

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 17 November 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
	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 Cllr Wille MacKay. It was noted that Cllr Mackay was currently recuperating and the business team wished him a speedy recovery.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING / ACTIONS

Cllr Mackie noted that the last minutes (DSG/BM(2020)M010 held on 27th October) 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 a number of actions have been closed, however, there are still a number 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.

Of note, progress on actions were discussed:

- DSG(2020)M03/A012: Debbie Murray and Jacq Longrigg to explore training requirements for Cyber security. Action now complete meeting took place on 12th November, Debbie Murray noted that they had a good meeting and will cascade any information to the DSG.
- DSG(2020)M003/A029: June Love to speak with Phil Cartwright with reference to the Community Sports Hub to see if there is an appetite to take this forward. This was still ongoing Phil Cartwright has passed this on to Shona Kirk who will look at the previous funding application to see if the funding is still available and if they have manpower or require assistance.

- DSG(2020)M03/A025: June Love to liaise with David Swanson of Caithness Transport forum regarding a potential study on usefulness of Georgemas for commercial freight. This action is still ongoing June Love will clarify with David Swanson a way forward.

June Love noted they had attended the Caithness Transport Forum and Frank Roach, HiTrans gave a presentation to the Caithness Transport Forum and work was currently ongoing.

Roger Saxon noted that gas was currently transport to Inverness by rail and onwards by road and wondered whether there was a possibility for this to be transported by rail only. He felt there were other freight operators to take these forward and it did not necessarily mean DRS. He also noted comments from the CTF that the fixed nature of the DRS crane was less economically viable.

June Love noted that Frank Roach had been invited to the CNSRP Meeting to provide an update on the project he was taking forward and further discussion would take place there with regards the suitability of the DRS platform and crane. David Alexander asked if there would be merit in asking the NDA to support this and put them in touch with Frank Roach. June love noted that Dave Wallace will be attending the CNSRP meeting and updated would be fed back to the business meeting

Cllr Mackie noted that working through the Caithness Transport Forum was the best way to take this forward. The question that needed to be explored with DRS was whether they had an appetite to look at potential commercial opportunities once their operational requirements were done. He was also keen to explore with DRS what other 'operational' requirements could utilise rail.

- David Alexander asked if there was an update regarding action DSG(2020)M003/A031 (update on NDA Scottish Strategy).

June Love noted that David Wallace had been invited to Business Meeting to be held on 26th January to discuss early development of Scottish Strategy. Following that future meetings will be arranged to allow update on progress. Roger Saxon asked what their Scottish strategy would be. June Love noted that the narrative was still being discussed.

Cllr Mackie stated that, as DSG, he was keen to engage early on this topic and also noted the desire for other Scottish nuclear sites to be involved.

- Cllr Mackie noted that Vulcan had indicated that the Prior Information Notice (PIN) for Vulcan decommissioning has been withdrawn. June Love stated that this had been reported via their update report to DSG members. The report indicated there was further operational activities post December 2022 and therefore the PIN had been withdrawn with a new PIN being issued in due course. Cllr Mackie also noted that the report stated that the Vulcan plans were being kept concurrent with the DRSL decommissioning programme but at this point had not indicated a new date for the PIN.

5. UPDATE ON DSG REPORTING

June Love noted that the November subgroup paperwork has been distributed and responses were being collated in order for the authors of reports to provide a response.

June Love noted that currently restrictions meant that there would be no physical meetings take place until later next week and asked whether the business meeting wished to hold a virtual meeting of all DSG members in December. It was agreed that an approach to Wendy Newton would be made to provide an update on the Vulcan operational/decommissioning programmes.

Action: DSG/BM(2020)M011/A001: June Love to invite Vulcan MOD to the virtual DSG meeting on 9th December.

June Love also noted that it looked at present as if the AGM would need to be undertaken virtually and asked whether the business meeting wished to continue with a virtual DSG meeting following the AGM.

