

## **Working in Partnership Copeland**

### **Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Copeland GDF Working Group**

**Held at** **Microsoft Teams**

**On** **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Commencing at** **9.00am**

#### **PRESENT:**

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| Mark Cullinan    | Independent Chair  |
| Nick Gardham     | Independent Facilitator  |
| Gary Bullivant   | Irton Hall Ltd   |
| David Faulkner   | Private Resident   |
| Cllr David Moore | Copeland Borough Council, Councillor & Nuclear Portfolio Holder  |
| Steve Smith      | Copeland Borough Council, Nuclear Projects Manager               |
| Chris Shaw       | Copeland District Association of Local Councils, Liaison Officer |
| Gillian Johnston | RWM Community Engagement Manager                                 |
| Claire Dobson    | RWM Copeland Community Coordinator                               |
| Barnaby Hudson   | RWM Siting Manager   |
| Cllr Andy Pratt  | Copeland District Association of Local Councils (CALC), Chair    |
| Rob Ward         | Nuclear Sector Manager for Copeland Borough Council              |
| Andy Ross        | Gener8 North   |
| Gillian Thorne   | RWM Working Group Communications Lead                            |
| Pat Graham       | Chief Executive Copeland Borough Council                         |

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Chris Eldred    | RWM Senior Project Manager             |
| Karen Agnew     | RWM Secretariat Copeland Working Group |
| Steve Wilkinson | RWM Project Manager                    |

#### **APOLOGIES**

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| Mark Walker   | Gener8 North Ltd                               |
| Priya Hira    | Graduate Student with Copeland Borough Council |
| Duncan Grimes | Traverse, Independent Evaluator                |

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **AGENDA 1: IDENTIFY VOTING MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.**

- Recorded voting members from each organisation previously.
- Any changes to voting members to be notified.
- Assuming members attending the meeting hold the vote for themselves/their organisation unless they say declare otherwise.
- Minutes of previous meeting are a correct record.
- No declaration of interest.

## **AGENDA 2: OUTSTANDING ACTIONS AND REVIEWS. CHAIR**

- Liaise with legal team regarding terms of reference on website – now on website. Completed
- Reflect on Personal Safety and liaise with RWM - members to raise any concerns with RWM
- Reissue list of current Personal Safety Training available to Working Group Member – members to raise concerns with RWM
- Chairman's letter to Parish Councils to be finalized and sent to Cumbria Association of Local Councils for distribution – sent to Cumbria Association of Local Councils. Completed.
- Think about timing and content for communications with key areas when identified – reviewed during this meeting
- Cohesion between workstreams – overall plan and review and mitigate communication and engagement risk – to be reviewed in this meeting
- Volunteers required from Working Group for Webinar 2(3 Sessions) - Closed
- Input regarding locations, venues and framework for Exhibitions in July – Updated in this meeting
- Comments on Workstream 2. Reports to be fed back to BH - ongoing
- Share report from Workstream 3 Meetings – updated in this meeting
- Comms report to be circulated to the Working Group – closed
- Focus and clarification on the communications around the potential Search Area and Community Partnership – updated in this meeting
- Access and Training for the HUB – Ongoing, emails to be reissued centrally

### **AGENDA 3: RWM BRIEFING UPDATE.**

- Briefing provided by a Senior Project Manager, Radioactive Waste Management. If a Community Partnership is formed and search areas agreed, Marine Geophysical Surveys will be carried out which will enable better informed discussions with communities about potential site locations and the further investigations that would be needed to establish suitability. He explained the mechanics and wider procurement process around the surveys in different water depths to provide knowledge and context for the Working Group. Working Group members asked how close to the coast this activity would be, and as a Search Area has not been identified it is difficult to be specific, it is expected that 500m would be the closest point.

### **AGENDA 4: OPPORTUNITY FOR UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUP MEMBERS.**

- The Chair thanked Radioactive Waste Management and Copeland Borough Council regarding the Declaration of Interest and reminded the Working Group that the deadline for completion is the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
- The Community Coordinator notified the members of an invitation by CoRWM to attend their plenary on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, 10 am to 12pm. Details Registration details to be forwarded to interested parties within the Working Group who wished to attend.
- Head of Siting, RWM had a meeting with the CEO of Lowther Estates regarding land in Copeland. RWM have agreed to continue to keep in contact with Lowther estates in order to update them with regards to the progress of the Working Group.
- Wider Working Group discussion around the extension application submitted by the National Park. The Working Group is mindful of this extension application and its legal standing.

### **AGENDA 5: SEARCH AREA(S) WORKSHOP UPDATE.**

- 3 context reports have been circulated amongst Workstream members for review. Original dates for future Workstream 2 meetings have been changed considering the sequencing around identification of Search Area(s), Webinars and face to face exhibitions. A new timeline has been suggested for the Workstream 2 meetings to take place. Different Search Area(s) scenarios were discussed, and the Working Group will need to consider during the workshop the consequences and risks of each scenario.

### **AGENDA 6: WORKPLAN SCHEDULE UPDATE.**

- Draft version of a Workplan Schedule will show what and how the Workstreams feedback to the main Working Group and the timeframes for this over the next 5 months. A Working Group member raised a concern from some parishes around the perceived lack of engagement before a potential Search Area(s) are identified. A Working Group member raised a concern regarding potential breaches of confidentiality before any potential Search Area(s) announcement. Working Group



member raised a concern around the hiring or finding of an Independent Chair for the forming of a potential Community Partnership within the timeframes shown in the slides, it was confirmed that the timelines shown are a work in progress. Further discussions amongst the Working Group around a potential Community Partnership Chair and it was clarified that the Working Group were preparing for this.

