

# DRAFT Meeting Report

**Regarding:**

**EDF Hinkley Point C:  
Community Forum.**

**Participating:**

Doug Bamsey, *Chair*  
Allan Jeffery (AJ), *Green Party*  
Bruce Eyley (BE), *Kilve Parish Council*  
Roy Pumfrey (RP), *Stop Hinkley*  
Sue Spicer (SS), *Burton Resident*  
Sue Goss (SG), *Stogursey Parish Council*  
Steve Pettitt (SP), *Cannington Parish Council*  
Joanna Whitehead (JW), *Somerset Council*  
Shaun Ryall (SR), *Cannington Parish Council*  
Stuart Hill (SH), *C.H.A.I.R & Wildfowlers*  
Mike Haycraft (MH), *Otterhampton Parish Council*  
Mark Phillips (MP), *Wembdon Parish Council*  
John Burton (JB), *Somerset Council*  
Alun Griffiths (AGr), *ONR*  
Roger Jamson (RJ), *ONR*  
Peter Payne (PP), *Williton Parish Council*  
Carwyn Jones (CJ), *Somerset Council*  
Valdo Andrade (VA), *Avon & Somerset Police*

**Date & Venue:**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 – 6pm**  
**Meeting held at: Bridgwater & Taunton College,  
Cannington**

Sarah Nason (SN), *Holford Parish Council*  
Tina Gardener (TN), *Otterhampton Parish Council*

**EDF Team:**

Andrew Cockcroft (AC), *EDF*  
Anne Lawrence (AL), *EDF*  
Stacy Walker (SW), *EDF*  
Megan Thomas (MT), *EDF*  
Jane Tomaney (JT), *EDF*  
Jo Manley (JM), *EDF*  
Drew Aspinwall (DA), *SEC Newgate UK*  
Robyn Evans (RE), *SEC Newgate UK*  
Matthew Williams (MW), *SEC Newgate UK*

**Apologies received:**

Paul Crosland, *Fiddington Parish Council*  
Gill Slocombe, *Somerset Council*

Item	Action
<b>1 Introductions</b>	
1.1 Doug Bamsey ('The Chair') welcomed everyone to the meeting, ran through the venue arrangements and forum protocols, and invited all attendees to introduce themselves.	
<b>2 Meeting Note and Matters Arising</b>	
2.1 The Chair reviewed the previous Community Forum meeting note from 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 including the actions and after-notes and invited any further comment.	
2.2 2.2 – Stuart Hill sent his apologies for the last Community Forum meeting. The meeting note was amended to reflect this.	
2.3 2.3 – Responding to Leigh Redman's request for the animation on connecting the intake heads to be published online, Andrew Cockcroft (AC) said the film contained commercially sensitive information and could not be released publicly in an un-controlled way.	
2.4 3.9 – AC explained that the microphones at the pumping station in Shurton disappeared as the noise monitors were upgraded and they have now been replaced in a different form.	
2.5 2.19 – Sue Goss (SG) was happy with the update provided by AC on the number of apprentices who are from the local area.	
2.6 3.32 – A note was sent to Stuart Hill (SH) on the road quality of the C182. SH said he had asked why the roads are not being maintained in the way they were promised. Joanna Whitehead (JW) said she was happy for the question to be put Somerset Council's way if it is regarding the Highway.	
2.7 3.34 – This referred to Richard Cuttell's (RC) comments on cyclists travelling down a narrow footpath in convoy and at speed to get to site, as well as the fact that there are still reversing sounders on construction equipment. AC said there were no specific updates on cyclists travelling in convoy but said HPC continue to speak to the workforce internally on cycle safety, particularly regarding visibility in the winter. RC was not in attendance at the meeting, but SG said they had previously asked County Highways if they would revamp the signs on this footpath as they had worn away but that nothing has happened despite raising the issue. AC said he thought the signs had been replaced.	
<b>ACTION:</b> JW said she would follow this up on behalf of Somerset Council.	<b>ACTION</b>
2.8 Regarding the point on reversing beacons raised by RC at the last meeting, AC said HPC had identified a number of vehicles with incorrect reversing beacons and have modified them. He said HPC also proactively spotted another reversing beacon in July and solved this problem within 12 hours. He gave assurance that HPC continue to proactively monitor this issue.	
2.9 <b>Action 7.1</b> – SH confirmed that he is now receiving AIL updates.	
2.10 The meeting note was agreed.	
<b>3 Project Progress – (Andrew Cockcroft, Anne Lawrence EDF)</b>	
<b>3.1 Safety and Learning</b>	
Anne Lawrence (AL) spoke on some of the initiatives taking place on site, noting that there is a focus on waste, energy use and pollution prevention. She said the project is mindful about the plant equipment and how it is coming to site, ensuring they are making the most of these journeys.	

