

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MEETING HELD ON 18TH MARCH 2009

Annual General Meeting

- Alastair MacDonald and Bob Earnshaw were elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.
- The Terms of Reference will be amended to reflect an amendment discussed at the AGM.

DSG main meeting

- DSRL provided a presentation on the progress of (o)-0.115971(v8056 0 0 1 32g151.4698(e)11.4698(1597
The following is a list of the items discussed at the meeting.

- It was noted that a reduction in Dounreay site's emergency planning zone was being introduced. Vulcan also intimated they would be also be considering a reduction. DSG will write to Highland Council to ask for representation on the emergency planning meeting.
- A construction supplier's day will be held on 26th March in Thurso for the three big construction projects which will get underway shortly on the Dounreay site.
- DSG submitted a response to the NDA draft business plan 2009-10.
- A smaller independent group will be set up as the predecessor of the Dounreay Particles Advisory Group (DPAG) to provide independent advice to SEPA and DSRL on the off-shore clean-up project.
- Melvich beach had recently been monitored and no particles were detected.
- Vulcan would provide an update on the future of the site at the next DSG meeting to be held in June.
- Update reports on regeneration issues were provided by Caithness and North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership, HIE and the Caithness Chamber of Commerce.
- The last payment of £500K has been provided by NDA for the North Highland Regeneration Fund. NDA's contribution now totals £1.5M.
- Representatives from DSG and Wick & Thurso Trades Council attended the Labour and Lib Dem political conferences to lobby on behalf of the regeneration initiatives for the area.

Alastair MacDonald
DSG Chair

22nd March 2009

DSG members are asked to ensure that they circulate this briefing note to their respective organisations. The full minutes of the meeting will be available as soon as possible to allow more detailed information to be discussed as appropriate.