## **AGENDA 7: WORKSTREAM UPDATES**

### **WORKSTREAM 1 UPDATE. ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY**

Webinar planned for the 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May and covers the topic of Geology and will discuss the Copeland Area and West Cumbria. Working Group members visited potential venues and the following have been selected for the upcoming face to face exhibitions:

- Beacon Portal, Whitehaven
- St Bees Management Centre
- Whitehaven Golf Club
- Cleator Moor Civic Hall
- Drigg & Carlton Village Hall
- Millom Rugby League Club
- Millom Rugby Union Club
- Thwaites Village Hall

Yonder Survey is taking place with input from Working Group members around the questions asked. Comms and Engagement plan to be updated. Contact Centre, making sure that this is a personalized response. A Working Group member advised that they were attending Council Meeting, Radioactive Waste Management offered their assistance.

### **WORKSTREAM 2 UPDATE. SEARCH AREA IDENTIFICATION**

No further update as covered in previous agenda point.

### **WORKSTREAM 3 UPDATE. IDENTIFYING MEMBERS FOR A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

1. What does the Community Partnership need to look like at Launch, if launched – interim CP should be formed.
2. Develop Chair and member identification and appointment processes - interim chair.
3. Develop outline initial Community Partnership work plan and comms/engagement plan – In progress
4. Define the Engine Room requirements to support a Community Partnership at launch – in progress and brought to the WG in June
5. Develop a draft Community Partnership agreement – current agreement has been reviewed and this is now with the RWM legal team. Discussion around the wording of the Policy and who has the right to walk away from the Community Partnership. Right of Withdrawal clause shared with Working Group. This item will be on the June Agenda.



- 6. Define and implement Community Investment Funding arrangement – this will be brought to the Working Group in June. A bespoke proposal is being formed. There was further discussion around access to the Community Investment Fund within the Working Group and which areas would benefit and which wouldn't. As a Community Partnership has not been formed, this is difficult to determine at this stage. Chair stepped in as the discussion had moved on to content which was not part of the Working Group remit.

**AGENDA 8: COMMS AND ENGAGEMENT UPDATE.**

- Out of Pre-Election Period, press release for the Webinars was released on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May.  
 May – Yonder Survey commenced 10<sup>th</sup> May  
 Webinar Press Release 10<sup>th</sup> May  
 Tethera Magazine and Around the Combe Magazines to run pieces  
 Geology Webinars 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May  
 Yonder Survey feedback available end of May  
 Exhibitions – Press release, communications, and advertising from the 14<sup>th</sup> June  
 June Newsletter – due 17<sup>th</sup> June  
 June Newsletter will contain information on the exhibitions and a poster for the exhibitions is also being produced.

**Comms Dashboard**

887 visits to website in April, 750 of these visits were new.

**AGENDA 9: AOB. ALL**

No business to discuss

**AGENDA 10: DATE OF NEXT MEETING. CHAIR AND INDEPENDENT FACILITATOR**

10<sup>th</sup> June – 9am – 12 noon

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| CWG001 | Further conversations with significant Land Owners within the Copeland Area  | WG             |
| CWG002 | Position Statement to be drafted and issued around the areas of exclusion within the current and proposed extension of the National Park | Siting Manager |
| CWG003 | Create Position Statement which updates Parish Councils on the work and progress being undertaken by the Work Stream groups              | CEM            |
| CWG004 | Volunteers from the Working Group requested to come forward to attend the Exhibitions in July  | ALL            |
| CWG005 | Contact Independent Facilitator with any ideas or content for his engagement conversations pre Webinar.                                  | ALL            |
| CWG006 | Assistance provided to Working Group Member attending a council meeting  | RWM & Chair    |
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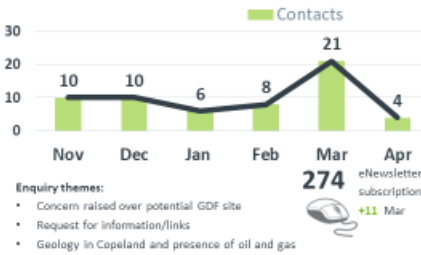
### Comms Dashboard - Apr 2021 ( 1 Apr – 20 Apr)

#### Summary

- Website saw 887 visits (529 Mar) of which 750 were new (509 Mar)
- Virtual Exhibition received 8 visits (159 Mar) of which 5 were new users (155 Mar)

#### Metrics

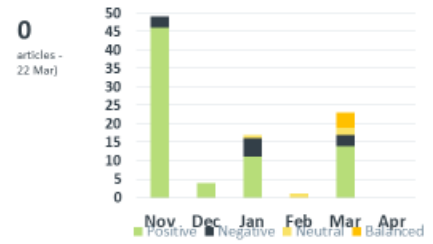
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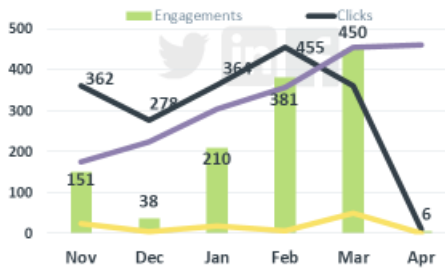
##### Enquiry themes:

- Concern raised over potential GDF site
- Request for information/links
- Geology in Copeland and presence of oil and gas

##### Media



##### Social Media



##### Twitter & Facebook Inbound Sentiment