- 3.2** AL spoke on the double decker bus incident and confirmed that the police concluded the investigation and found no fault with either the bus or the driving. She gave assurance that HPC actively takes learning from such events and looks after its plant equipment, buses and drivers. AL said HPC ensures its drivers are familiar with the routes they are taking, that the drivers all undergo training and medical checks, and that staff are re-briefed following events such as this.

**3.3 Pre-submitted Question – HPC bus incident**

Submitted by Roy Pumfrey, Stop Hinkley

“Following a ‘no fault’ Police report on the accident with the HPC bus, what reassurance can EdeF offer that steps have been taken to avoid a repetition of that accident?”

Answer: AL said HPC do not see the full detail of the police report but that the police investigated the incident and say there is no further action to be taken.

- 3.4** Stuart Hill (SH) said he and other local people know that the incident was due to a blocked culvert under the road resulting in ice. He said the culvert has been jetted and it has not flooded since, but that this was an extreme danger for a few years.

**ACTION:** JW said the last information she saw in June 2023 ahead of the police report coming through was a conversation between EDF and the Highways department. JW said she would relay these comments to the individual leading on this matter at the Council.

**ACTION**

- 3.5** AL said EDF will continue to maintain its high standards of looking after its buses and the training of its drivers. She also outlined work on winter preparedness.

RP said this was not satisfactory. He said the police declared it a major incident and that he was astounded that neither EDF nor SPS were able to offer any reassurance to people as to why the accident happened.

- 3.6** AC responded that this was not accurate and relayed an official statement from Avon and Somerset Police on the cause of the bus incident. It stated that: *“a significant factor in this collision was the extent of ice on the road and the inclement weather at the time”*.

AL said the police report officially states the ice on the road was a factor and that environmental conditions were the cause of the crash. Assurance was given that Somerset Council will take this on board to ensure these conditions do not repeat themselves.

**AFTERNOTE:** AC said HPC would provide the formal statement from the police (included below).

**AFTERNOTE**

“An investigation into a collision involving a double-decker bus and a motorbike on the A39 Quantock Road, in Bridgwater, on Tuesday 17 January this year has now concluded.

“Officers carried out a full and thorough investigation, which included reviewing dashcam and other relevant footage, carrying out interviews with those involved in the collision, attendance by our forensic collision investigation team and reviewing all other available data.

“An examination of the bus by the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) did not identify any mechanical defects.

“Following these enquiries, there was no evidence of any criminal offences being committed and as a result no further action will be taken against either driver.

“The evidence showed they both displayed standards which did not fall below that of a careful and competent driver.

“A significant factor in this collision was the extent of ice on the road and the inclement weather conditions at the time.”

### 3.7 Project Progress Virtual Tour

A film was shown in which Simon Parsons, Nuclear Area Island Director, gave an updated site tour.

It is available to watch here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnNJsTiB16E>

### 3.8 The Path to Dome Lift

AC gave a wider project update. To achieve Dome Lift focus is on four key areas:

1. Completing the internal civil structures
2. Introducing key equipment
3. Preparing the Dome ready for lifting
4. Building and lifting in the Polar Crane

### 3.9 Internal Civil Structures

- Crane has now been removed from the centre of Unit 1.
- Focus is on getting the +19.5m level slab finished which is a pre-cursor to Dome Lift.
- In addition, work must be completed on the Ring Walls (located on the outer circumference of the internal structures).
- Rebar placement, formwork erection and several concrete pours occur each week to progress the structures which will 'hold' components of the Nuclear Steam Supply System in place.

