

**NOTES OF CORWM'S PUBLIC MEETING AT TRE-YSGAWEN HALL COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL,
LLANGEFNI, ANGLESEY
4 SEPTEMBER 2014**

Note: Formal minutes are not taken of CoRWM's public meetings. The following notes are based on notes taken by members during the meeting and are intended to give an overview of the event and impressions gained by CoRWM.

Present: The meeting was hosted by CoRWM and attended by about 60 people.

1. It was clear from the questions asked that some people were under a misapprehension about the purpose of the visit; they thought that CoRWM's role was to persuade the local community that it should agree to host a geological disposal facility. For this reason, they were very concerned that no formal note and/or recording of the meeting was being made. They were also anxious that CoRWM should report back to Government their strong objection to a GDF in their community and they did not appear satisfied with CoRWM's response that it was not CoRWM's role to get involved in siting of the GDF.
2. CoRWM had been aware in advance of the meeting that it had been misrepresented in the local press where the impression had been given that CoRWM's visit was to discuss the siting of a GDF. CoRWM had produced a detailed press release which was intended to stimulate media interest and lead to improved editorial coverage before the meeting. However, DECC did not send the press release out early enough and heavily edited the version that was sent out. Not surprisingly, it was not picked up by the media. CoRWM tried to rectify the situation by putting copies of the full press release on each seat at the meeting but this did not persuade the objectors.
3. CoRWM did not record names or affiliations of attendees but it was apparent that there were a number of very distressed people, not all from the same group, but also a number of other people, some from the industry. There was also local and national political representation; only some of whom seemed to be well informed about CoRWM's role
4. As is CoRWM's normal practice for its public meetings, there was no formal record of the meeting. At the request of some members of the public, it was agreed to make a note of the issues raised. These are presented here in no particular order:
 - Would there be a written response to questions and how would these be reported?
 - Please report back to Government that we will not have a GDF here
 - What is CoRWM's relationship with the Government of the UK and the Welsh Government?
 - What is the view of each CoRWM member on nuclear power and will it be recorded that CoRWM refused to answer this question?
 - It is dishonest of us not to answer that question – we must be pro-nuclear or we wouldn't be doing it.
 - One CoRWM member is an apologist for nuclear power.
 - Where was the meeting advertised and why is it being held in a place that is so inaccessible?

- Does CoRWM's role extend to looking at different types of reactor and advising on their implications for waste management.
- Why is the policy to store waste on site for up to 100 years rather than have a central store?
- Is Paris Mountain being investigated already as a potential site?
- When Government doesn't get what it wants – as in West Cumbria – it just changes the rules including the geological requirement.
- Wouldn't it be better to put voluntarism to one side and focus on geology instead?
- It is extremely difficult to get clear information on what is happening. What is CoRWM doing about this?
- Are CoRWM recognised as key stakeholders by others?
- There is no site in the world that can be safe no matter how deep the waste is buried; there is political pressure to make them volunteer and CoRWM is part of that process.
- PAWB made a statement on the following lines: we need to protect the island for our children and leave it in the state in which we received it. Nuclear power is a huge threat to Anglesey and North Wales and you (CoRWM) are part of that threat and part of the problem; it is not possible to keep it safe. CoRWM is not welcome; you (CoRWM) are preparing the way for disposal in due course and there will be a "dirty deal": no nuclear power at Wylfa without a GDF. CoRWM is being used by Government for this purpose.
- If we go ahead with Wylfa new build we should take responsibility for the waste created.
- Nowhere in the world has solved the waste problem. How can CoRWM not tell Government that it is immoral to create new waste?