

Nuclear Free Local Authorities

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1. Introduction

The NFLA Steering Committee was opened by the NFLA Chair, Councillor Hackett, who welcomed all to Manchester Town Hall.

Councillor Thomas of Glasgow City Council announced to the meeting that this would be her last meeting as she was standing down as its NFLA representative due to other work commitments. A replacement would be appointed for the next meeting. Councillor Hackett and the Steering Committee thanked Councillor Thomas for her committed support and involvement in the NFLA.

2. National NFLA Forum meetings

The NFLA Secretary Sean Morris provided an overview of the work of the NFLA Forums:

NFLA English Forum –

The NFLA English Forum was holding a seminar directly following the Steering Committee meeting. All Steering Committee members were encouraged to attend. The seminar will be considering the issues that arose from the Fukushima disaster from the perspective of people living near the reactors at the time. English artist and campaigner Geoff Read and his Japanese partner were living just 30 miles from the site in March 2011. They will provide a personal perspective on what happened on March 11th 2011, the evacuation response and the recovery stage of the incident. They will also outline the effects the incident has had on the nuclear issue in Japan, the media reporting of it, the political and health response to it, and extrapolating these to the implications for nuclear policy in the UK. A third Japanese speaker from a new group helping children exposed to low levels of radiation will also outline the work of this group.

NFLA Scotland Forum –

The NFLA Scotland Forum is holding a business meeting and AGM in Glasgow City Chambers on the 1st February. The meeting will receive detailed reports on nuclear policy developments from the NFLA Scotland Policy Advisor and the NFLA Secretary. It will also allow for election of its Convenor and Vice Convenor and consideration of its budget.

The NFLA Secretary is also in discussion with organisers of the Abolition 2000 AGM in Edinburgh on the 17th – 18th April about holding a special seminar at the next NFLA Scotland meeting in Edinburgh City Chambers on the 19th April. A number of international Parliamentarians will be present at the meeting and it is planned that some of them will speak at a joint NFLA Scotland / Abolition 2000 / Mayors for Peace seminar, following a NFLA Scotland business meeting. Further details on the content of the seminar, which will look at existing currents in the international nuclear weapons debate, will follow shortly.

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NFLA Welsh Forum –

The next meeting of the NFLA Welsh Forum will be a seminar in Torfaen Town Hall on the 12th April. The seminar will provide a Welsh perspective on the prospects for new nuclear build and radioactive waste policy. It will also consider the potential of carbon capture and storage following the announcement of a successful demonstration project in Wales. There will also be a briefing on the NFLA's co-operation with Mayors for Peace and its strategy within the international nuclear weapons debate. Cardiff City Council has recently joined Mayors for Peace, meaning that all the national capitals of the NFLA's constituent Forums are members of the group. At a recent Council meeting, Torfaen County Borough Council also decided to rejoin the NFLA.

NFLA All Ireland Forum –

The NFLA All Ireland Forum Co-Chairs and Secretary, and the NFLA Secretary will be holding a follow-up meeting with officials from the Republic of Ireland Department of the Environment to discuss the Irish Government's recent report on Sellafield. This will be held in late February / early March.

The Forum's next seminar will be held in Fingal County Hall, north Dublin on the 3rd May. The meeting will include a presentation on the Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland's assessment of the potential environmental and health effects of a proposed UK new nuclear programme. There will also be a consideration of the recently announced huge wind farm development being planned in the Irish Midlands. This could have a major role in the production of a substantial amount of additional wind energy across the British and Irish Isles.

Agreed: To note the report. The Steering Committee welcomed Torfaen County Borough Council as a new NFLA member.

3. Membership recruitment and administration issues

The NFLA Secretary reported that NFLA membership has seen four new members join the organisation in financial year 2012/13. In a year of continuing financial cuts to local government budgets this positive development was very much welcomed by the Steering Committee.

The NFLA Steering Committee agreed that the Secretariat should now start advertising the four types of individual supporter membership agreed at the 2012 NFLA AGM. The NFLA Secretary has also developed a draft NFLA Facebook and Linked-in page. These will go 'live' following internal approval.

Agreed: To note the report.