3.10 SG asked to be kept updated on when the dome lift will take place as she would like to see this. AC said HPC will do their best to make it as accessible as possible for everyone to see the dome lift. He said they hope to achieve this milestone before the end of the year.

### 3.11 The Path to Dome Lift – Equipment introduction

- Several pieces of key equipment are required to be installed prior to Dome Lift.
- In August, the Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) Support Ring was lifted into the building as well as the third accumulator for the emergency cooling system.

The RPV Support Ring supports the Reactor's position in the Reactor Pit. It is the first piece of permanent equipment manufactured by Framatome to be introduced into the reactor building.

### 3.12 Assembling and preparing to lift the Polar Crane

Work on the Polar Crane assembly is taking place in the large white building opposite the Simulator Building. The Crane will swivel around the Dome to manoeuvre heavy components during construction and then be used for maintenance and refuelling.

#### Progress

- The crane is taking shape and Mechanical & Electrical fit out well underway.
- 4x bogies and 2x cross members assembled and Quadrilateral formed.
- In the past few weeks giant trolleys have been lifted into the enclosure. These will run up and down the crane's two large beams on rails.

### 3.13 Turbine Hall – Internal Crane

- The 300t crane trolley made the journey from Combwich earlier this month.
- The crane will live at the top of the Turbine Hall and will be used for installation and maintenance of the Turbine.
- The crane is being assembled by Fayat in Avonmouth, Bristol.

3.14 Stacy Walker (SW) said there will be two more pieces of crane to be delivered but they will be much more compact. AC said the whole process will be repeated for Unit 2.

- 3.15** SH congratulated the project for this process and said there has been minimal disturbance in the Combwich area.  
AC said he would pass this on to the logistics team.

**3.16 Marine Works**

- The first of six Isolation Caps have been delivered.
- Each one consists of around 33 tonnes of high tech, first of type engineering.
- The caps have two important functions during construction and commissioning:
  1. Preventing water from entering the tunnels while the team completes the work to connect the tunnels to the heads sitting on the seabed.
  2. Allowing water from the Bristol Channel into the system, leading to the filling of the tunnels and ultimately flooding the forebay. Therefore, this delivery takes us one step closer on our Mission to Commission Hinkley Point C.
- Each Isolation Cap will be integrated into the giant steel Liners at Portbury, ready for placement into the seabed in the coming months.

- 3.17** Sue Spicer (SS) said there are still truckloads of spoil going to the “mountains”.  
AC said HPC are coming to the end of the excavations and there will not be much more coming through, nor will it be at the volume that it has been for the last few years.

- 3.18** SH asked if there will be an ability to isolate parts of the system in the future for maintenance purposes.  
AC said he would need to check from one of the technical teams but said there is the ability to isolate sections of the system to work on the drum screens and the other cooling water elements.  
AC said he would double check in terms of the tunnels themselves.

**AFTERNOTE:** The equipment held within the pump house can be isolated for maintenance during outage periods. This will be achieved through the use of removal sluice gates that can be inserted and removed when necessary.

**AFTERNOTE**

**3.19 Planning Updates – Caravan Sites**  
**Mill Farm**

- Application approved for 58 additional pitches and continued use of 53 existing pitches by HPC workers – conditions being discharged.
- Screening Opinion submitted for regularisation of fields to allow all-year round tourism and temporary use of existing pitches for HPC workers – note no increase in pitch numbers.
- Application to be submitted shortly by landowner with HPC providing planning support.

**Quantock Lakes**

- Application being considered by the Council for provision of around 100 additional caravan pitches for HPC workers.

**Moorhouse Farm**

- The tenants of Moorhouse Farm have submitted a planning application independently of HPC to the Council.
- The application looks to provide an additional 115 pitches that could be used by HPC workers if approved.

