

## **DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING**

### **Minutes of the DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 7 July 2020 at 0930 hours by Teams meeting.**

<b>Present:</b>	Struan Mackie	DSG chair
	Davie Alexander	DSG vice-chair (socio economic sub group chair)
	Gillian Coghill	Site restoration sub group chair
	Cllr Willie Mackay	Site restoration sub group vice-chair
	June Love	DSG secretariat

## **MINUTES**

### **1. WELCOME**

Cllr Struan Mackie thanked everyone for attending. He noted that DSG business meetings were now taking place on a fortnightly basis and will continue until such times that DSG sub groups and public meetings were able to be held.

He noted that there was no agenda for this meeting but a number of topics have been agreed for discussion.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Roger Saxon and Ron Gunn.

### **3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the last minutes had been endorsed by e-correspondence shortly after the meeting had been held (DSG/BM(2020)M03 refers). These minutes had been circulated to all DSG members.

### **4. NDA STRATEGY 4 PRECONSULTATION**

It was noted that the NDA had recently issued a pre-consultation on Strategy 4. This was a precursor to wider consultation later this year. June Love confirmed that the information had been circulated to all DSG members and comments had been invited to be returned by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Once comments were received a draft response would be collated and provided to the Business meeting for approval prior to submitting to the NDA.

**Action: DSG/BM(2020)M04/A001: June Love to collate all comments on NDA Strategy 4 pre-consultation document and provide final draft for DSG Business meeting approval.**

### **5. PROTOCOL FOR JULY SUB GROUP MEETINGS**

It was noted that written reports had been requested for the July meeting. This information would be sent out by email to all members inviting them to raise any questions/issues from the written papers. Any questions/issues raised would be sent back to the appropriate author for a response. The questions and responses would then be collated and would serve as a 'minute' of the sub groups.

It was also noted that the Socio Economic sub group meeting had been rescheduled to accommodate a meeting with the MP and MSP. It was agreed that the DSG Socio economic sub group paperwork would be issued prior to 15<sup>th</sup> July to ensure that all information for

both sub groups were sent out at the same time. The meeting with the MP/MSP would be a smaller grouping of DSG members and rather than holding this as the 'sub group' meeting it would be a meeting that would focus on 4 or 5 different topics. It was agreed that the following would be raised with MP/MSP:

- Potential of NDA to bring the Dounreay contract back in-house / benefits v disbenefits.
- Work mobility which might allow support services to be provided across the NDA estate from Caithness and beyond the closure of Dounreay.
- The importance of the Public Service Obligation for Wick/JOG Airport
- Space Hub Sutherland – need for strong supportive voices as Scottish Government Review of planning.

The meeting with MP/MSP was scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> July and it was noted that restrictions for physical meetings (while still applying social distance) may be eased. June Love agreed to make contact with MP/MSP to find out their preference for this meeting.

**Action: DSG/BM(2020)M04/A002: June Love to contact Gail Ross and Jamie Stone to explore how they wish to meet for socio economic discussion.**

## **6. NDA SOCIO ECONOMIC STRATEGY**

Davie Alexander stated he had read through the recently published NDA Socio Economic Strategy and was pleased to see that there was a much greater focus on Dounreay and the funding allocated for the area was now £2m. He stated that Sellafield held the biggest budget for socio economic activities and questioned the reasoning behind this at the stage Sellafield are currently in with their decommissioning programme. He also noted that large numbers of graduates/apprentices recruited at Sellafield and stated that while it had been on agenda for discussion it would be worthwhile picking up the whole apprentice recruitment piece for Dounreay at the appropriate time.

## **7. FORWARD PLANNING**

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that following the July sub groups the next meeting due to be held would be the September public meeting. It was agreed that a watching brief on the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions would continue and a decision as to whether the September public meeting was possible would be made during August to allow some certainty for members as to whether the meeting would take place. If easing of restrictions did not accommodate a full meeting members would be informed as to how the September meeting would be conducted in plenty of time.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Struan Mackie invited members to raise any other business. Of note:

- Davie Alexander felt that once Covid-19 restrictions were lifted and DSG were able to meet in person again it would be a useful exercise to review the membership of DSG. This was agreed by all members at the meeting but noted that this would be a long-term action and could not be conducted until such times that meetings were taking place.

**Action: DSG/BM(2020)M04/A003: June Love to put on the agenda (at the appropriate time) a review of the membership of DSG.**

- June Love noted that to support Covid-19 requirements it had been agreed that DSRL would purchase two portacabins. One would be donated to Canisbay and Castletown Medical Practice as they currently had no facilities to segregate potential patients with Covid-19 related symptoms to those visiting the medical centre for other health reasons. The second portacabin would be provided to Riverview in Wick where currently DSRL was renting a portacabin to support this. The replacement of the rented cabin meant there would be no-ongoing costs once installed and left the medical centres with the flexibility of keeping these portacabins in place for a longer period. The condition of support was that if the medical practices find that they no longer required these at some stage then they would be offered up to community organisations. Gillian Coghill stated that there was a community register that holds information of equipment that is available for community groups to utilise.
- June Love also noted that the Dounreay Socio Economic Board had recently approved a funding request from CNSRP to create a CNSRP Support Hub with sustainability at its core. She would provide further details within the updated report to the socio economic sub group.
- Davie Alexander noted that he and Struan Mackie had a meeting with Mark Rouse, MD Dounreay. This was a regular catch up meeting to allow Mark to update DSG on how the cautious phasing of restarting the workforce back on site was going. The meeting would be held on 13<sup>th</sup> July.
- Cllr Struan Mackie noted the potential re-opening of the City Region Deal. As these discussions evolved it would be essential that the Far North was engaged to ensure that any projects that could meet the criteria for funding should be followed up. He thought that the potential to bid for funding for a long-term accommodation solution for Dounreay (and beyond) might be a good candidate. At present nothing was confirmed but it was worthwhile keeping updated with progress on this.

There being no further business, Cllr Struan Mackie thanked everyone for attending and formally closed the meeting.

**Cllr Struan Mackie**

**DSG Chair**

7<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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