

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 13 October 2020 at 0930 via Microsoft Teams.

Present:	Cllr Struan Mackie	DSG Chair
	Davie Alexander	DSG Vice-chair & Socio Economic sub group chair
	Gillian Coghill	DSG Site Restoration sub group chair
	Ron Gunn	DSG Deputy Socio Economic sub group chair
	Roger Saxon	DSG Honorary member
	June Love	DSG Secretariat, DSRL
	Dawn Clasper	DSG Minute Secretary, DSRL

MINUTES

1. WELCOME

Cllr Struan Mackie welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for taking the time to join given these meetings were now on a fortnightly basis.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Willie Mackay.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING / ACTIONS

Cllr Mackie noted that the last minutes (DSG/BM(2020)M008 held on 29 Sept) had been endorsed by correspondence. June Love stated that these had now been circulated to all members for their information.

No issues were raised from the minutes.

4. STATUS OF ACTIONS

June Love noted that the action status included all actions being raised at any DSG meetings (ie discussions with NDA, DSRL or business meetings). This allowed all actions to be kept in one place for ease of progressing these.

She added that there was still a number of actions outstanding but these were due to Covid restrictions and would continue to be ongoing until such times as restrictions were lifted and actual visits could take place. Members were content with the rate of progress of the actions noting some would now be longer term due to Covid.

David Alexander asked if there had been further progress with the Community Sports Hub and was worth bringing up at the evening meeting given Sellafield seemed to provide funding support to a number of social clubs.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that there was an article in the local paper regarding depopulation in Caithness and whether these take into consideration the decommissioning programmes of DSRL and Vulcan and the regeneration programme. He noted that this had come up before and asked if anyone knew where the information comes from. It would also be useful to understand what

assumptions or mathematical/methodology model was used. Questions around whether Caithness births are registered as Inverness also required clarification. It was agreed to ask Peter Faccenda in his role in CNSRP to see whether he could get this clarified.

Action: DSG/BM(2020)M009/A001: Peter Faccenda to explore who provided depopulation figures and how the decommissioning stats feed into this.

David Alexander asked regarding action DSG(2020)M01/A003 if they could arrange a virtual meeting with the Chaplecross and Hunterston SSGs.

Action: DSG/BM(2020)M009/A002: June Love to contact Chapelcross and Hunterston SSGs to arrange virtual meeting.

Cllr Struan Mackie asked if there had been response by DSG members to the idea of DSG funding a small independent study of the infrastructure at Georgemas to explore whether it is fit for commercial freight. June Love said they had received two responses so far and that she would liaise with David Swanson Caithness Transport Forum as they would need to speak with a rail specialist.

Action: DSG/BM(2020)M009/A003: June Love to liaise with David Swanson of Caithness Transport forum regarding a potential study on usefulness of Georgemas for commercial freight.

5. UPDATE ON DSG REPORTING

June Love noted that the NDA stakeholder event for Strategy 4 was due to take place on 19th October. She asked if it was worthwhile holding the DSDG response until after the event to see if there were any further questions. It was agreed to wait until after the 19th to submit our response.

June Love noted the DSG feedback to DSG(2020)P029 was also in final draft and again it might be worthwhile holding this after the virtual DSG meeting on 14th October to include any follow up questions from that meeting. This was also agreed.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Before opening up to other members, Cllr Struan Mackie noted:

- Cllr Struan Mackie and David Alexander have a pre-meeting with David Peattie and Ros Rivaz on 14th October.
- DSG virtual meeting is being held on 14th October at 1900 hrs. An email had been sent out with the link to the TEAMS event and the protocol for a virtual meeting.
- Gillian Coghill noted that the residents of Buldoo were concerned that DSRL LLW vaults would be used to take waste from Drigg. She noted that the planning conditions did not allow waste from others areas except for Dounreay and Vulcan waste. She also noted that the residents were worried that the laydown area for the steel work may encroach on them. She had discussed with Marie Mackay about a letter from Mark Rouse managing Director.
- Gillian Coghill noted that smart sensors were being used at Sellafield and asked if they would be rolled out at DSRL.

Action: DSG/BM(2020)M009/A004: Marie Mackay to facilitate a DSRL response into Buldoo residents concerns and on whether smart sensors being used at Sellafield could also be used at Dounreay.

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

**Cllr Struan Mackie
DSG Chair
14 October 2020**

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