

**DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP
BUSINESS MEETING**

DSG/BM(2019)M001

Minutes of the DSG Business meeting held on Friday 15th February at 1400 hours in Dounreay.com, Thurso.

Present:	Roger Saxon	Chairman
	Derrick Milnes	Vice-Chairman / Socio economic sub group chair
	Willie Mackay	Site Restoration sub group chair
	Gillian Coghill	Site Restoration sub group deputy chair
	David Flear	Socio Economic sub group deputy chair
	June Love	DSG Secretariat

MINUTES

1. WELCOME

Roger Saxon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting – DSG/BM(2018)M004 – were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.

4. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS

It was noted that the majority of actions had now been completed. June Love noted that the actions from the sub groups held on 30th January would be included in time for the public meeting on 13th March 2019.

5. ISSUES RAISED FROM SUB GROUPS

The following was noted:

- **Vulcan:** It was noted that Vulcan had provided a disappointing update on the future options of the Vulcan site and was currently awaiting confirmation from Wendy Newton as to whether she would be able to provide a further presentation at the March public meeting. Wendy had asked to meet with both Roger Saxon and Willie Mackay but was unfortunately not available for this meeting. Wendy Newton had been asked to make contact with Roger Saxon.
- **City Region Deal:** David Flear asked Cllr Willie Mackay what progress was being made on the City Region Deal.

June Love noted that this had been discussed at the last DSG Socio Economic sub group meeting and Cllr Struan Mackie had outlined the potential for further funding to be made available but that it would be up to the areas to apply for funding.

The discussion at the sub group was around how funding requests could be submitted that aligned and added value to CNSRP priority projects. An action had been placed at the sub group to take this forward between Cllr Mackie and CNSRP Programme Manager, Eann Sinclair.

Cllr Willie Mackay said he would also raise this at the next Caithness Ward business meeting. June Love noted that the Chairman could also raise this at the CNSRP Advisory Board. It was felt that this should also be raised directly with the CNSRP Chairman, Ian Ross.

Action: DSG/BM(2019)M001/A001: Cllr Willie Mackay to raise City Region Deal at next Caithness Ward Business meeting.

Action: DSG/BM(2019)M001/A002: Roger Saxon to raise City Region Deal at the next CNSRP Advisory Board.

Action: DSG/BM(2019)M001/A003: Roger Saxon to write to Ian Ross, CNSRP Independent Chairman regarding City Region Deal.

- **CNS Fund:** David Flear noted that the CNS Fund had received an uplift in its funding following initial discussions between NDA and DSG. Gillian Coghill noted that the funding had been increased but that no request for this to be backdated had been made. David Flear responded that the backdating of the funding had appeared to be supported by Bill Hamilton, NDA.
- **Japanese presentation:** June Love noted that the recent visit to Japan had also been raised with NDA to explore how this could be taken forward to ensure the momentum of this successful visit was not lost. It was agreed this should be raised at Scottish Government level at the next Scottish Nuclear Sites meeting.

Action: DSG/BM(2019)M001/A004: Roger Saxon to raise Japanese presentation and how momentum can continue at the next Scottish Sites meeting.

- **CDP Presentation:** Derrick Milnes noted the CDP update received at the socio economic sub group meeting and felt that it would be useful to invite a similar update at a public meeting. It was agreed this would be requested for the June 2019 meeting.

Action: DSG/BM(2019)M001/A005: June Love to write to Simon Middlemas requesting CDP presentation is presented at the DSG public meeting in June 2019.

- **DSG dinner with NDA:** Roger Saxon noted the dinner held with Andrew Van der Lem and that number of questions had been raised with him including the Dounreay contract, socio economic spending and replacement for Bill Hamilton on the CNSRP Executive Board.
- **NDA sponsorship:** Willie Mackay noted early discussions had been held with the NDA regarding sponsorship of the Mey Invictus Games. A decision was expected shortly.
- **Scottish Government:** David Flear noted that Scottish Government's stance on nuclear appeared to be shifting in that they now talked about nuclear as long as it was not existing technology. He felt this was something that should be explored further.

Action: DSG/BM(2019)M001/A006: Roger Saxon to raise Scottish Government's policy on nuclear at the next Scottish Government Scottish Nuclear Sites meeting.

6. PUBLIC MEETING

June Love noted that paperwork for the Annual General Meeting and public meeting due to be held on 13th March was being progressed and would be available shortly.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Roger Saxon noted that discussions had taken place at both sub group meetings on the DSG focus paper. Following these discussions the paper would be updated and a final version circulated. June Love noted this would be available prior to the AGM.

June Love noted that the Dounreay Social Economic Board had approved a £5K increase in funding for the Dounreay Community Fund bringing the total amount available to £25K.

David Flear noted that this would be his and Derrick Milnes last business meeting as both would be stepping down from an official capacity. He noted that, under his chairmanship, this meeting had been set up and he had found it useful. He had enjoyed taking part in the business meeting as well as the sub groups. Derrick Milnes also echoed David's comments. Roger Saxon thanked both for their commitment to DSG over many years.

8. CLOSE

There being no further business, Roger Saxon thanked everyone for attending and formally closed the meeting.

Roger Saxon
DSG Chairman
17th February 2019

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

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DSG/BM(2019)M001/A004: Roger Saxon to raise Japanese presentation and how momentum can continue at the next Scottish Sites meeting.

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