

BAE Systems Local Liaison Committee

10.30am 30th January 2018

Rydal Suite, The Forum, Barrow in Furness

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Paul Buchanan	BAE Systems
Ian Murray	BAE Systems
David Broughton	BAE Systems
Len Hodgkiss	BAE Systems
Michael Barclay	BAE Systems
Paul Connell	BAE Systems
Anne Bryant	BAE Systems
Jodie Cartwright	BAE Systems
E Little	BAE Systems
Councillor Anita Husband	Barrow Borough Council
Councillor Brendan Sweeney (Chair)	Barrow Borough Council
Councillor Colin Thomson	Barrow Borough Council
Councillor D Pidduck	Barrow Borough Council
Councillor Desmond Barlow	Barrow Borough Council
Councillor K Hamilton	Barrow Borough Council
Councillor Martin McLeavy	Barrow Borough Council
Rupert Anderson	Cumbria Constabulary
W Rigg	Cumbria Constabulary
Alison Love	Cumbria County Council
Hope Thomas	Cumbria County Council
Fiona McCredie	Cumbria County Council – Public Health
Richard Green	Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Mike Baggs	Environment Agency
Jake Surman	Environment Agency
Grahame Gunning	NWAS
Bill Kings	Office for Nuclear Regulation
Jimmy Thomson	Office for Nuclear Regulation

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Cllr Brendan Sweeney and Michael Barclay welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the aims and objectives for the forum meeting.

2 Minutes of last meeting held on 26th January 2017

The minutes from the last meeting held on 26th January 2017 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

3 BAE SYSTEMS On Site Update

Michael Barclay, BAE Systems, introduced himself to the attendees and explained his role within BAE Systems. An introduction was given regarding the format for the meeting and it was confirmed that questions would be taken by each presenter following their presentation.

It was also noted that any suggestions regarding future topics or subjects, within the scope of the meeting, would be welcomed.

Nuclear Submarine Build Programme Update

Len Hodgkiss, BAE Systems, gave an overview of the Submarine Build Programme. Further improvements to the build programme, through the Significant Change Management Programme, continue to be developed. Key points of interest included:

- Dreadnought Cut Steel commenced in October 2016 with the first unit delivered to the Central Yard Facility in December 2017.
- HMS Astute, Ambush, Artful have all completed testing and entered service.
- Audacious, boat 4, was launched in April 2017, with an exit date planned for Summer 2018.
- Anson, boat 5, is currently within Devonshire Dock Hall, being commissioned in Spring 2018.
- Agamemnon, boat 6, is currently within Devonshire Dock Hall.
- Boat 7 is currently within Devonshire Dock Hall.

Site Emergency Planning Committee Report

David Broughton, BAE Systems, gave an overview of the on site emergency arrangements and the regulations that govern the emergency arrangements and business continuity on the BAE Systems site. An overview of the exercises undertaken in 2017 was given, these included security and business continuity exercises. David confirmed that 2018 was a busy year for exercises with focus on stable iodine distribution, a COMAH Oil pollution exercise and a RADS SAFE exercise, based on a transportation accident.

It was noted that the multi-agency Strategic Co-Ordination Centre is being relocated to Police HQ in Penrith. BAE Systems will be supporting partners with this transition process.

David Broughton, BAE Systems, also gave a brief overview on the variety of work being undertaken with external agencies including training, site visits and jointly delivered agency road show.

Questions were asked regarding the fire safety features in place at BAE, especially after the recent large fires in the UK. BAE confirmed that there are safety features in place in all of the buildings, old and new, and that regulators had been in contact after the Grenfell fire to ensure that Site were aware and informed.

Safety, Health and Environment Report

Paul Buchanan, BAE Systems, gave an overview on how the Safety, Health and Environment team links to the emergency planning for the site. There have been several cultural change programmes on site, focusing on safety, mental health and disabilities.

The Trade Union partnership has also been strengthened, helping to improve culture on site. John gave an overview on how safety, health, fire and environmental management is supported through legal legislation, positive economic outcomes and a moral obligation.

2017 has shown a 40% reduction in accidents, while the number of people working on site has also increased. In 2018 a 'Target Zero' campaign will be launched to further reduce the number of accidents.

Questions were asked regarding the work promoting support for mental health and whether there was the ability for other small firms to purchase mental health support services from the BAE service, in order to promote these themes throughout the community.

Work in the Community

Jodie Cartwright, BAE Systems, gave an overview of the work of the Corporate Responsibility Team. This was focused on the Community Benefits of BAE being a nuclear site. These included:

- Training opportunities
- Opportunity to showcase the expertise, knowledge and talent within Barrow.
- Community investment, financial and 'in kind' help.

Questions were asked regarding whether the construction contractors on site had fulfilled the communities works that were promised. Jodie confirmed that some of the contractors had contributed to Cumbria Community Foundation and others have been engaging with local schools and community groups.

Site Development Programme – Planned Works and Construction

Ian Murray, BAE Systems, gave an overview on the progress of the Site Development Programme now over halfway through an 8 year programme. The programme is to enable to build and commissioning of the Dreadnought Submarine Programme.

The Central Yard complex was opened in November and is now operational. There continues to be a large amount of work undertaken, with significant use of local sub-contractors. Future elements of the programme include extension of the Devonshire Dock Hall, a new quay for Dreadnought and assessment of the water depth in the dock system.

Questions included closure of the pavement due to the extension of DDH, and whether the pavements could be reopened during weekends and gaps in the works schedule. Ian said this can be considered, but safety of workers and the public would be the priority.

4 Cumbria County Council Off Site Update and Off Site Emergency Planning Sub – Committee Report

Alison Love, Cumbria County Council, gave an overview on the activities of the Off Site Emergency Planning Committee and Cumbria County Council's responsibilities regarding the production of the BAE Systems Off Site Emergency Plan, including engaging with a large number of agencies.

Activities for the off-site responders within Cumbria in 2017 included a review of the Off Site Emergency Plan, training activities, familiarisation site visits and developing a Stable Iodine Distribution Plan. The purpose of the Emergency Planning Sub Committee was discussed together with the planned 2018 activities such as the delivery of Stable Iodine Tablets,

reissuing the public information leaflet in October 2018, and planning for an Off Site Exercise in July 2019.

5 Office for Nuclear Regulation Report

Jimmy Thomson, Office for Nuclear Regulation, gave an overview of the role of ONR as the statutory regulator for all Civil Nuclear sites in the UK. BAE Systems in Barrow is a Licensed site under ONR regulations and an Authorised site under the Defence Nuclear Site Regulators regulations.

6 Environment Agency – Nuclear Regulation Group Report

Mike Baggs, Environment Agency, provided an annual report on the environmental regulation for the site. Mike gave an overview of his role and the variety of permits that BAE Systems hold with the Environment Agency. It was confirmed that the amount of radioactive waste produced by BAE Systems is both low in radioactivity and volume

7 Any Other Business

None raised.

Michael Barclay, BAE Systems, thanked all those who attended for their time and asked for feedback on the subjects and scope of the morning.