4. Mayors for Peace and Nuclear Weapons update

The NFLA Secretary provided an overview of the NFLA's involvement in co-operating with the Hiroshima and Nagasaki-led Mayors for Peace, and wider issues in the nuclear weapons debate.

a) Mayors for Peace matters - International development of Mayors for Peace -

As of 1st January 2013, 5,520 towns and cities were members of Mayors for Peace in 156 countries. The Mayors for Peace International Secretariats in Hiroshima and Ypres are planning its presence and strategy for a UN Conference on the Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear Weapons in Norway in March and the 2013 UN Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty Preparatory Conference in Switzerland at the end of April.

UK and Ireland development of Mayors for Peace -

There are now 87 members of Mayors for Peace in the UK and Ireland. A meeting of the UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace Working Group will be held in the Tower Hamlets Town Hall, London on 18th February 2013. This meeting will discuss the international developments of Mayors for Peace and how to deepen and increase membership in the UK and Ireland.

Mayors for Peace Executive and General Conference –

The four-yearly Mayors for Peace Executive and General Conference will be held in Hiroshima on 3rd – 5th August 2013. All Mayors for Peace members have received an invitation to attend an

event which determines the wider structure and policy of the organisation. Mayors for Peace Board Members Manchester and Glasgow are considering whether they can attend. The NFLA Steering Committee agreed to consider attendance at the conference depending on the decisions made by Manchester and Glasgow.

Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-bomb exhibition-

The NFLA's Hiroshima-Nagasaki A-bomb exhibition will be hosted in Edinburgh Central Library on 13th February 2013, where it will be exhibited for a few weeks. It will then move on to Fife Council and an invitation for it to go to other Scottish Councils will be made at the NFLA Scotland meeting. It is planned then to bring the exhibition down to England and Wales where Rotherham and other NFLA members are planning to host it.

b) Nuclear weapons matters -

NFLA submission to the NET study on Barrow and Trident Alternatives -

The NFLA Secretary reported on the launch of the Nuclear Education Trust's report on the future of the Barrow shipyard in reference to the Trident Alternatives Review being conducted by the UK Government. This very useful meeting was chaired by the former Defence Minister Lord Browne and had contributions from the former Minister responsible for the Trident Alternatives Review, Sir Nick Harvey MP and useful contributions from speakers representing the TUC and CND as well as the local Barrow MP. The Trident Alternatives Review will put forward a number of costed alternatives to a 'like for like' replacement to the Trident submarine programme and is expected to be published in the spring.

Ministry of Defence report on the 'state of play' for the Trident replacement programme -

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has published its first annual report on progress with the Trident replacement programme. It provides a current costing of £11 - £14 billion for each Trident submarine. The report notes that the main focus of the replacement programme has been work on initial design and technical preparations for the purchase of equipment. The submarine's nuclear propulsion system has also been reviewed in detail to "ensure confidence in the performance of the submarine". The MOD claim this work is "on track".

Trident submarine forced to dock in USA due to rudder failure -

The Trident submarine HMS Vigilant was forced to dock for repairs at a US naval base having damaged its rudder in the Atlantic Ocean. The MoD confirmed that problems occurred as the submarine was returning to its home berth at Faslane following the test-firing of a Trident missile off the coast of Florida. The submarine had to return to the US naval base at Kings Bay in Georgia, home to US Trident submarines, where it remained while the broken rudder was repaired.

Design and construction flaws with Astute class -

A leaked report published in 'The Guardian' newspaper has suggested that the nuclear powered submarine HMS Astute is too slow to carry out some of its duties, is subject to leaking and is beginning to corrode in places. The report also notes that it continues to be affected by a long list of design problems and construction faults which are affecting its safety and performance. The documents note it is currently unable to reach its intended top speed of 29 knots. This could mean it would be unable to travel at speed to emergencies or away from attack, and would be unable to match the top speed of the Navy's proposed new aircraft carriers, which it is supposed to be able to escort and protect. Other reported problems include flooding during a routine dive, corrosion in places, concerns over the quality of nuclear reactor monitoring instruments, and flaws with the submarine's periscope.

