



**Working in Partnership Copeland**

**Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Copeland Working Group**

**Held at** MS Teams  
**On** 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
**Commencing at** 1:00 PM

**PRESENT:**

Mark Cullinan	Independent Chair
Nick Gardham	Independent Facilitator
Andy Ross	Genr8 North Ltd
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
Rob Ward	Copeland Borough Council Nuclear Sector Development Manager
Cllr Andy Pratt	Copeland District Association of Local Councils (CALC), Chair
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
Gillian Thorne	RWM Working Group Communication Lead

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mike Brophy	RWM Head of Community Engagement
Steve Wilkinson	RWM Project Manager
Bruce Cairns	RWM Chief Policy Advisor
Cherry Tweed	RWM Chief Scientific Advisor
Justin Chamberlain	RWM Head of Campaigns
Priya Hira	Graduate Student with Copeland Borough Council
Quentin Boyes	Community Data Cooperative
Colin Turner	Community Data Cooperative
Duncan Grimes	Traverse, Independent evaluator for RWM
Kathryn Jones	Arvato, Contact Centre (meeting minutes taker)
Rhian Bellamy	Arvato, Contact Centre (meeting minutes taker)

**APOLOGIES**

- Apologies were received from Mark Walker, Genr8 North.

## **AGENDA ITEM 2: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **AGENDA 1: CONFLICT OF INTEREST, MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & ACTIONS UPDATE**

- No declaration of interest.
- Minutes approved.
- Detail of actions completed, see Action Table page 6.

## **AGENDA 2: OPPORTUNITY FOR UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUP MEMBERS**

- The Chair attended the Government 3-tier meeting on 28th January update them of the progress of the Working Group. The question was asked when a Community Partnership is likely to happen which was sufficiently answered. The Chair was invited to return to the next 3-tier meeting in June to provide a progress report.
- The Chair acknowledged the meeting with the Environment Agency and ONR and felt it was a very productive meeting.
- The latest draft version of the Terms of Reference was shared with the members. It was agreed that these would now be shared on the Copeland WIP website.
- One of the members noted that they had attended an Institute of Chartered Engineers Seminar, about GDF and construction, aimed at engineers.
- The Independent Evaluator advised he will be speaking to members of the Working Group as part of the evaluation process and will get in touch via email.
- RWM Project Manager advised the members that RWM are having continuous conversations with Interested Parties around England with the view to potentially forming other Working Groups.
- It was proposed to change to the regular Thursday monthly meeting to a Tuesday to support the Independent Facilitator and Secretary. One of the members noted that Tuesday is a busy day for Council meetings and that it may make attendance difficult. It was decided to remain with the original scheduled day.
- RWM informed the Working Group of the future plan to combine RWM and LLWR into one waste division at the end of 2021.

### **Action: RWM to provide more information on this topic.**

- Working Group members have been invited to give a short presentation to Millom Town Council meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Members wishing to attend are to let the secretary know.
- One of the members noted that the next South Copeland Partnership meeting is on the 25<sup>th</sup> February.
- One of the members advised there is a Copeland Borough Council Strategic Nuclear and Energy Board members' meeting is being held on 18<sup>th</sup> February. An update will be given to the Working Group members at the next meeting.

### **AGENDA 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Member advised the Working Group that having consulted with RWM's Chief Policy Advisor and the RWM Head of Legal, as the Working Group is not a legal entity, the pre-election period (PEP) restrictions apply to those public bodies who are members of the Working Group, i.e. RWM and the Principal Local Authority. Any planned publicity or surveying should not take place during the pre-election period, it should be paused until after 6<sup>th</sup> May. The Working Group can still meet and can respond to publicised inaccuracies or misinformation by opposition.

### **AGENDA 4: PRESENTATION ON NIREX & MRWS**

- A presentation on the history of the Nirex and MRWS approach was given to the members.

### **AGENDA 5: WORKSTREAM 1 UPDATE**

#### **Engaging with Communities**

- Conversation framework is being put together.
- A webinars are planned, commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021
- Potential for the Government run national Kickstart Scheme which could create jobs for 18 – 24 year old; these young people could get involved with survey work.
- Communications and engagement plan will be circulated to Working Group after this meeting, which includes details of the webinars, surveying, media content. For webinars, three dates are possible before the PEP.

