



MEETING NOTE

FROM COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP 'UPDATE' MEETING

HELD ON

27 Sept 2023, 08.30am –On-line Teams

Attendees:

Partnership members:

- Mary Bradley (MB) - Chair
- David Wilson (DW)
- Chris Gibson (CG)
- Gordon Grant (GG)
- Deborah Naylor (DN)
- Adrian Davis Johnston (ADJ)
- Phil Davies (PD)
- Lucas Wirga (LW)

NWS Alison Beard (AB)- Partnership Operations Manager

Minutes: Katy Arnott (KA)- NWS Community Coordinator

Apologies:

- John Coughlan (JC)
- Becky Wolstenholme (BW)
- Roy Hobson (RH)

Item	Description	Action Lead	By when
1.	<p><b>WELCOME/APOLOGIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair welcomed partnership members to the meeting</li> <li>• Apologies: John Coughlan, Becky Wolstenholme, Roy Hobson</li> </ul>	MB	
2.	<p><b>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER UPDATE</b></p> <p>Community Engagement Manager shared the following update (under embargo until 28/09).</p> <p>CP members were reminded of the note sent by the Chair (March 2023) detailing the NWS procurement of quality seismic data for the Allerdale GDF Community Partnership's Search Area. The data would be used to form part of the Allerdale GDF Community Partnership's next steps. That data has now been assessed. The work has been independently verified.</p> <p>The CEM read out the following NWS statement: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Following these assessments, we have concluded that there is a significant risk that neither the rocks within the depth range of</i></li> </ul>	GG	



*interest onshore nor those within the inshore area off the coast of Allerdale, are likely to support NWS being able to make a post closure safety case, and hence that there was a limited volume of suitable rock for a GDF in the Allerdale area.*

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NOTE**

**On 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Nuclear Waste Services took the decision to withdraw Allerdale from the siting process.**

The Community Engagement Manager (GG) gave thanks to all the partnership members who have contributed on the partnership and through their engagement with residents and stakeholders in Allerdale.

NWS's mission to find one suitable host site for a GDF remains.

Partnership Comms & Community Engagement events will be planned with residents and stakeholders to clearly communicate the reasons for the withdrawal decision.

The Partnership will continue current workstream plans with Youth sector, visioning, Community Investment Funding, until an agreed time of partnership closure.

Mary Bradley will continue as Partnership Chair, until an agreed time of partnership closure.

The withdrawal decision only affects the Allerdale GDF Community Partnership. The 3 other partnerships will continue in the process.

NWS are preparing the Site Evaluation data set in an accessible format, ready ahead of any engagement work.

The partnership will be supported by NWS geologists and subject matter experts to ensure key messages are delivered and understood by local residents and stakeholders.

**Partnership member feedback:**

They would like the data set report to provide the provenance and independency of the data and be aware of the impact of the geological data on the 2 other Cumbrian partnerships.

Partnership members were asked to refer any press queries directly to the Chair. Chair will then forward to Senior NWS Comms Lead.

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Action: GG Share Press release details with partnership members.

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**3.**

**NEXT STEPS**

Chair will meet this week with NWS to discuss partnership priorities and time scales.



	<p>Partnership will plan to review workstream activities with Youth sector, visioning, Community Investment Funding, until an agreed time of partnership closure.</p> <p><b>To note:</b> GG assured the partnership that all staff on Allerdale GDF Community will receive appropriate employment support.</p>	MB	
ACT150	<p><b>Action:</b> MB/DW to review Parish &amp; Town Council meeting schedule.</p>		
ACT151	<p><b>Action:</b> AB/GG. Prepare for CP Meeting (12<sup>th</sup> October). Agenda items to include briefing with Site Evaluation support team, plus programme of activities going forward.</p>		
8.	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 12<sup>th</sup> October. Time. Online or in -person TBC</li></ul>		