- 3.20** Jo Manley (JM) explained that Mill Farm currently has permission for around 453 pitches and there are various planning permissions across the site. As part of additional provision for HPC worker accommodation, Somerset Council was keen for all the Mill Farm site to be regularised.

She said this is an application which clearly establishes which pitches will be for tourism use and which will be for HPC use. She explained that the intention is not to increase the capacity, saying it will retain the 443 pitches but there will be 207 for use for HPC workers and 236 for tourist use, and those will be available for 12 months of the year in line with other holiday accommodation in the area. She said the conditions previously imposed on Mill Farm were historic conditions and do not reflect tourism today.

- 3.21** SH asked whether there is any improvement in associated infrastructure as a result of the planning changes.

AC said it will be considered in the planning process.

JM added that there are highways improvements associated with Mill Farm, including a widening along the main road into Fiddington. AC said road access will be assessed as part of the planning application.

- 3.22** Allan Jeffery (AJ) asked whether there are any improvements in sewerage and water supply to the sites.

JM said this is part of the planning consideration and that the planning officer will consult with the local flood authority and Wessex Water. With regard to the Mill Farm application, she said there was considered sufficient capacity in the local area.

### **3.23 Planning Updates – Associated Development**

#### **Sedgemoor Campus – additional car parking**

- Application has been approved for 340 additional car parking spaces.

#### **Combwich AIL Bypass**

- Application for a temporary Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) bypass track within the existing Combwich Construction Compound is being considered by the Council.

#### **Hinkley Logistics Hub**

- HPC's application for the Junction 24 Logistics Hub has been approved.
- Additional Parking for around 600 cars will provide HPC with additional spaces at the peak of construction.
- The facility helps HPC to achieve a better distribution between J23 and J24 whilst work at Dunball Roundabout is undertaken.

### **3.24 DCO Material Change Application**

In simple terms, an application to make changes to Hinkley Point C's original Development Consent Order application.

The application will comprise the following 7 elements:

1. Removal of requirement to install an Acoustic Fish Deterrent (AFD)
2. Compensation measures as a result of the removal of AFD
3. Changes to Interim Spent Fuel Store
4. Removal of building and replacement with Equipment Storage Building
5. Changes to Meteorological Mast
6. Retention of Hinkley Point Substation
7. Addition of Sluice Gate Storage Structures

- 3.25** A map was shown highlighting the location of the proposed changes.

### **3.26 Interim Spent Fuel Store and Equipment Storage Building**

- A change from a 'wet' interim spent fuel store to a 'dry' interim spent fuel store, and associated increase in the building's size.

- The change includes replacement of the previously proposed access control building with a new equipment storage building.

### **3.27 Acoustic Fish Deterrent System (AFD)**

- The acoustic fish deterrent offers a very small potential benefit to protected species and would risk the safety of divers in the fast-flowing tides of the Bristol Channel.
- HPC are working with Natural England, Natural Resources Wales and the Environment Agency to develop proposals for new habitats that will compensate for the risk of any potential impact on protected fish species.

### **3.28 Habitat Compensation Package**

Emerging Proposals include:

- Saltmarsh
- Sea Grass
- Kelp Forest
- Oyster Beds
- Weir / Barrier Removal

### **3.29 Indicative Timetable**

AC set out the indicative timetable for the DCO Material Change Programme.

- Autumn 2023 – Statutory pre-application consultation
- Spring 2024 – Submission of application, consultation and pre-examination period
- Autumn 2023 – Examination
- Winter 2024 – Inspectors recommendation to Secretary of State
- Spring 2025 – Secretary of State's decision

### **3.30** AJ said there will be both wet and dry storage.

AC said the management of spent fuel in the power station will be wet as well, particularly as it is transferred and goes through an interim cooling stage before it goes into the long-term storage. He said the proposed dry store is designed to allow for the storage of all the spent fuel for the full 60-year operation of HPC in advance of a long-term geological disposal facility which is being proposed and taken forward by the UK Government.

