

**Minutes of the STFC Cross Community Post Management Committee
Daresbury Laboratory
27 September 2012**

Present: P.J. Nolan, J. Simpson, P.M. Walker, T. Davinson, R Wadsworth

12.01. Apologies
Gavin Smith

12.02. NPGP report produced following the meeting in March 2011
This was circulated with the agenda and was accepted as an accurate summary of the status of the CC effort available after the committee reviewed the planned work for 2011/12.

The minutes of 7th March 2011 were accepted and will be published on the web pages.

12.03. Matters arising

(a) The level of Cross Community effort that should be utilized for applied projects. The committee noted that this effort should not interfere with nuclear physics work.

The committee noted the applied projects in the reports submitted to this committee.

It was noted in the coming period a small amount of effort will be required by the CC effort since two of the applied project (Prospectus and PORGAMRAYs) have received follow on funding (CLASP and IPS) which includes additional effort outside the CC staff.

(b) Reporting to the community. This will be achieved through the CC web pages and the community informed (via ukusers).

JS noted that he had a detailed list of approved non-staff items from Daresbury (and Liverpool).

It was noted that most themes were deemed fundable at some level by the grants panel. The specific requests made for CC effort in the consolidated grants were made know to Liverpool, Daresbury and Manchester when their grants were submitted.

The view of the committee was that with this knowledge the committee should therefore concentrate on managing the resource to allow the NUSTAR project and requests from the community on consolidated grant related work to be carried out as effectively as possible.

It was agreed that the website should be re-advertised to the community after checking that it is completely up to date. This site already contains information on STFC funded projects (including applied), so the potential for this aspect of the CC resource use could be brought to the attention of the community at the same time.

PW asked for a list of acronyms for the various projects/ detectors systems to be included on the website when it is updated.

Action: JS/RW

12.04. Information requested from I Lazarus, V. Pucknell and J. Strachan on use of CC personnel time from August 2011 to August 2012 and requests for the use of this time for the remainder of 2012 up to August 2013 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The committee were pleased to see that the CC personnel were fully utilized over the past 12 months on a wide variety of tasks related to the NUSTAR project, which now includes AGATA as part of HISPEC, DESPEC and R3B, as well as upgrades of existing detection systems and developments of new equipment resulting from various grants that had been allocated in the Consolidated Grants round.

A short report was also circulated on the target laboratory and other activities of P Morrall over the past year. PW said it would be useful in future to have a percentage break down of the time spent on the various activities. JS indicated that about 75% of his time was spent on target making/ target laboratory work with the remainder of the time being associated with technical tasks associated with existing detection systems such as AIDA, LISA and AGATA at GSI.

12.05 Requests for September 2012 to August 2013

The Committee reviewed the work schedule for the forthcoming year and were pleased to note all effort was largely fully committed at this time. There was concern, however, over the level of future major projects within the community and the Committee noted that this was unlikely to be resolved until the STFC programmatic review had been completed. It was noted that this could impact on work in late 2013/14 unless projects were funded relatively quickly after the review process had been completed.

TD suggested that for the next meeting it would be useful for each of the areas to clearly report on what effort was committed (and to which tasks) and what would be available. This meeting should be held in advance of groups starting to write their grant applications so that they would be clearly made aware of what resources were available. July 2013 was suggested as a possible date for this meeting. The main problem foreseen is that it is unlikely that the funding any new projects would be known of by that time.

Action: JS/RW

Changes in Personnel

At this point in time there were no new changes in personnel to report from those listed last year. However, JS informed the Committee that S Letts would be retiring in November and that interviews had already taken place for a replacement. The Committee were sorry to learn that Simon would be leaving and wishes to formally record its thanks for all the work he has done for nuclear physics projects during his time with the Daresbury group.

11.06 A.o.B.

The Committee noted the need for succession planning for all of the CC posts in the near future.

11.07 Next meeting

Agreed that July or possibly early Sept 2013 would be a good time to hold this so that the community would be aware of what effort was available for the next round of consolidated grant bids.

RW 29th Sept 12