

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP
SITE RESTORATION SUB GROUP

DSG/SRSG(2015)M002

Minutes of the DSG Site Restoration sub group meeting held on Wednesday 8th April 2015 at 1900 hours in the Pentland Hotel (Large lounge), Thurso.

Present:	Bob Earnshaw	Thurso Community Council (Sub Group chairman)
	Cllr Roger Saxon	Highland Council
	David Flear	DSG Chairman
	Alastair MacDonald	DSG Honorary member
	John Deighan	Dounreay Unions
	David Broughton	DSG member
	Roy Blackburn	DSG member

In addition: June Love DSRL / DSG Secretariat

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Bob Earnshaw welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that the NDA could not be represented at this meeting because of Purdah and therefore the decision had been made to hold a 'members' only meeting which would concentrate on considering the focus of DSG going forward.

He noted that the Terms of Reference would be considered at the end of the meeting to consider whether changes were required.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from:

- Ian Leslie SGRPID
- Tor Justad DSG member
- Cllr George Farlow Highland Council
- Mike Flavell NHS, Highland

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting – DSG/SRSG(2015)M001 refers – had been circulated to members in advance. These were taken as a true reflection of the meeting and this was proposed by David Flear and seconded by David Broughton.

No issues were raised from the minutes.

4. ACTION STATUS

The status of actions was noted.

5. VULCAN UPDATE

Bob Earnshaw noted that members had received correspondence relating to Vulcan:

- DSG(2015)C019: Rolls Royce update
- DSG(2015)C027: PWR3 reactor decision

It was agreed that Rolls Royce would be asked to provide their update in time for sub group meetings rather than the main meeting.

Action: DSG/SRSG(2015)M002/A001: Secretary to request Rolls Royce update is provided for sub group meetings rather than the public DSG meeting.

Members noted the apprentice programme that Rolls Royce undertook and was pleased to see this was continuing. They felt it would be useful to know what Rolls Royce's long term strategy for apprentices was.

Action: DSG/SRSG(2015)M002/A002: Secretary to write to Rolls Royce requesting information on their long term strategy for apprentices.

The secretary noted that Commander Ken Dyke had written to her stating that he did not intend to provide a written update for this meeting. He noted that the committee would be aware of the letter to the DSG Chair that the Government had reviewed the decision on a PWR3 prototype and found that the original decision announced in 2011 was still appropriate. The PWR2 prototype in STF was currently shutdown undergoing its annual maintenance period. Since the last meeting there had been no TRIR reportable incidents.

Members considered the response from MOD with regard to the decision not to trial PWR3 reactors. Following a discussion it was agreed to write to MOD to request an updated timeline of operations up to completion and to also ask when DSG could input into the options for the future of the site. David Flear noted that he would be meeting MOD representatives on the 22nd April and would follow up these discussions.

Action: DSG/SRSG(2015)M002/A003: Secretary to write to MOD requesting an up to date timeline of operations up to completion of PWR2 reactors and also to ask when DSG could input into the options for the Vulcan site.

6. DOUNREAY IMPROVEMENT TEAM UPDATE

Bob Earnshaw noted that an update on the Dounreay Improvement Team was provided in DSRL's written update. David Flear stated that he was being updated by Mark Rouse on a monthly basis. It was agreed that this would remain on the agenda to ensure positive progress was being made.

It was also requested that the chairman write to the NDA asking for assurance that NDA is content with the progress being made by DSRL.

Action: DSG/SRSG(2015)M002/A004: DSG Chairman to write to NDA Head of Programme to ensure NDA is content with the progress being made with DSRL in relation to the Dounreay Improvement Team.

7. DOUNREAY UPDATE

Bob Earnshaw noted a number of written papers had been submitted:

- DSG(2015)P012: DSRL progress report, March 2015
- DSG(2015)P008: SEPA progress report, March 2015
- DSG(2015)P009: ONR report, January to March 2015

Bob Earnshaw asked members whether they felt the format and information provided in these reports was useful. Following a discussion it was agreed that all papers contained about the right

information especially if all three were read in parallel. Members were especially complementary about the ONR report.

