

UK CCUS Council Meeting Minutes
28th October 2024, hybrid meeting

Attendees	Organisation
Secretary of State (SoS) Ed Milliband	Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, DESNZ
Minister Jones (MJ), Co-Chair	Minister for Industry, DESNZ
James Smith (JS), CCUS Council Co-chair	CCUS Council Co-chair
Olivia Powis (OP)	CEO, CCSA
David Parkin (DP)	Director, Progressive Energy
Andy Lane (AL)	Vice President for Hydrogen and CCUS in the UK, BP
Julian Leslie (JL)	Director of Strategic Energy Planning, NESO
Stuart Haszeldine(SH)	Professor of CCS, University of Edinburgh
David Whitehouse	CEO of Offshore Energies
Sophia Northridge	Head of UK LCS Region & Business Development, Equinor
Francesca Bell	Co-chair of the Early Careers Professional Forum
Graeme Davies	Project Director of Harbours Viking project
Guloren Turan	Chief Impact Officer, Global CCS Institute
Allan Baker	Head of Energy, Societe Generale
Nicola Cocks	Head of Regulation and Policy, Storegga
Louise Kingham	Senior Vice President, Europe and Head of Country, UK, BP
Philip Hemmens	Eni UK
David Reiner	Professor of Technology Policy at Cambridge Judge Business School, University of Cambridge
Rebecca Sparrow	Drax
Ben Burggraaf	CEO Net Zero Industry Wales
Tom Mallows	Head of Offshore Development, Crown Estate Scotland
Richard Denny	CCUS Project Lead, Infrastructure and Project Authority (IPA)
Kirstie Simpson	Dean, University of Chester
Roz Bulleid	Research Director – Green Alliance
Chris Rowell	Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership representative
Kisha Couchman	Deputy Director for Energy UK's Investment Team
Stuart Payne	CEO, NSTA
Faisal Bachlani	Representative for Equinor
Patrick Dixon	Independent Advisor
Denise Moylan	The Crown Estate

Manfredi Giusto	Eni UK
Nicholas Young	DA representative
Gordon Hutcheson	Ofgem
Georgiana Glaysher	HMT
Kevin Friis	EET – Business and Regions – Foundation Economy & Ind. Transformation
Alan McDonald	DA representative
Jack Wood	DA representative
Helen Sanders	SSE Thermal
Susan Stirling	DA representative
Rodney Allam	8 Rivers & NET Power
Senior Officials	Organisation
Alex Milward	Director, CCUS, DESNZ
Paro Kunar	Director, CCUS, DESNZ
Philip Orr	Deputy Director, CCUS, DESNZ
Alex Bradley	Deputy Director, CCUS, DESNZ
Jeremy Allan	Deputy Director, CCUS, DESNZ
External Presenters:	
Douglas Johnson (DJ)	Director SEC Newgate
Jessica Lee (JLMC)	Mission Control CP 2030, DESNZ

1. Opening remarks from co-chairs Minister SoS, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Energy Efficiency and Green Finance, and James Smith:

- The SoS opened the meeting and emphasised CCUS’s centrality to the Government’s clean energy mission for growth, jobs, and energy security.
- The SoS also highlighted HMG’s recent funding announcement and his determination for the UK to be a CCUS world leader and thanked members for the progress of the programme.
- MJ noted her pleasure in attending as co-chair and reiterated HMG’s commitment to CCUS, acknowledging the need to keep costs down while delivering value for money.
- JS congratulated SoS and MJ on their appointments and opening remarks and cited the progress made, emphasising the importance of the supply chain and funding commitments.

2a. Update from CCSA on the CCUS Deployment Plan

- OP updated on the CCUS deployment plan, emphasising the need for a forward-looking, long-term allocation framework and cross-border agreements.
- OP also raised the need for urgent clarity on project selection timelines and funding to maintain investor confidence.

2b. Update from the National Energy System Operator (NESO) on their role in delivering the Clean Power Mission

- JL overviewed the importance of low-carbon dispatchable solutions, particularly for energy security, and discussed integrating CCUS into the power system.
- JL reiterated that NESO's work encompassed all industrial clusters and placed emphasis on a solution to energy as a whole.

2c. Update from Mission Control for Clean Power 2030 on their role:

- JLMC highlighted Mission Control's role as the department's nerve centre.
- JLMC explained that Mission Control's four key areas of focus included fast-tracking decisions, setting delivery approaches, monitoring progress on critical infrastructure projects, and convening experts.

2d. CCUS Council discussion on deployment pathways:

- Members welcomed the updates, the recent funding announcement, and the progress made so far; key comments were as follows:
 - Members emphasised the need for clear communication on funding on deployment pathways beyond track one.
 - Members noted the importance of cross-border CO2 transport.

3a. Stuart Hazeldine presented to the Council on the role of Academics and Scientists in providing information

- SH discussed the role of academics, as experts, in providing a trusted information source for countering negative perceptions.
- SH added that responding to unproven negative perceptions required swift action and that academics as independents were well placed to do so.

3b. David Parkin shared lessons to the Council from engaging locally

- DP overviewed the importance of public engagement, correct messaging, and addressing safety concerns about CCUS.
- DP also highlighted the need for clear communication and building trust and support with local communities and stakeholders.

3c. SEC Newgate presented to the Council on communications surrounding Energy Infrastructure

- DJ highlighted the challenges of gaining public consent for large-scale infrastructure projects.
- DJ emphasised that communities go through a multi-stage journey when assessing the acceptability of projects.

3d. CCUS Council discussion on Public Enthusiasm:

- Members noted the lessons presented by public enthusiasm. Key comments were as follows:
 - Members noted the role local politicians and NGOs could have in shaping public perception.
 - Members noted that some communities prefer framing focused on a programme's environmental or health benefits.

4a. Forward Look:

- A forward look, for the next meeting, covering supply chains and business models was offered to and agreed upon by Council Members.
- It was also noted that further meetings may cover presentations from external agencies and the companies involved in the T&S clusters.

4b. AOB and Close:

- AL announced his retirement and expressed gratitude to the Council and its members for their support over the years.
- The co-chairs thanked attendees for participating, noted the importance of the meeting's vital discussions and closed the meeting.