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**DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP
HIGHLIGHTS FROM MARCH MEETING**

- The Annual General Meeting took place prior to the full DSG meeting. Bob Earnshaw and David Flear were re-elected as chair and vice-chair respectively.
- DSG will write to MOD to ask about their continued commitment to Caithness after the prototyping operations and defuelling is complete.
- DSG review will be completed by the end of March. The report will be considered at the next business meeting and recommendations will be discussed and agreed with members before implementation.
- DSG will write to ONR (Transport) to seek further clarification of shipments of nuclear waste and the consequences of the removal of the emergency tug vessels.
- SEPA will launch a consultation at the end of March on the Dounreay site's low level waste authorisation.
- DSG had responded to NDA's consultation on their business plan. A response is awaited.
- DSG is currently drafting a response to NDA's credible options for Dounreay Exotic fuels. The engagement closes on 23rd March 2012.
- The NDA has completed its review of the scale of records across the NDA estate and concluded there is a need for a physical archive and has re-affirmed its commitment to the development of an archive to be built in Wick. The next stage is to develop a business case to support delivery.
- The NDA has agreed a top up of £350,000 to the North Highland Regeneration Fund to keep the Fund in capital while loan repayments continue. The Managing Agent contract, currently held by Newpark Management Ltd, is being re-tendered and 4 organisations have expressed an interest in tendering.
- The Caithness & North Sutherland Fund (CNSF) recently awarded a first round of grants to community projects totaling over £102,000. The CNSF directors assessed applications in February and funding is to be given to 8 voluntary and community groups in the Caithness & North Sutherland area for projects that help improve the attractiveness of the area as a place to live, work and invest. The grants include Dunnet Forestry Trust being awarded £14,248 towards the construction of a log cabin woodland shelter in Dunnet Forest and Wick Harbourfest Committee also received £20,000 towards the Wick Diamond Jubilee Harbourfest event to be held at Wick harbour in June 2012. Full details of all the projects to be funded will be published on the CNSF website. Closing date for the next round of funding is 6 April and quarterly thereafter.

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- The DSG said farewell to Councillor Rick Nickerson who was attending his last full DSG meeting and to Simon Middlemas, DSRL's Managing Director.
- On 2nd April Babcock Dounreay Partnership will take over the management of the Dounreay site.

Bob Earnshaw
DSG Chairman
11th March 2012