### **3.31** AJ said this consultation is a repeat of what HPC did two years ago. He said the point is to cut down the number of fatalities of the billions of fish that would be killed but that without the deterrent, none of the other measures will mean anything.

### **3.32** SG asked for an update on the construction of the interim storage facility and whether HPC are halting work on this until they have permission.

AC said they do not need to begin constructing the fuel store for a number of years and that they will not start building it until they have clarity that it can be wet or dry. He explained that the fuel store needs to be ready by the time spent fuel comes out of the reactor.

AL added that ten years' worth of fuel can be stored within the ponds, meaning the fuel store needs to be available based on HPC's operating profile at the point at which the pools become full.

### **3.33** SH asked about the fish recovery system.

AC gave assurance that HPC are only proposing to remove the acoustic fish deterrent, not the fish return system.

### **3.34** AJ asked when nuclear fuel will be brought onto site.

AL said they are on programme to commercial operation in 2027. She said getting the dome on at the end of this year is a key milestone and the project will be aiming to get fuel on site a couple of years after this. She gave assurance that safety is a priority in all of these activities.

AC said there is oversight when these big moments happen.

Alun Griffiths (AGr) said the ONR are actively involved in these areas.

### 3.35 Consultation

In addition to the statutory consultation requirements for DCO Material Change Application, HPC intend to:

- Hold several drop-in events in the locality
- Present at regular HPC public meetings
- Use HPC social media channels to promote the application
- Host the application documents on HPC's website (in a 'virtual room')
- Meet regularly with key stakeholders, both informally and through regular formal meetings, such as the Marine Technical Forum.

### 3.36 Pre-submitted Questions – C182

Submitted by Sue Goss, Stogursey Parish Council

"It is now 6 months since I asked a question about the state of the C182 and subsequently received an answer stating that a further Deflectograph survey was due and that the last survey - in 2021- showed that it was in a good structural condition except for a short area between the Shurton junction and HPC (which has apparently since been rectified). However, the stretch of road between Idson Lane and the Shurton junction remains hazardous to vehicles - apparently due not surfacing issues- but possible underlying structural problems (which do not seem to be related to previous road widening of this section - but are more widespread across the whole of the carriageway - particularly the section through Wick Wood.) It would be helpful to have the results of the 2023 Deflectograph survey at this meeting, rather than have to wait until the next Transport Forum meeting."

Answer: JW said she spoke to Andy Coupé on this who informed her that the deflectograph survey was due to be taken in the next few weeks. The raw data will then be analysed, and the key findings shared at the Transport Forum.

SG said she was not satisfied with this response. She said the road has worsened and suggested that the AILs will not have helped this.

### 3.37 Pre-submitted Question – Borsele visit

Submitted by Roy Pumfrey, Stop Hinkley

"Regarding the Agenda, I'm surprised that EdeF has provided no opportunity for a brief report and discussion on the Community Forum of 7th September 2023, called to enable Forum members to engage with members of the Dutch delegation investigating HPC prior to a possible new build by EdeF at Borssele in Zeeland. Why has that happened and can time be found for that at this Forum?"

Answer: The Chair said the municipality of Borsele expressed their gratitude for people from the Forum taking part and that the transparency and openness from people about hosting a nuclear power station in a community was well-received.

RP commented on the format of the meeting, saying it followed an EDF agenda initially and the purpose did not become apparent.

### 3.38 Pre-submitted Question – DCO Material Change Application

Submitted by Roy Pumfrey, Stop Hinkley

"Regarding the DCO Material Changes Application, a 'Marine Technical Forum' is referenced. Please would you enlighten us on the attendees and whether its discussions etc are in the public domain? Explain the marine technical forum."

Answer: AC said the Marine Technical Forum is a meeting between EDF, the Environment Agency, Natural England, and the Marine Management Organisation. It is a non-decision-making group, but serves as a mechanism for EDF to update these stakeholders.

