

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 15 December 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

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Willie Mackay.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING / ACTIONS

Cllr Mackie noted that the last minutes (DSG/BM(2020)M012 held on 1 December 2020) had been endorsed by correspondence. June Love stated that these would now be circulated to all members for their information. No issues were raised from the minutes.

4. STATUS OF ACTIONS

It was noted that actions continued to be progressed in a timely manner. Of note, discussions centred on:

- DSG/BM(2020)M012/A001: June Love to progress action DSG(2020)M03/A019 (roles/responsibilities of NDA and DSRL) with NDA for a response.

David Alexander noted that a response had been provided, however he had been looking for a more in depth list of roles and responsibilities with NDA individuals identified responsible for taking forward the transition. Gillian Coghill agreed that understanding the NDA structure in terms of transition would be useful. Cllr Mackie suggested that a letter go back to NDA requesting further detail.

Action: DSG/BM(2020)M013/A001: DSG Chair to send letter to David Wallace asking for further information on the transition roles of NDA personnel.

Other actions of note were:

- 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.

June Love noted that this is ongoing, and we will be revisited in January 2021.

Roger Saxon noted that the Baillie Wind Farm are considering applications from education and sporting organisations. June Love noted this and would pass this onto Shona Kirk to explore. Cllr Mackie also noted that potential for funding from the Coastal Communities Fund. Ron Gunn noted regarding funding Scottish Power Renewables in relation to Halsary wind farm and would be setting up a fund of £150K per year for 10 years for the four community councils with the potential of setting up a Caithness wide-fund of £60K which should be available by March 2021.

- DSG(2020)M003/A034: June Love to write to WiN representative asking for a written response to why they want to join the DSG. June Love noted that this a response to DSG query was still awaited.

5. UPDATE ON DSG REPORTING

June Love noted the following;

- The feedback papers for November subgroups has been distributed and members had been encouraged that if there had any follow up questions to hold these for the virtual sub group meetings that would be held in January.
- The sub groups for January have been confirmed. The observers and members had been notified that the sub group meeting would be held on 20th January 2021.
- The March public meeting would also go ahead and this would follow the AGM. While there had been a discussion around requesting a site end state presentation at the March meeting it was felt that it would be better to focus on two short presentations – transition (Dounreay) and update from Vulcan on progress with decommissioning market engagement! This was agreed with the suggestion that the site end state presentation could be provided at the site restoration sub group meeting. June Love noted she had an action to look at co-ordinating presentations with meetings and would take this on board.
- Cllr Mackie suggested that while meetings were still taking place on a virtual platform he felt it would be beneficial to continue with the business meetings on a fortnightly basis with a review after the AGM. This was agreed.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following was discussed:

- Cllr Struan Mackie noted he had attended the Scottish Government nuclear sites meeting on 7th December. This meeting had been the first since Covid lockdowns in March and therefore the majority of updates focussed on this period. He also noted that there had been some changes in the Radioactive Waste team personnel. June Love noted that Scottish Government were currently reviewing the policy on Higher Activity Waste. Cllr Mackie added that there had been recognition that not all Dounreay waste could be dealt with under the current policy arrangements.
- Cllr Mackie noted correspondence for noting.
 - C055 – Letter to Buldoo residents (discharges DSG action). Gillian Coghill noted that she regularly updated the residents. She would check with the residents to ensure that the letter adequately addressed the issues they had raised.
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 - C052 – NDA Integrated Waste Management Plan stakeholder conference

- C053 – Cairn housing
- C054 – Response to SG re HIE budget cuts and CNSRP

June love noted that a letter had been sent to Cairn Housing after being approached by local resident. An acknowledgment has been received and they questions have been passed to Cairn to respond directly. Cllr Mackie noted he was content with the this has been dealt with.

- David Alexander ask if the CNSRP appointments have been announced. June Love noted that the positions had been filled and an announcement would be made shortly.
- June Love noted that there had been a Google report looking for a location for a STEP fusion plant which is targeted completion by 2040. This is something that CNSRP were keen to explore and had begun the process of looking at the criteria required for areas who wish to apply.
- David Alexander asked if the Association of Community Councils had identified a representative for the DSG. Ron Gunn responded that this was raised at the meeting previously and was on the agenda for the next meeting.
- David Alexander also asked if the new Managing Director had been appointed yet. June Love noted that there as yet no announcements being made. Roger Saxon noted that the Magnox sites had been in a similar position and lessons should have been learned. Cllr Mackie agreed that it appeared the NDA timetable for the appointment of the new management positions had slipped and felt that there was a need for some degree of certainty not just for the present incumbents of these posts but for the workforce as well.

There being no further business, Cllr Struan Mackie thanked everyone for their input and wished everyone a merry Christmas. He formally closed the meeting.

Cllr Struan Mackie
DSG Chair
16 December 2020

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

DSG/BM(2020)M013/A001: DSG Chair to send letter to David Wallace asking for further information on the transition roles of NDA personnel.