community Investment Funding. Nearly £2m has been awarded so far benefiting 51 organisations and communities in the Search Area.Programme of Activities based on workstreams. | MB | |



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| 4. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing an approach towards a Community Vision.• Understanding the ongoing site evaluation work. | MB |
| 5. | <p>FEEDBACK FROM ALLERDALE RESIDENTS</p> <p>Feedback from a resident's survey (Nov 2022) informed us:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 74% of residents knew the Partnership had been formed• 62% of residents trusted the Partnership to provide the necessary information to make informed decisions• 60% of residents knew of the Search Area <p>VISIONING APPROACH -Building the Future for Future Generations Presented by David Wilson (DW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DW introduced his role on the Partnership representing Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC).• DW asked the audience to think back in time and how technology is always improving and creating new things unimaginable to us 50 years ago. <p>The Partnership would like to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify key themes that are important in our community• Identify a long-term vision which assesses the impact of a GDF coming to the Search Area• Build on existing local work• Learn from international best practice <p>Partnership have identified key themes from the 'UN Development Goals' to frame their Visioning work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. No poverty2. Good health & wellbeing3. Quality education4. Affordable clean energy5. Decent work & economic growth6. Industry and infrastructure7. Sustainable communities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Partnership will continue Community Engagements and gather feedback from residents in the Search area to seek a vision for the community - with or without a GDF. | DW |
| 6. | <p>YOUTH ENGAGEMENT</p> <p>Presented by Deborah Naylor (DN)- Partnership Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DN introduced herself and her 'Youth lead' role on the Partnership. DN presented an update on how the Partnership has been engaging with young people in the Search area over the last 18 months. <p>Intention Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are Committed to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Including the views of young people in the conversation | DN |



- Involving young people meaningfully through a range of approaches
- We Aim to:
 - Achieve a youth-led 2-way dialogue
 - Collaborate with a range of forums and networks
 - Tailor our approach to fit the needs of young people
 - Share questions/suggestions with the Community Partnership
 - Support the recruitment of people 18-24 onto the Community Partnership

Progress to Date:

- Initial engagement with 7 schools in Allerdale
- 4 opted to participate
- Positive conversations with Lakes College to develop a plan

Our Approach:

- A different year group in each school participated
- 3 workshops co-designed and delivered with Inspira
 1. Youth Voice
 2. You said, We did and Next Steps
 3. Fine Tuning, ready for launch
- Workshops spaced out to implement some suggestions
- Embed Community Investment Funding (CIF) conversation into sessions

Young People's Views Have Shaped Next Steps Delivery:

- Youth Council at Energy Coast UTC - The students feel that this will provide them with an opportunity to learn more about GDF, its impact on young people and the wider community. They plan to share their leanings with other UTC students.
- Communications industry Project at UTC – The students will get some hands-on experience of working in Comms and the Nuclear Waste Services team will benefit from the fresh perspectives and ideas that the pupils will bring.
- School wide survey at St Joseph's Catholic High School – The students wanted to carry out a school wide survey to ask their peers about what they know about GDF and how they feel the partnership could best engage with Young People.
- Virtual Reality (VR) Drop-ins at Netherhall School – The students had an interactive and immersive learning opportunity.

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Q AND A SESSION.

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Q.1 How will Plutonium waste be stored safely in a GDF?

Answered by - Paul Skelton (NWS)

- *The Government has an ongoing programme of work to inform a future decision on the long-term management of the UK plutonium inventory. The current position, based on previous policy development is that plutonium is manufactured into fuel for irradiation. However, they have also requested that NDA undertake studies into immobilisation of the*



plutonium as a disposable wasteform. In response to this request NDA has been delivering a number of studies into wasteforms which could meet the requirements of very long-term stability (principally ceramic wasteforms) required as part of the multi-barrier approach to safety which we need to demonstrate to regulators as pre-cursor for disposal. These studies are ongoing and will form the basis of options to be presented to Government by NDA in the future. (reference Progress on plutonium consolidation, storage and disposition - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk))

Q.2 Currently there are 4 GDF Community Partnerships. How long will there be 4 or are more in discovery?

Answered by Richard Griffin (NWS)

- *Currently there are four GDF Community Partnerships, but the Siting Process is still open and there is still an opportunity for other communities to join the conversation. As we are spending public money, we clearly need a work programme that sets out how and when we are planning to undertake the work necessary to identify a potential site for a GDF, so that we may plan where and when resource will be required, but this is intended to support the conversation with communities and not dictate it. Our programme includes a working assumption that we will identify the two areas with the most potential and take them forward to the borehole drilling phase, but we are not yet in a position to know if any of the four current search areas will be taken forward and that is the purpose of the site characterisation work, we are presently carrying out.*

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| 8. | <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Thursday 10th August- Online-Teams 08.30am</p> | MB |
| NOTE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to the meeting, guests were able to circulate with members of the Allerdale GDF Community Partnership team. • After the meeting guests were invited to stay and watch a documentary film 'The Atom: A Love Affair'. Written and directed by Vicki Lesley and narrated by Lily Cole, 'The Atom: A Love Affair' is a documentary shedding new light on the present and future of nuclear power by delving deep into the story of its past. | <p>To note</p> <p>To note</p> |



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Let's talk about geological disposal