Developments at the Atomic Weapons Establishments, Aldermaston & Burghfield -

A prosecution of AWE has been adjourned for a second time. This is due to the judge deciding to transfer the case from Reading Magistrates Court to Reading Crown Court due to the seriousness of the charges against AWE. The case, brought by the Health and Safety Executive following a fire at the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) Aldermaston in August 2010, was originally scheduled to be heard on 6 August 2012 but was then adjourned until 29 November. The trial is now expected to begin on 11 March 2013.

Managers at AWE have also informed the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) that corrosion has been discovered on structural steelwork in one of its older manufacturing facilities at Aldermaston. A series of inspections has since identified further degradation of some of the structural components in the building, and non-essential operations in the building have been halted whilst further investigations are conducted. According to ONR, appropriate remedial works will be conducted before normal operations resume in the building. Work is underway to establish if broader lessons can be learnt regarding the on-going maintenance of older facilities across AWE sites.

Agreed: To note the report.

5. Nuclear new build

The NFLA Secretary provided an update on a wide range of issues around the proposed development of new nuclear power stations –

Developments relating to a new nuclear reactor at Hinkley Point –

The National Infrastructure Directorate (NID) planning inquiry into the proposed new reactor passed its recommendations to the Energy Secretary Ed Davey in late December, but has decided not to publish them. The specialist engineering press is claiming that the NID are recommending the application. Ed Davey and civil servants have three months to consider the NID report before making a final decision and publishing all relevant documentation. With a nuclear site licence approved for developing a new reactor and the conclusion of the GDA process, much of the pre-licensing issues around constructing a new Hinkley reactor are now almost in place.

Despite this, EDF has delayed its final investment decision to start construction of a new Hinkley site until at least April 2013. EDF is continuing to negotiate with the UK Government on the 'strike price' for new nuclear and indirect cost guarantees and support to make it a sound economic proposition. Recent media reports suggest that EDF's core funding partner Centrica is planning to pull out of the Hinkley new build project due to its concerns over the economics of investment into the project. A report in the Wall Street Journal has claimed that bilateral talks between EDF and the Chinese energy utility Guangdong Power Corporation over it taking over Centrica's 20% stake have been halted. A factor in the breakdown of these talks may be linked to the French Government deciding to open an investigation into a partnership deal which EDF had signed with a Chinese nuclear utility, in order to verify whether France's strategic interests were respected

Generic Design Assessment process for new reactors –

In early December 2012 the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) confirmed that all outstanding issues with EDF's EPR nuclear reactor design had been resolved and it was now suitable for consideration through a full licensing process, subject to planning approval. The speed with which the last 12 outstanding issues were resolved surprised many in the nuclear industry and the wider NGO community. Prior to this the independent nuclear engineering consultant John Large had raised concerns that the speed in closing these issues out to the ONR's originally agreed timetable could mean that critical safety issues may be shifted to the licensing phase of the process. This would likely increase the costs of the project.

UK Government draft Energy Bill and investment decisions on new nuclear build

The UK Government's Energy Bill has been sent for detailed committee consideration and relevant bodies are being directly invited to comment on it. In its evidence to the committee, the trade association Renewable UK noted that it generally supports the Energy Bill. It claims there is the potential for more than 88,000 jobs in the wind, wave and tidal sectors by 2021.

A critical detail missing from the Energy Bill is what the level of financial support, or 'strike price' for the nuclear industry in the electricity market reforms will be. The details of how much taxpayer-funded support will be available for each energy technology will not be agreed upon until later in the year.

The NFLA Secretary and the NFLA Chair have been invited to a seminar in Westminster on the 29th January by the All Party Climate Change Group and the Nuclear Consulting Group. This will

consider the Energy Bill in the context of new nuclear build. DECC's Hergen Hays and EDF's Head of New Nuclear Build will speak in favour of the benefits of the Bill to new nuclear development, whilst Nuclear Consulting Group's Tom Burke and Steve Thomas will counter such claims and argue the Bill should be focusing on decarbonisation through renewable energy.

Agreed: To note the report. The NFLA Secretariat to develop a Policy Briefing on the UK Energy Bill.

6. Fukushima and nuclear safety

The NFLA Secretary provided an update on the state of the stricken Fukushima nuclear reactors and wider issues around nuclear safety standards.

