

Summary Minutes – Meeting of South Copeland Partnership with Presentation from RWM Held on 10th Dec 20, at 7pm, via ‘Teams’

Agenda Item	Points to Note
1. Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Savage (Chair) Jane Micklethwaite (Minutes) Dave Faulkner (Bootle PC) Robert Kelly (MTC) Dave Billing (MTC) Irene Rogan, Robert Morris-Eyton (Chair Stronger Towns Bid Fund) Angela Dixon (MTC and Director of Millom Network Centre U3) Ann Todd (Bootle PC), Marion Giles (Millom Recreation Centre and Board member) Cllr. Keith Hitchen (Cumbria County Council) Jonathan Powell (Millom Civic Society) Ian Lockwood (Millom Without) Nick Gamble, Paul Stewart (Millom Network Centre U3) Cllr. Doug Wilson (Cumbria County Council) Maggie Cummins (Whicham PC) Ged McGrath (Copeland Borough Council) Adrienne Calsy (Millom Without PC)
2. Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Hewitt (CCC) Eric Barker, Ruth Peter (MTC)
3. Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Faulkner: Interested Party – Potential for Geological Disposal Facility in South Copeland • Robert Morris-Eyton: Chairman of Board Millom Stronger Towns Bid and Investment Plan • Cllr. Doug Wilson: Development Control Committee Cumbria County Council and Planning Committee Copeland Borough Council • Angela Dixon – Director of Millom Network Centre
4. a) Radioactive Waste Management Copeland Working Group	<p>David Savage (Chair) Welcomed members of the RWM to the meeting and passed over to Gillian Johnston who introduced the Working Group. It was explained that RWM was a wholly owned subsidiary of the NDA. Presentation of PowerPoint slides pertaining to the design/engineering of the Geological Disposal Facility. Various Models in diagram format from around the world were shown as examples. Presented by Bruce Cairns (Chief Policy Advisor RWM with interventions by Claire Dobson and Gillian Johnston). The Working Group is tasked with involving interested parties and local authorities in the process of selecting a site. The GDF is part of a national programme. It was stated that the GDF would only be constructed where there is a suitable location (safety case) and a willing community. Reference made to UK Government Document dated 19th Dec 2018. The Working Group is at the stage of opening the conversation. Its role is to scope and not to make the decision. RWM did not have the facility to record the meeting. Slides in PDF format will be distributed (by Bruce Cairns) so that they can be forwarded to SCP members with the minutes.</p> <p>RWM Copeland Working Group Names</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Chair – Mark Cullinan (present) • Independent Facilitator – Nick Gardham – Community Organiser • Secretariat (vacant – recruitment in progress – role currently taken by RWM) • Gillian Johnston – Community Engagement Manager (present) • Community Co-ordinator RWM – Claire Dobson (present) • Siting Manager RWM – Barnaby Hudson • Bruce Cairns – Chief Policy Advisor RWM – present. • Interested Party – Gary Bullivant, Irton Hall LTD • Interested Party – David Faulkner – Private resident (present) • Interested Party – Andrew Ross and Mark Walker – Gen8 North Ltd • Interested Party – CBC representative Cllr. David Moor
4 b) Q & A with RWM Working Group	Please refer to Q an A responses prepared by RWM

4. c) SCP further discussion following RWM Presentation	<p>Further discussion ensued over the appointment of a SCP representative to the RWM Working Group. Several people were suggested. The issue of a potential conflict of interests was raised. If for example a councillor was nominated, where did ultimate loyalty rest, with the council or the community. Caution was also expressed regarding how the matter is presented to the community and the public at large, as raised in the Q & A. If the process is set in motion it could compromise other business projects. The issue of “blight” in general. House prices could come down, investment in tourism and the attraction to tourists could decrease etc, then the GDF project might not come off at the end of the process. Agreed: A representative from the SCP should be put forward to the RWM regarding the GDF project. This is to ensure the South Copeland voice is heard in this key process.</p> <p>Chair Dave Savage proposed that in principle an SCP member should be proposed, but the decision does not need to be made immediately. Conflict of interests and whether those proposed want to take up the role needs further consideration.</p> <p>Agreed that the SCP needs to maintain a focus on the Working Group and to keep all members of the SCP informed. Matter can be left until the next meeting. RWM can be informed that the matter of a representative has been agreed in principle. Ongoing</p>
5 Minutes of meeting held 22 Sept 2020	<p>Dave Billing gave his apologies for the previous. Requested amendment. To be corrected. Minutes accepted as a true record.</p> <p>Proposed: Ian Lockwood Seconded: Ann Todd</p>
6 Millom Town Board update.	<p>It was noted by the Chair that the first part of the meeting had gone over its allocated time. Robert Morris-Eyton was asked to give a brief update of the progress of the Stronger Towns Bid. The Chair of the Town’s Board said that the plan is to be submitted by 31st Jan 2021. Key theme to enhance the prosperity of Millom and increase the number of visitors. This of course is a strategy which can be impacted by the RWM discussion.</p>
7 South Copeland Sports Partnership	<p>Marion Giles reported that she has forwarded the minutes of the last South Copeland Sports Partnership meeting. Liaison with local sports groups in order to include them in the partnership is continuing to progress. Silecroft Tennis Courts are now joining and including 5 aside football. The pooling of resources and working together for joint funding a continuing process with positive results. The Chair thanked Marion Giles for all her hard work.</p>
8 Cumbrian Hidden Coast Steering Group Dave Faulkner	<p>To be presented as a report due to lack of time in this meeting.</p>
9 Electricity North West – Solar Energy	<p>The Chair reported that Millom Network Centre and South Copeland Partnership had submitted a bid to install solar panels on the roof of Unit 3. The request to the North West Electricity Community Fund is for £15 to 17K. If successful it will help MNC reduce operating costs. Outcome awaited in the New Year</p>
9 Cycling	<p>Jonathan Powell highlighted that he had issued an update report prior to this meeting and he would welcome any feedback as the cycling plan develops.</p>
10 Meetings:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to move from ‘Why Pay’ to ‘Teams’ for future ‘socially distanced meetings. • Reports to be circulated on items cut short due to time. • SCP representative to RWM to be considered and decided upon.
Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late January 21 date TBA

David Savage
Chair, SCP,
7th Jan 21

Supporting Documents

- RWM Q and A Summary
- RWM Presentation to SCP
- Presentation – Geological Disposal Around the World