

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This is the fourth year that the DSG has been in existence and there has been a lot of work done during this time. Of note,

- Held four full meetings (March 08, September 08, December 08 and March 09).
- Sub groups have continued to ensure issues are progressed in a timely manner. Topics covered during the year include:
 - Admin & Procedures sub group:
 - Membership issues
 - Forward diary of meetings/events
 - Financial report
 - Website report
 - NDA's guidance for site stakeholder groups
 - Attendance report
 - Site operations sub group
 - Site funding
 - Reduction in emergency planning zone
 - Lifetime plan
 - Site operational issues
 - Environment sub group
 - Scottish Government's policy on radioactive waste management
 - Low level waste
 - All waste options study
 - RIFE (radioactivity in food and the Environment) update
 - Heritage strategy
 - Particles project
 - Contaminated land
 - Shaft isolation project
 - Socio economic sub group
 - Updates from CNS regeneration partnership
 - NDA's socio economic policy
 - DSRL's socio economic plan
 - High school improvements
 - Nuclear archives project
 - Skills and education
 - DSRL spin out projects
- The Community benefits working group have helped secure a community fund linked to the low level waste facility at Dounreay. Details of the fund will be made public once Scottish Government has come to a decision.

- Competition for the Dounreay site has now been announced and expected to start in the summer 09 and be completed by 2010.
- The NDA guidance for site stakeholder groups continues to be developed. The guidance reflected a lot of what was already in the DSG terms of reference.
- A note of thanks should be extended to NDA, DSRL, Vulcan, NII and SEPA for their work with the DSG.
- DSG were represented at the following Scottish/UK/international meetings:
 - Good Practice engagement workshop (March 08)
 - Labour Party political conference (Mar 08)
 - NDA National Chair's Forum (May 08)
 - NDA National Stakeholder Group (May 08)
 - Conservative political party conference (May 08)
 - Communities in Transition conference (May 08)
 - Cowam in Practice workshop (Sep 08)
 - North Highland Regeneration Fund AGM (Oct 08)
 - NDA Plutonium disposition workshop (Oct 08)
 - SNP party political conference Oct 08)
 - CoRWM workshop (Oct 08)
 - Scottish sites meeting (Oct 08)
 - NDA National Chair's Forum (Nov 08)
 - NDA National Stakeholder Group (Nov 08)
 - CoRWM workshop (Feb 08)
 - Cowam in Practice (Feb 08)
 - National skills academy, nuclear award ceremony (Feb 08)
- DSG hosted visits from:
 - representatives from Wylfa stakeholder group (Apr 08)
 - representatives from Hunterston stakeholder group (Sep 08)
- DSG representatives took part in:
 - a 90-minute documentary about radioactive waste management.
 - a Dounreay site visit (June 08)
 - a presentation by Dr Gerald Gordon on regeneration issues (July 08)
 - a reception hosted by Scotland's Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment, Richard Lochhead (Jul 08)
 - a briefing on funding for Dounreay site (Oct 08)
 - workshop for the all waste options study (Nov 08)
 - Pentland Alliance reception (Jan 09)
 - discussions with Energy Solutions (Feb 09)
 - LEADER meetings (throughout the year – organised by Caithness Partnership)
 - Caithness & North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership (throughout the year)
- DSG responded to the following consultations:
 - Low level waste planning application (Highland Council)
 - Site end state reconciliation project
 - NDA's consultation on public & stakeholder engagement and communications framework for geological disposal.
 - NDA draft business plan
 - NII questionnaire on site stakeholder groups
- DSG continue to take a special interest in the socio-economics of the community and a number of issues relating to this which has been well reported throughout

the year.

- DSG involvement in the identification of a community centre for the Viewfirth continues.
- Of particular note the DSG, in association with Caithness Partnership, was involved in the Caithness Conference held in September. Scotland's First Minister attended and there was a positive mood following this conference.
- The socio economic sub group, in association with DSRL, continue to consider funding requests for the Dounreay community fund. This fund is made up of £20K from DSRL and a possible further £30K from UKAEA Ltd dependent on safety performance at the site.

As Chairman, I would like to record my thanks to all DSG members (past and present) for their involvement in the group.

Alastair MacDonald
DSG Chairman
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