ONR Fukushima UK Action Plan –

On December 31st the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) published its 'Action Plan' for implementing post-Fukushima lessons learned and actions required from the 2012 'stress test' of UK nuclear facilities. The ONR report notes that it has established a deadline of the end of 2014 for all post Fukushima improvements to be completed by. The report acknowledges that there are a range of 'longer-term improvements' and 'ongoing activities' that need to be delivered over a longer timeframe than originally envisaged. The report also provides an update on activities to improve nuclear safety undertaken in the second half of 2012. ONR states that they are 'satisfied' with the response of nuclear site operators to the recommendations. The NFLA issued a media release raising its concern over the amount of time it will take to complete all these recommendations.

Fukushima general update –

The Japanese general election resulted in a landslide victory for the pro-nuclear Liberal Democratic Party. Their victory is likely more to do with public dissatisfaction with the wider economic problems facing Japan rather than as a referendum on the nuclear issue, but it is also important to note that candidates who stood on an anti-nuclear platform generally did not do as well as expected. The new Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has signalled a move away from the previous Government's 'nuclear free futures' policy. However, it is still likely to be many months and years before there is a significant reopening of nuclear reactors in the country and there appears little public appetite for building new nuclear power stations.

The more independent-minded and newly established Japanese Nuclear Regulation Authority (NRA) is providing a rigorous approach to the reopening of Japanese nuclear reactors. It announced in mid January that all nuclear plants across Japan will be required to build a second control room in order to remotely control venting and cooling functions at reactors in case a nuclear disaster occurs. The NRA will also require the control rooms to be resistant to earthquakes and tsunamis and have emergency power sources available. This is part of a new set of safety standards for nuclear plants which is expected to be launched in July. However, the NRA have indicated that they will grant an exemption period and allow power operators to restart idled reactors if they can produce written plans for upgrades, even if the control rooms have not yet been built.

A new study by researchers at Fukushima Medical University shows that elderly residents living in nursing homes in the Fukushima Prefecture died at a rate nearly two and half times higher in 2011 than they did the previous year. The group studied records from 34 nursing homes located within 20 km of the Fukushima plant. During the three months after the crisis began, the rate was three times as high as that during the same period in 2010. The researchers believe that the deaths were as a result of the stress of evacuating long distances, as well as substandard care received at temporary evacuation facilities. In addition, the study revealed that most of the nursing homes are not prepared to protect residents in case of a nuclear disaster.

The accompanying NFLA English Forum seminar following the Steering Committee meeting would allow NFLA representatives to understand more of the local issues that have arisen from the Fukushima incident.

Agreed: To note the report.

7. **Alternatives to nuclear energy**

The NFLA Secretary provided an update on plans to develop a new series of NFLA reports on a range of energy issues relating to the alternatives to nuclear energy.

These reports include:

- A study of the environmental consequences of shale gas fracking and implications for local authorities in the UK and Ireland.
- An overview of the potential of new renewable energy sources not considered in detail by the NFLA previously, such as biofuels, geothermal energy and biomass in the UK and Ireland.
- An overview of the issues for local authorities on the issue of fuel poverty and the benefits of expanding energy efficiency programmes in the UK and Ireland.
- An overview of the upcoming Green Deal and the Green Investment Bank and a comparative study of developments in Germany and Austria.

The first two of these reports will be published in early February and the others before the end of March. The Steering Committee welcomed the publication of these reports as clarifying NFLA policy and for informing member authorities of a number of important areas in energy policy.

Agreed: To note the report.

8. **Radioactive waste management**

The NFLA Secretary provided a report on developments in radioactive waste management policy.

NDA Update –

The NDA draft Business Plan for 2013 – 2016 has been published. The total planned expenditure for 2013/2014 is £3.2 billion, of which £2.3 billion is provided by UK Government and £0.9 billion by income from commercial operations. The NDA plan to spend £3 billion on site programmes in 2013/14, with £1.6 billion of this targeted at Sellafield, while ‘non-site expenditure’ is expected to be £0.2 billion. This non-site expenditure includes skills development, socio-economic, Research & Development (R&D) and insurance. The Steering Committee agreed the framework for a NFLA Secretariat submission to the Business Plan, which will be sent to all NFLA members when it is completed.