#### **4 Item 4: HPC Education Outreach Update (Megan Thomas, HPC)**

**4.1** Megan Thomas (MT) gave a presentation on HPC's education outreach work, sharing information on its two educational programmes, Inspire and Young HPC.

#### **4.2 Hinkley Point C's Educational Programmes**

##### **Inspire**

- Launched in 2010
- Aimed at those aged 16 & below
- StemWorks Workshops, Mock
- Interviews, Careers Fairs
- Digital resources inc. Virtual Work
- Experience Programme
- Support over 40 schools across the
- South West
- Delivered 30x events in 2022

##### **Young HPC**

- Launched in 2016
- For those aged 16 – 21
- Fast track programme: exclusive events, careers workshops & fairs, curriculum insight talks
- Support 15 FE settings & 10 HE settings across the South West
- 680 people signed up to YHPC, 380 of these are aged 16-21
- Delivered 73x events in 2022

#### **4.3 January 2023 – September 2023: Education Outreach**

MT outlined the work that has taken place over the past year.

- 3x Inspire workshops delivered by Stem Works and our Virtual Work Experience Programme which will launch in October 2023.
- 25x other events for those aged 14-16 including: SomerScience & Cheltenham Science Fest.
- 49x YHPC age range targeted events including: Yeovil College Construction Expo & Weston College Careers Fair.
- 77x events in total since January 2023 including: 70x face to face events and 7x virtual events.
- 28x different event locations have been covered, including: 10x Schools, 10x Colleges and 3x Universities (others are mixture of virtual and events with multiple locations not related to educational settings).
- Over 20,000 young people engaged with the Education Outreach Team since 2021.
- 30x Young HPC posts created for social media - Including Pathway cut downs, 'Day in the Life' style videos and targeted apprenticeship ads.

#### **4.4 Educational programmes – September 2023 onwards**

- Inspire will focus on its digital offering with more lesson plans and digital resources being developed. Workshops and events taking place in collaboration with the HPC Visits Team.
- Focus continues on Young HPC as a key driver of supporting young people into further training and long term careers.

- Aim is to increase 16–21-year-old registrations to YHPC; bringing more young people onto the project.
- Building a strong brand for YHPC internally and externally.

**4.5** MT outlined the future priorities for Young HPC:

- Behind the scenes with Team HPC – YHPC Podcast.
- New digital resources.
- Bringing the project to life.
- Continue to build strong relationships.

**4.6** SH asked whether there is any key data on the programme.

AC said HPC have a longitudinal multi-year study for the first five years of the project which shows trends in terms of transition from Young HPC into the workforce.

**AFTERNOTE:** The research is available here:

[https://www.skyblue.org.uk/images/FINAL\\_HPC\\_Inspire\\_Executive\\_Summary\\_2019.pdf](https://www.skyblue.org.uk/images/FINAL_HPC_Inspire_Executive_Summary_2019.pdf)

**AFTERNOTE**

- 4.7** JW gave a statement of support for the programmes, something she said Somerset Council worked closely with EDF on in its early days. She praised the way the project has worked with the education authority and said it is the longest standing relationship any council has had with a private organisation and has gone on to become part of the fabric of many schools in the area.

**5 Item 5: Office of Nuclear Regulation Report (Alun Griffiths, ONR)**

- 5.1** Alun Griffiths (AGr) explained that the ONR are an independent statutory regulator and attend the forums as an observer.

**5.2 ONR Report Q2/3 2023**

In this period, routine inspections of the Hinkley Point C site covered the following: plant construction and/or commissioning; emergency preparedness; nuclear safety committee functioning quality assurance and records; organisational capability, including the function of the Internal Regulator; conventional (non-nuclear) health and safety, including life fire safety; and security.

ONR continues its engagement with the project via regular site inspections, visits and meetings at NNB GenCo (HPC) Ltd's offices and supplier locations across the following themes: design and safety case; organisational capability (including supply chain and quality); pre-operations; conventional health and safety and fire safety; and security.