It was suggested that to allow DSG to plan meaningful presentations at public meetings it would be useful to see a list of the key targets for the coming year. Members commented on the presentation provided at the March meeting and felt that this had been a useful presentation by the Project Director. It had also been good to hear from Brian Wade, a DSRL apprentice who had been involved in the project. Members felt it would be useful to look at getting the younger workforce involved in these presentations where it was appropriate.

Action: DSG/SRSG(2015)M002/A005: DSG Secretary to request the key targets for Dounreay decommissioning for 2015-2016.

It was also noted that DSG members had been involved in observing both Dounreay and Vulcan emergency exercises. The nominated representative was no longer a DSG member and Bob Earnshaw felt it would be useful to identify representatives who would be interested in observing such exercises. Roy Blackburn stated he would be happy to take on this role and Roger Saxon agreed to deputise.

Action: DSG/SRSG(2015)M002/A006: DSG Secretary to write to MOD and DSRL indicating nominated DSG observers for emergency exercises going forward.

8. CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING

Bob Earnshaw noted the following correspondence received:

- DSG(2015)C030: DSRL Heritage update, Jan-Mar 2015
- DSG(2015)C016: DSG response to CoRWM review
- DSG(2015)C020: D Broughton's note on visit to Barrow (Oceanic Pintail)
- DSG(2015)C021: T Justad's note on visit to DRS (Inverness) and Barrow (Oceanic Pintail)

It was noted that while D Broughton/T Justad had visited Barrow there had been a request to visit Sellafeld site. This had not been possible as there had been a site emergency exercise being held that day and all public visits had been suspended. A member of the Sellafeld staff had visited Barrow to meet with the DSG representatives.

9. DSG TERMS OF REFERENCE

Bob Earnshaw noted the DSG Terms of Reference and suggested that this was an appropriate time to consider whether changes to these were required.

David Flear noted the comment made at the Annual General Meeting regarding the DSG holding site operators to account. He acknowledged that the regulators had a legal position to hold the site to account. The DSG Terms of Reference stated that the DSG provided scrutiny and oversight from a community viewpoint which could include issues like socio economics, staff morale, etc.

David Flear stated that DSG had regularly held an external review of DSG to ensure that focus going forward was appropriate. He intimated he would not stand for re-election as chairman next year, although he wished to remain a member of DSG, and felt that the time for an external review would be when a new chair was appointed. This was agreed by members. He asked members to consider whether they would be in a position to consider taking over the chair of DSG next March as it would be useful in terms of succession planning.

He asked members whether they felt DSG was still required and it was agreed that this would be required for some time to come. Attendance was discussed and consideration was given to this. It was agreed that attendance would be considered at the next business meeting.

A discussion also took place as to how to get members of the public more involved at the DSG main meetings. Some felt that it was difficult for those sitting in the public seating to raise a question. It was agreed that consideration of this would be given at the business meeting.

Members were encouraged to re-read the Terms of Reference and provide the secretary with any comments or suggested changes which would go to the Business meeting for consideration.

Action: DSG/SRSG(2015)M002/A007: All members to consider DSG Terms of Reference and provide comments to the secretary.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bob Earnshaw noted the final draft DSG response to DECC's consultation on the UK strategy for LLW (DSG(2015)C017 refers). Members agreed this letter could now be signed off and submitted to DECC as DSG's response.

It was also noted that DSRL had indicated that two further vaults (as per the planning permission) would be built. It was felt that DSRL should be encouraged to ensure there was socio economic benefit within the construction contract.

Action: DSG/SRSG(2015)M002/A008: DSG Chairman to write to DSRL to emphasise the importance of including socio economic benefit in the construction of the low level waste vaults.

David Flear noted that Scottish Government's consultation on higher activity waste was still awaited. The length of time this has taken would be queried at the next Scottish Government's Scottish Nuclear sites meeting.

11. CLOSE

There being no further business, Bob Earnshaw thanked members for their input and formally closed the meeting.

Bob Earnshaw
DSG Site Restoration Sub Group Chair
12th April 2015

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

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