The contract process for determining who will manage and operate the Magnox Ltd and RSRL sites has now seen the original list of consortiums whittled down to four groups – CAS Restoration Partnership (formed by CH2M, Areva and Serco), Reactor Site Solutions (Bechtel and Energy Solutions), the Babcock Fleur Partnership and AMEC / Atkins. The contract is valued at £7 billion. It is expected that this process will be completed by the end of 2013.

Developments at Sellafield –

Following the highly critical National Audit Office report on the robustness of safety procedures at the Sellafield facility and its value for money to the UK taxpayer, the UK Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee is finalising its own report after visiting the Sellafield site in late November. This final report will make recommendations on the value for money to the taxpayer of the Sellafield site and measures it believes the site owners should take to manage costs.

As part of its response to the report, the NDA has confirmed that it will recruit a further 500 staff to focus on safe decommissioning of parts of the site. It has also adjusted its Business Plan to take into account a greater focus on improvements to decommissioning at Sellafield.

On the 12th December, a court case began on Sellafield Ltd where it faces nine charges over the alleged illegal dumping of low level radioactive waste at the Lillyhall landfill site near Workington. The court case follows an extensive investigation by the Environment Agency and the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) that alleges the company disposed of four bags of non exempt radioactive waste to the landfill site.

The Chief Executive of the NDA has commented that the cleaning up and decommissioning of the existing UK nuclear waste legacy will cost £100bn and take 120 years. This is a near doubling of

the £56bn cleanup cost announced when the NDA began operating in 2005, and it has the potential to rise still more. As the NFLA Scotland Policy Advisor has noted, since Britain's first nuclear power station opened in 1956, they have generated 2.5 billion megawatt hours of electricity — which is worth £125 billion at today's prices. If the cost of building Britain's 20+ nuclear power stations (around £10bn-£12bn each in today's money), is included, the clean-up costs far exceed the value of the power produced.

West Cumbria Managing Radioactive Waste Safely (MRWS) consultation -

The decision on whether Copeland, Allerdale and Cumbria Councils should proceed to the next stage of searching for a suitable site in the area for a deep-underground radioactive waste repository is planned to be made on 30th January 2013. This decision has been postponed from November. In preparation for the decision, the NFLA issued a media release on the 21st January giving its view that the Councils should either postpone the decision for further technical considerations, or decide to formally not go any further with the process.

Dalgety Bay, SEPA Policy and Dounreay –

The former Prime Minister and local Fife MP Gordon Brown has called for the MoD and SEPA to agree on a firm timetable of remediation work to clean up the radioactively contaminated site at Dalgety Bay. This follows an announcement by the MoD that they will remove radioactive particles from the former Defence Aviation Repair Agency helicopter base at Almondbank in Perthshire. The Perthshire site is one of nine contaminated former defence sites in Scotland. Mr Brown wants the work at Dalgety Bay to start in May. He has asked SEPA to 'designate' the responsible party — which he believes should probably be the MoD — and then ask the MoD to provide the funding for the clean-up.

On other Scottish matters, the NFLA responded to a Scottish Environmental Protection Agency consultation on proposed discharge authorisations from the Dounreay facility. The response included supporting additional information from Shetland Island Council. The submission has been placed on the NFLA website.

Rail transports of materials containing high radioactivity have commenced from Dounreay to Sellafield, despite an increasing level of local opposition. The NFLA Scotland Policy Advisor was interviewed by BBC Scotland on the matter, whilst the NFLA's critical views on these transports were covered by a wide range of media outlets. The NFLA Secretary is also pursuing interest in the Highland area over local opposition to the transports.

Update on the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management –

Professor Laurence Williams has been appointed as the new Chair of CoRWM. Professor Williams is Professor of Nuclear Safety at the University of Central Lancashire. A number of new members of CoRWM were also appointed at the same time, most with academic or legal backgrounds in nuclear waste management. The relatively new committee is expected to develop further work on interim storage, a deep waste repository and further analysis of Scottish Government radioactive waste policy in 2013.

Update on NuLEAF and SCCORS -

The LGA group on nuclear decommissioning and radioactive waste matters, NuLEAF (Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum) was due to holding a business meeting in London on the 29th January, but this has had to be cancelled and will be rescheduled for late February.

The NFLA Secretary has been informed that the North Ayrshire (SNP) Councillor Alex McLean has been appointed as the new Chair of SCCORS (Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances). Councillor McLean's ward is close to the Hunterston facility.