The group agreed this would be a good idea and suggested an update presentation on the site end state. Cllr Mackay also wondered whether it would be possible to invite Mark Rouse (MD) to provide a quick update (similar to that provided to Caithness Councillors in November).

Action: DSG/BM(2020)M011/A002: June Love to ask Mark Rouse to provide update presentation to virtual DSG meeting in March alongside an update from the IES Delivery Team on site end states.

6. MEMBERSHIP

Cllr Mackie noted that a request from Women in Nuclear (WiN) to join the DSG had been received. June Love noted that a holding response has been sent.

David Alexander asked what WiN hoped to gain from joining the DSG and what would they be able to bring to the DSG. Cllr Mackie noted that he has attended a number of WiN events and in recent times there had been a big push in inclusivity across the nuclear sector. WiN (Highland) were actively engaged in the nuclear community and hold regular meetings and seminars ranging from wellbeing to bringing in people from industry to discuss career opportunities. They were interested in how DSG interacted with socio economics including the skills agenda.

Roger Saxon noted that he would be happy for them to join however this would be one more pro-nuclear voice on the DSG. David Alexander noted that if they had a leaning towards Socio Economics it might be more advisable to look at membership for the CNSRP Advisory Board. He agreed with Roger that there was already a strong nuclear. He asked that the WiN submit in writing why they want to join and what benefit they can bring to the DSG. This was agreed by Gillian Coghill as she noted there was only one anti-nuclear group in the DSG.

Action: DSG/BM(2020)M011/A003: June Love to write to WiN representative asking for a written response to why they want to join the DSG.

Cllr Mackie noted that Dave Craig had been nominated as DSG representative by the Caithness West community council and noted this was a good addition to DSG.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

- Cllr Struan Mackie and David Alexander attended the Scottish SSG Chair/vice chair meeting held on 16th November. David Alexander noted that this had been a good meeting and the other two Scottish sites have similar issues and were keen to work together. One of the topics discussed was the SSG Chair's Forum and it had been collectively agreed to write a draft constitution for the SSG Chair's Forum which would be held on Monday 23rd November.
- Scottish Government Scottish Nuclear Sites meeting date has been confirmed as 7 December which will be held virtually. Invitations would be following shortly.

- Cllr Mackie and David Alexander were due to meet with Mark Rouse, MD this has been cancelled due to diary commitments and that there had been no new updates regarding site working.
- June Love noted that the Dounreay Socio Economic Board had been held on 6th November and approval had been given to fund £30,000 to the North Highland Initiative (NHI) who were looking to build the infrastructure and communities round the NC500. The second application was received from Strathnaver Museum (£80,000) to support the redevelopment of the museum. This had been approved in principal and there was a requirement to demonstrate that the full funding package had been identified. It was likely funding for Strathnaver would be provided (subject to conditions) next financial year.

Gillian Coghill noted that disabled access for the museum was currently limited and they had overcome this by introducing virtual tours. She felt that this was a good project and the museum would be utilised with an increase in visitors. Cllr Mackie agreed with Gillian.

Cllr Mackie asked what discussion the DSG had back in 2017/18 regarding the closure of Visit Scotland leaving the area as this was a continued concern at the loss of the national agent in Caithness. He asked if the DSG should write to Visit Scotland and ask if they could provide some training as there are some business that may take on some of the works as a triage point pointing people in the direction of hotels and attractions. June Love noted that DSG had written to Visit Scotland when they decided to close as they were based in Caithness Horizons. She suggested waiting for Caithness Horizons to re-open and then explore with HLH whether this was something they would like to pursue.

- June love also noted that a DSG representative has been asked to attend the Radioactive Waste Management roundtable event held on 13th -15th January 2021. It was agreed that David Broughton should be the DSG representative.

Action: DSG(2020)M011/A004: June Love to ask David Broughton to be the DSG representative for the Radioactive Waste Management roundtable.

Cllr Struan Mackie thanked everyone for attending and formally closed the meeting.

**Cllr Struan Mackie
DSG Chair
23rd November 2020**

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