

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP

The DSG held its public meeting on the 13th March 2013. Prior to the meeting the Annual General Meeting was held.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- New office bearers were elected at the AGM. These were:
 - David Flear DSG Chairman
 - Anne Chard DSG Vice-chair
 - Derrick Milnes DSG Socio Economic Sub Group chairman
 - Bob Earnshaw DSG Site Restoration Sub Group chairman
- Following an external DSG review one of the recommendations was to consider the capacity of the group and open up the 'members of the public' places. An Advert was placed in the local papers in late February and four applications were received. These will be reviewed by the officials and it is expected that a decision will be reached before the sub group meetings to be held in April.
- At Vulcan, the plant was currently under scheduled maintenance and was expected to restart operations in May/June. Rolls Royce continue to actively seek new contracts to continue to utilise the site workforce in Caithness.
- Discussion on the Dounreay site's proposed new discharge authorisation was held. A briefing note had been issued to DSG members prior to the meeting. [DSG\(2013\)C019](#) refers.
- Information on the location of a third vault for the new low level waste facility was provided. [DSG\(2013\)C013](#) refers. DSG members satisfied themselves that the thermal cracking which had occurred in the walls of the demolition waste vault was being investigated. DSRL had provided an engineering report which is being considered by NDA and the regulators.
- Scottish Government representative confirmed that the NDA business plan was currently with Scottish Ministers for approval. A response was expected by the end of the month.
- Scottish Government had also confirmed forward dates for the High Activity Waste Implementation Project Board. DSG has representation at these meetings.
- The proposed firing range was discussed. The planning application is now with Highland Council.
- DSG members took part in a socio economic workshop in early March to input into the content of Dounreay's Socio Economic Plan. The plan will be submitted to NDA at end of March and will be discussed with DSG in April.
- A meeting with the National Nuclear Archives Project Manager will take place on 25th March 2013.
- Roger Hardy, Managing Director Dounreay provided a presentation on the site's consolidated plan. The interim end state remains in the date range of 2022-2025. More information will be available in the full minutes.
- DSG members met Mark Rouse, Managing Director Dounreay (designate). Mark will take over from Roger Hardy on the 1st April. Roger will take over the chair of the DSRL Board and retain the lead in the site's contribution to socio economics.

Bob Earnshaw
DSG Chairman (Acting)
 19th March 2013