### **AGENDA 6: WORKSTREAM 2 UPDATE**

#### **Identify a Search Area**

- The process has been started, to set up a main workshop to go through the process of selecting a draft search area(s).
- It was agreed that purpose is not to define a search area and to not prejudice the process in any way.
- Notes from the workstream meetings will be shared with the Working Group members.
- Work is being carried out on the context report.

### **AGENDA 7: WORKSTREAM 3 UPDATE**

#### **Identifying Members for a Community Partnership**

- Activities – planning activities required to identify members and to define the processes for selecting members for a community partnership.
- There will be a key link between Workstream 3 and Workstream 2, because the make-up of a community partnership will reflect the community that is identified within the Search Area.

- A further meeting has been scheduled towards the end of February. This meeting will focus on defining the roles, skills and expertise that reflect a community partnership and focusing on key roles such as Chair/Facilitator and secretary.
- Several activities are planned for Workstream 3 and will be fed into the Community Engagement plan.
- A member proposed creating a Workstream 4 to establish a community investment panel.
- A member raises the concern that members of Community Partnership are drawn from the wards of the proposed search area, therefore how do we decide whether a particular ward is affected or not affected by a GDF. It is noted that this is an important discussion to have in the future as it will dictate where Workstream 3 will draw their community partnership suggestions from.

## **AGENDA 8: ALL WORKSTREAMS – NEXT STEPS**

The Work Plan Gantt chart was shown and explained to the members.

## **AGENDA 9: PRESENTATION FROM COMMUNITY DATA CORPORATIVE**

- Presentation given by the members of Community Data Cooperative.
- Community Data Cooperative has an enriched data source and collective memory bank. They have the potential to be a single point of reference on how a community feels about a project could be very valuable.

**Action: Slides to be circulated with the members.**

## **AGENDA 10: COMMS & ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

Comms summary

- 4<sup>th</sup> newsletter due 18<sup>th</sup> February.
- Circulated draft copy, deadline Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 9am.

To include:

- Chair update
- Virtual exhibition reminder
- Meet the team with David Moore (Copeland Borough Council)
- Q&A with Jonathan Turner (RWM chief geologist)
- Media briefing with Jonathan Turner and Newsquest.

Future ideas

- Opportunity for the community to send their views on search area.
- Media briefing with Newsquest.
- Meet the regulators piece in the newsletter.

Media update and next steps

- February 15<sup>th</sup>, a joint briefing on geology with Jonathan Turner – Copeland and Allerdale.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> - tbc webinar series.
- March 18<sup>th</sup> - tbc press release on search areas, inviting public views.
- Digital ads started, set to run until approximately the March 20<sup>th</sup> 2021.

- Cumbria Nuclear Institute branch might be interested in being a third-party voice.
- Comms dashboard updated and circulated every month, to demonstrate the progress.

## AGENDA 11: MEETING REFLECTION & DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

### AOB

- A question was asked by a member of the Working Group: West Cumbria Coal license due to expire. If the coal authority offers the opportunity for the public to comment on whether the licensing area should be renewed. What would our stance as the Working Group be? RWM to respond to the question outside this meeting.
- Next meeting with be 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 10am to 1pm

Ref	Action	Status
CWG 001	Involvement of visually impacted communities to any proposed electoral ward within the Search Area to be discussed within the workstream 2.	Ongoing.
CWG 002	Consideration of CALC's request to represent communities be included as an action for workstream 2.	Ongoing.
CWG 003	All WG members to undertake GDPR training. RWM to forward training to the members.	Ongoing.
CWG 004	Community Coordinator to issue meeting dates for subgroups by the end of the week.	Completed.
CWG 005	The RWM Events Manager to identify mobile device access issues related to the virtual exhibition raised by the independent facilitator.	Completed.
CWG 006	RWM Communications Lead to circulate content of the third newsletter directly after the meeting. Members to provide feedback by close of play Thursday 14th January 2021.	Completed and issued.
CWG 007	Communications Lead to provide communication and engagement briefing to the CALC members.	Completed.
CWG 008	Terms of Reference to be published.	NEW
CWG0 09	Members would like more information on the future plan to combine RWM and LLWR into one waste division at the end of 2021	NEW
CWG0 10	Members invited to Millom Town Council meeting – members to let CD know via email.	NEW
CWG0 11	Members to explore further whether public engagement needs to stop during election period. Ask for something clear in writing, seek external legal advice.	NEW