

DSG/BM(2019)M002

**DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP
BUSINESS MEETING**

Minutes of the DSG Business meeting held on Friday 7th June 2019 at 1330 hrs in Dounreay.com, Thurso.

Present: Roger Saxon DSG Chair
Davie Alexander DSG Socio Economic Sub Group Chair
Cllr Willie Mackay DSG Site Restoration Sub Group Chair
Gillian Coghill DSG Site Restoration Sub Group Deputy Chair

MINUTES

1. WELCOME

Roger Saxon, DSG Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr Struan Mackie DSG Vice-chair
- Ron Gunn DSG Socio Economic Sub Group Deputy Chair

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting – DSG/BM(2019)M001 – were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting. This was proposed by Gillian Coghill and seconded by Roger Saxon. No issues were raised from the minutes.

4. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS

A review of the actions took place. The majority of actions arising from the last DSG public meeting were now complete.

It was noted that Cllr Struan Mackie had provided a brief update of the City Region Deal Conference he had attended on behalf of DSG. June Love noted that there was an outstanding actions for Cllr Mackie to discuss with the CNSRP Programme Manager to look at CNSRP priority projects with a view to potentially linking these to strategic projects which could provide the opportunity to bid for funding. Roger Saxon said he had felt that the note provided had intimated that the fund would continue to benefit the City rather than the rural areas. It was however noted that this was something that should be raised at the CNSRP Advisory Board to explore how funding via this Deal could be applied for.

Action: DSG/BM(2019)M002/A001: Roger Saxon to raise the issue of the City Region Deal at the CNSRP Advisory Board.

Actions from sub group meetings were being progressed.

5. ISSUES RAISED FROM SUB GROUPS

- **Socio Economic sub group:**

- It was noted that John Mcnamara (Bill Hamilton's replacement) would visit Dounreay and was likely to attend the DSG public meeting as he was in the area at that time. Davie Alexander asked whether it would be possible for the DSG Officials meet with John Mcnamara informally when he was in the area.

Action: DSG/BM(2019)M002/A002: June Love to speak to John Mcnamara to arrange a meeting with DSG Officials prior to the DSG public meeting on 26th June 2019.

- It was noted that there had been a lot of discussion around CNSRP progress and process at the meeting. June Love stated that the CNSRP Programme Manager, Peter Faccenda was relooking at the process and this would be discussed at the next CNSRP Delivery Group. Following agreement with this, the Dounreay Socio Economic process would be reviewed to ensure there was alignment.

- **Site Restoration sub group:**

- It was noted that responses had been received from MOD and Scottish Government in relation to the DSG letters sent regarding the future of the Vulcan site. The NDA had also released the information requested under Freedom of Information but had been heavily redacted.

All in attendance felt it would be useful to understand the timeline for decisions being made and therefore it was agreed that the Chairman would consider some questions which could be asked at the DSG meeting.

Action: DSG/BM(2019)M002/A003: Roger Saxon to circulate draft questions to DSG Business meeting for consideration before finalising in time for June public meeting.

It was also agreed that the responses to DSG letters would be raised at the next Scottish Government Scottish Nuclear Sites meeting which would be held in October 2019.

Action: DSG/BM(2019)M002/A004: Roger Saxon to raise responses to DSG letters regarding future of Vulcan at the next Scottish Government Scottish Nuclear Sites Meeting due to be held at the end of October.

6. DSG JUNE PUBLIC MEETING

The draft agenda was discussed for the June public meeting. It was noted that two short presentations would be provided at this meeting – CDP presentation and an update on the Space Hub Sutherland project. It was agreed that having both presentations on the agenda would ensure that these were highlighted as priority projects that sit on the CNSRP Programme.

June Love noted that the paperwork for the DSG public meeting would be circulated (in hard copy form) by the 19th June at the latest.

There was a brief discussion around the CDP presentation noting that this would be a further update on the earlier statement that the three companies who form CDP had intimated that they would look to employ the DSRL workforce after Dounreay closed. It was felt that this offer from CDP would not be taken forward if NDA made a decision to take the Dounreay contract back in house at a future date as they have with all other sites within the NDA estate. DSG members would need to take view on this at an appropriate time but would keep a watching eye on this as the decommissioning programme progressed.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following was discussed:

- **Endorsement of sub group minutes:** It was agreed that the sub group minutes would be ratified at the DSG public meeting – this would allow these minutes to be published on the website in a more timely manner than having to wait for the next sub group meeting to endorse minutes and then publish. It was agreed to put a note out to all DSG members to inform them of this to ensure they have read the minutes prior to the public meeting so that if changes are required these are either provided prior to the public meeting or tabled at the meeting.

Action: DSG/BM(2019)M002/A005: June Love to email DSG members to outline new arrangements for endorsing sub group minutes.

- **Protocol for dealing with press enquiries:** It was noted that a member of the press had contacted a DSG member looking for information around the discussion that had been held at the Socio Economic Sub group meeting. It was stressed that if the press approach a DSG member it is useful for that person to make contact with the Secretary to alert her to the enquiry. In turn the secretary would notify the Business meeting members. There was some concern that the member of press had information which had been discussed at the sub group meeting given the minutes had not been circulated prior to this and it was stressed that these discussions, until such times as the minutes were endorsed, remained private. It was further agreed that if possible all press enquiries should be passed to the DSG Chair or vice-chair for consideration before a DSG response is provided.
- **National Museums Scotland:** Davie Alexander noted he had recently been in Edinburgh and had visited the museum. He had taken time to look around the Energy section and had seen the display relating to nuclear alongside some textual content. The text noted the three reactors at Dounreay and concluded that while under decommissioning this had left a “legacy of pollution and controversy”. June Love noted that Dounreay did, from time to time, loan heritage artefacts to this Museum and would contact the Heritage Officer to explore this.

Action: DSG/BM(2019)M002/A006: June Love to contact Dounreay Heritage Officer and provide the textual context around Dounreay which is displayed.

- **NDA Stakeholder Summit:** It was noted that the DSG Chair, Vice-chair and Socio Economic sub group chair would attend this summit in July. Travel arrangements

were currently being considered. The focus of this summit would be on skills.

8. CLOSE

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

Roger Saxon
DSG Chairman
7th June 2019

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

DSG/BM(2019)M002/A001: Roger Saxon to raise the issue of the City Region Deal at the CNSRP Advisory Board.

DSG/BM(2019)M002/A002: June Love to speak to John Mcnamara to arrange a meeting with DSG Officials prior to the DSG public meeting on 26th June 2019.

DSG/BM(2019)M002/A003: Roger Saxon to circulate draft questions to DSG Business meeting for consideration before finalising in time for June public meeting.

DSG/BM(2019)M002/A004: Roger Saxon to raise responses to DSG letters regarding future of Vulcan at the next Scottish Government Scottish Nuclear Sites Meeting due to be held at the end of October.

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