

DSG CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2016/17

This year sees me stepping down as Chairman of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group after five years and I have taken the opportunity here to reflect on some of our achievements over these years.

Some people may believe that DSG meets four times per year but those who are involved within the group know that there is much more to it. DSG members are volunteers and each and every one of you have given up your time freely to attend, not only the main meeting, but to participate in sub group meetings and a range of other local, regional and national meetings over the year.

We have, as a collective body, held the NDA and site to account when appropriate and equally have supported the site in many ways when it is fitting to do so.

This year has seen a lot of questioning on transportation of nuclear materials and it has been a challenge to balance the information that has been provided with the security issues which surround such activity. I hope on balance DSG members recognise everyone has done their utmost to be open and transparent within the bounds of safety and security.

As I reflect over the years that DSG has been running (including the work of the two chairmen before me) we have made some positive achievements and to name but a few:

- The opening of Nucleus and the long term employment that this creates.
- The £4 million Caithness and North Sutherland Fund which supports projects throughout the Dounreay Travel to Work area.
- The focus of socio economic spending in the main going to CNSRP activities.
- The renovation of Dounreay.com public information office and the Human Resource and Training personnel moving in which helps to support town centre trading.
- The socio economic element within the Dounreay contracts.

And throughout all this time, we have continued to look at ourselves as a group and make small but important improvements in our scrutiny and oversight of the sites especially in the site operations area.

For this year, we have been involved in:

RESPONDING TO CONSULTATIONS

- Scottish Government's higher activity waste consultation
- Guidance on Requirements for Release of Nuclear Sites from Radioactive Substances Regulation (GRR Consultation)
- Dounreay Socio Economic Plan, 2016
- NDA Draft business Plan, 2017 onwards

SUPPORT TO OTHER PROJECTS

- Berriedale Braes
- Thurso Community Sports Hub

DSG PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation on Vulcan fuel movements
- Vulcan future options
- DSRL update presentation

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