



Dear Councillor Blackburn

Thank you so much for your letter commending us on hosting our meetings in public and having a public forum on our agenda. The meeting went well and we had 12 members of the public in attendance.

As requested, we discussed the points that you raised in your letter at the meeting and found that we were already doing most of the things that you suggested. Please find below the response to each of the individual points.

- Asking all members of the Community Partnership to declare and record Declarations of Interest at the start of every meeting (particularly where members, their partners or family members work for, or provide goods or services in any capacity to, the nuclear sector or receive payment in any capacity from Nuclear Waste Services or the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority).  
 Members of the Community Partnership agreed that they are happy for their Declarations of Interest to be featured on the South Copeland Community Partnership Website.
- Ensuring meeting venues are fully accessible to attendees with disabilities and equipped with a hearing loop.  
 This has already been considered and is factored into venue risk assessments. A mobile hearing loop has already been requested as the venues are rotated.
- Publishing the agenda and papers for each meeting in advance on the Community Partnership website, in addition to posting the minutes and agreed actions thereafter.  
 This is standard practice for the Community Partnership and papers and minutes from previous meetings are also made available.
- Making access to these documents easier. At present the website is hard to navigate. Rather than requiring inquirers to access the minutes via the Resources section, it would be better if you had a specific front section marked Meetings.  
 Members agreed that these could be more visible and would like to see a separate section on the website for meetings and associated papers rather than them being under the resources section. An action was placed on NWS to review.
- Livestreaming meetings, and by making footage of meetings available afterwards, via a link on the website under the Meetings section.  
 Members questioned the capability (audio-visual set-up, wifi connectivity etc.) of the available community venues in the Partnership area but agreed to revisit this at a later date.
- Inviting representatives of local media outlets (press, radio) to attend.  
 As meetings are open to the public, the press is able to attend.



I thank you once again for your suggestions and I hope our response demonstrates our commitment to openness and transparency.

Best wishes

Ged McGrath