These inspections, along with routine contact with other international regulatory bodies provide ONR with valuable intelligence on the progress NNB GenCo (HPC) Ltd is making developing its competence and capability to manage the design, procurement, and construction of HPC and will inform future permissioning decisions.

**5.3 Permissioning**

- ONR has issued a specification that the licensee shall not commence installation of the reactor pressure vessel in the HPC unit 1 nuclear island without the consent of ONR.
- Inactive commissioning will also be a major permissioning point, using primary powers. In relation to this, formal ONR assessment of the supporting safety case has commenced.
- In advance of these major permissioning points ONR will apply flexible permissioning to allow the start of a number of other activities including the lifting of the dome onto the unit 1 Reactor Building.

**5.4 Non-routine matters**

- The investigations into the tragic fatality that occurred on site in November 2022 and the separate event at site that resulted in a worker sustaining injuries as a result of a rebar mesh wall falling continue.
- At this time, ONR are unable to provide further details about the ongoing investigations as these remain live inquiries.

**5.5** SH asked about the collapse of the silo, saying there has not been a complete explanation as to what happened.  
AGr said this was before he was on site as site inspector and so he could not comment but agreed to look into this and provide a post meeting note.  
AL said there were various investigations undertaken and HPC have reported on it in this forum but that it would be interesting to show what is shared in industry about the learning from this event given that it went international in the civil engineering industry.

**AFTERNOTE:** The Community Forum meeting note from 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 includes an update from AL on the investigation findings from the GGBS silo collapse (item 4.1) as well as a response from the ONR (item 5.4). The meeting note is available to view [here](#).  
HPC also previously produced a learning brief, which explains what happened and the steps being taken to learn from the event. The document can be viewed [here](#).

**AFTERNOTE**

**5.6** SH said he would expect the regulator to provide opinion on why the failure was allowed to occur and what they put in place to ensure there are no further incidents.

**AFTERNOTE:** As identified in the afternote for Point 5.5 above, ONR provided feedback to the Community Forum on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The feedback summarised the ONR view that the duty holder had undertaken a thorough and comprehensive investigation and that the learning had been shared with wider industry.

**AFTERNOTE**

**5.7** RP the said the EPR is an evolving piece of kit and asked how much of the design originally submitted to the DCO there have been changes suggested to and what proportion the ONR have taken on board. He also asked what the process would be for reconsidering a changed design specification.  
AGr said he cannot comment on this in relation to the original DCO. However, he said that as changes go through, the ONR expect the duty holder to have robust change control processes in place and to engage the ONR, and for this to then be taken through formal permissioning.

**5.8** AJ said that permission for fuel to be able to come on site will depend on what is happening at other international sites. He asked whether there is any information on progress for the three areas of the EPR reactor.  
In terms of learning coming through, AGr said the ONR is engaged with the regulators. He said that once it comes through formal assessment, the ONR will be taking an independent view of this in informing its permissioning decisions. He said all decisions will be made transparent.  
AC said one of the benefits of the nuclear industry is the way information and learning is shared.

## **6 Item 6: Update: Community Fund – (Justin Sargent, Somerset Community Foundation)**

**6.1** Justin Sargent (JS) gave an update on the HPC Community Fund. He spoke on the headline figures and gave some examples of recent funding.

- 6.2**
- The In Charley's Memory project was awarded £150,000 over three years to support its vital work. The charity focuses on mental health support, working with schools in Bridgwater to reach young people before they need more intensive support.
  - £5,000 was provided to Bridgwater Cricket Club to install a disabled toilet.

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**7 Item 7: Main Site Forum 22 June 2023 - (Chair)**

**7.1** There were no comments on the draft meeting note of the Main Site Forum (available [here](#)).

**8 Item 8: Transport Forum 13 July 2023 - (Chair)**

**8.1** There were no comments on the draft meeting note of the Transport Forum (available [here](#)).

**9 Item 9: Any Other Business**

**9.1** There were no comments.

**10 Item 10: Date of next Community Forum**

**10.1** The next Community Forum will be held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 6pm.**

**10.2** The meeting ended.