Ministry of Defence Submarine Dismantling Project –

The NFLA Secretary will be attending the first reconstituted meeting of the subgroups of the SDP Advisory Group taking forward the final stages of the process for a medium to long-term solution to the decommissioning of redundant nuclear powered submarines. This meeting takes place in Bristol on the 22nd January.

The Ministry of Defence has invited bids from the private sector to ascertain if there are any suitable commercial sites that may be added to the list of potential sites for the management of intermediate level radioactive waste from the redundant submarines. An ongoing discussion between MoD and the NDA is also considering if any of the NDA's sites could be used for the storage of such waste.

Agreed: To note the report. To submit a response to the NDA's Business Plan consultation.

9. Low level radiation and health issues

The NFLA Secretary provided an update on a number of issues relating to the potential effects of low level radiation on human health.

Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment (COMARE) update -

The NFLA Secretary has written to the COMARE Secretariat to raise concerns about delays to its research report on Sellafield and Dounreay and to clarify the findings of its recent report on health issues around Dalgety Bay. In its response the COMARE Secretariat has confirmed that, due to the 'comprehensive analyses' required for consideration of Sellafield and Dounreay, the report will not be published until 2014.

BBC Trust decision on 'Bang Goes the Theory' radiation effects programme -

The BBC Trust ruled on the 12th December that the BBC1 popular science programme 'Bang Goes the Theory' had misleadingly downplayed the likely effects of the Chernobyl disaster. The programme had claimed that the disaster had led to only 100 fatalities from radiation exposure. The Trust accepted a complaint by the Nuclear Consulting Group that the programme had ignored research that there could eventually be as much as 16,000 premature deaths from the disaster.

The BBC Trust concluded that the programme was 'extremely selective' in the figures it used throughout the programme. It also did not consider the wider impacts of radiation on human health. This complaint follows on from a number of concerns around other TV and radio programmes on nuclear matters, and hopefully sets a marker for more accurate future reporting of such issues.

Radiation in Food monitoring procedures review -

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has announced a public review on the way it monitors radioactivity in the food environment (RIFE). An annual monitoring programme has been in place for more than 25 years and the FSA claim that "no food safety risks have been identified during this period". The closing date for this review is March 6th 2013. As part of this review, the FSA have identified their 'preferred option' as "maintaining consumer safety with a more proportionate surveillance programme in line with the low risks from radioactivity in food. This would include continuing to monitor food around all licensed nuclear sites while reducing background monitoring away from nuclear sites."

The NFLA Secretary has commissioned the independent environmental consultant Tim Deere-Jones, who plans to develop a detailed response to the review.

Agreed: To note the report. The Steering Committee agreed that Tim Deere-Jones produce a response to the RIFE report.

10. Nuclear emergency planning

The NFLA Secretary has been pursuing ongoing engagement with DECC and ONR staff on the review of nuclear emergency planning. There has been some reluctance to engage effectively on these issues with the NFLA.

The NFLA Secretariat has issued a media release commenting on the publication of the draft emergency plan for the Sizewell site by the Suffolk Resilience Forum which is attempting to incorporate learning points from the Fukushima incident. The plan has seen some welcome changes with a slight increase in the emergency planning zones around the site and an acknowledgement to inform more local people of the emergency procedures in the event of an

incident at the site. However, the NFLA media release raised its concerns that the draft plan did not go far enough in developing sufficient post-Fukushima improvements. The NFLA Secretary is in the process of sending a broad response to the Suffolk Resilience Forum with its views on the draft plan.

Agreed: To note the report. To respond to the draft Sizewell area emergency plan.

11. Date of next NFLA Steering Committee meeting

The next NFLA Steering Committee meeting will be on ***Friday 22nd March in Manchester Town Hall from 11am – 1pm. There will also be an afternoon seminar.***

12. NFLA English Forum / Steering Committee joint seminar

A seminar considering the main issues arising in Japan from the Fukushima disaster was given by three speakers who were living 30 miles from the site in March 2011. This seminar was both thought-provoking and highly informative. The NFLA Secretary plans to develop the key themes in the seminar into a NFLA Policy Briefing with the agreement of the speakers.