

**NOTE OF MEETING - TASK GROUP 6, PSE, 19 NOVEMBER 2009****Secretariat*****Attendees***

1. Members: Brian Clark (Chair), Margaret Burns, Lynda Warren, Francis Livens, Les Netherton, John Rennilson and David Broughton (latter half).
2. Secretariat: Tarsam Bains and Simon Mussett

***Item 1 – note of last meeting***

3. There were no changes to the note.

***Item 2 – Tasks 15&16 - questions for DECC, WAG, BGS, EA, NII etc***

4. Brian in consultation with Francis would make a start on drafting a set of questions in the next two weeks and get them agreed by TG6 by Christmas. A list would also need to be agreed of which organizations should be contacted and the most appropriate person to send it to

***Item 3 – Revised timescales and discussion of plans for Position Paper and Status Report***

5. The Status Report would now be published in October 2010. The key issue is to get the questionnaire to key stakeholders by Christmas or early in the New Year and set a February deadline for responses. Analysis of the responses would then feed into the draft PSE position paper for discussion at the April 2010 plenary before consultation on it. This is a difficult paper to write due to the nature of the topic, the more time given to preparing and framing it, the better it will be, thus the April date for a first draft.
6. Brian said that TG6 would have to analyse other TG's PSE outputs and include them in the position paper. Lynda said that the group could also ask other organisations through bilaterals about their thoughts on PSE in the MRWS process. Les said that members could ask if PSE arrangements in radioactive waste management were working and if not how could they be improved? Lynda said that members could also ask if PSE was done by the right people at the right time with the right questions etc.
7. TG2 have already a list of draft questions which will be used at the meetings being held with a range of stakeholders when the Scottish government HAW policy and process will be scrutinized, this will include elements of their views on PSE and the answers can be fed into TG6 for analysis.
8. Margaret said that a number of other organisations are carrying out similar tasks e.g. CARL and COWAM. Lynda said that whilst this is correct it is for a different purpose, so CoRWM can only describe what they are doing and nothing else.
9. Another way to canvas views and opinions is through open meetings during CoRWM visits. It was agreed that open meetings with SSG's, the public and local stakeholder groups would be arranged during the visits to Hunterston, Hinckey and Sellafield. In the case of Hunterston TG6 should coordinate with TG2 to avoid duplication.
10. Brian asked if there should be an event held to discuss the PSE position paper? It was agreed that there would not be and that the paper would go through normal written

consultation before being fed into the Status Report and then there would be an event held to discuss the whole Status Report. The event may be held with external facilitation. Les volunteered to produce an initial outline of the structure of the PSE position paper. He also said that he would think about how PSE recommendations are selected and agreed – through the position paper or through task groups.

11. Margaret suggested holding a PSE event during the Edinburgh Plenary in July 2010. It was unclear whether this would form the basis of the PSE event proposed to cover Scottish Policy. Further discussion was needed.

#### **Item 4 – NGO's**

12. Brian had spoken to NGO's about an agenda setting meeting with CoRWM to discuss their concerns which it was hoped would then lead to a meeting with a wide range of interested NGOs to consider how they might be prepared to work with CoRWM. Organizing this agenda setting meeting has proved difficult as the NGO's feel overwhelmed with nuclear consultations and associated activities and issues.
13. Members commented that it was important to find a way to talk to NGO's especially the 'movers and shakers' and include as many CoRWM members as possible. This would further inform CoRWM's Status Report.
14. It was agreed that a meeting with NGO's should be arranged. Brian would canvas for appropriate dates (probably January) and agree a letter to be sent to NGO's via the CoRWM Secretariat.
15. Les Netherton also mentioned that the NGO's would get a chance to comment on the CoRWM draft PSE position paper and subsequently the draft Status Report in 2010.
16. Brian said that Gordon Mackerron, Andrew Blowers and Peter Wilkinson (CoRWM 1 Members) were in the process of writing a letter to Ed Milliband as to their concerns with the recently published Energy National Policy Statements and had invited all CoRWM 1 members to sign it.
17. **Actions:**
  - a. **To draft a questionnaire for DECC, WAG, BGS, EA, NII etc and agree which organizations to send to. Brian Clark and Francis Livens. By 2 December.**
  - b. **To arrange open meetings during visits to Hunterston, Hinckley and Sellafield. Secretariat with member input. March 2010 and May-July 2010.**
  - c. **To produce a draft outline of the structure of the PSE position paper. Les Netherton. By 2 December.**
  - d. **Brian to agree dates for holding a meeting with NGO's with members and send to Secretariat with an invitation letter to send out. Brian and Secretariat.**