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DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 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
	Cllr Willie Mackay	DSG Deputy Site Restoration 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.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for this meeting.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the minutes of the last meeting – DSG/BM(2021)M008, 20 April 2021 – had been endorsed by members via email. Members agreed this was a true reflection of the meeting. No issues from the minutes were raised.

4. ACTION STATUS

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

- DSG(2021)M01/A003: June Love to explore with NDA the potential to arrange a workshop for all DSG members on social value.

June Love noted this was ongoing as the NDA were considering workshops likely held in summer 2021. She would provide further information once it has been received from the NDA.

Cllr Mackie noted that it was good to see actions closed in a timely manner. He noted that post-election and subgroup meetings it was likely that the actions would increase as meetings returned to (near) normal business.

- DSG(2021)M01/A004: June Love to contact MOD to explore whether DSG members could discuss what social value impacts should be considered for MOD decommissioning contract.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted the letter asking MOD for DSG involvement in identifying social value had now been sent and a response currently awaited. It would be useful to receive a response to find out what the appetite would be for this and dependent on outcome of the response further action may be required.

David Alexander noted he has heard that Rolls Royce was looking at staffing levels and a potential redundancy programme. He felt it would be useful to contact Andy Maxwell, Rolls Royce MD to see if there was any truth behind the rumours.

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Action: DSG/BM(2021)M009/A001: June Love to speak to Andy Maxwell regarding rumour of redundancy programme.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that Rolls Royce was getting close to the end of their operational contract and thought that there would be a mix of the contract finishing and the transition of highly skilled and trained people. The DSG had to address the rumours of redundancies and ask how they can keep work in the area as they are a large employer in the area.

- DSG(2021)M01/A009: June Love to distribute draft scope DSG review for comments and recommendations.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the draft scope has been distributed and comments have been received and collated. He noted that draft scope review has been amended to incorporate the comments received from all DSG members. The Business Meeting were conscious that some of these constituted recommendations and/or outputs rather than detailed scope.

June Love noted that the NDA had been thinking about a full SSG review soon and said she would explore this with David Wallace to see what NDA's current thinking was.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the Business Meeting members were broadly content with the DSG scope. He stated that if NDA were going to undertake a full SSG review it would be useful to understand what they had identified as scope for this piece of work. If it did not mirror DSG's scope for a review it may be that DSG continue with their own piece of work. He noted it was worthwhile exploring this with NDA prior to finalising DSG scope and putting procurement process in place.

David Alexander agreed that it would make sense for one review as long as it captured the areas that DSG was interested in. He noted it would be interesting to see NDA's thoughts on an overall SSG review.

Action: DSG/BM(2021)M009/A002: June Love to invite Dave Wallace to the next Business meeting 18th May to discuss the SSG's review.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following was raised:

- Roger Saxon stated he, along with Davie Alexander, had attended the DRS Freight trial. He noted that the trial had started before they had arrived as they had not seen the container loaded on the lorry. David Alexander attended on behalf of the Trade Unions and agreed with Roger Saxon that they demonstrated that it could be done but appeared to be a bit cumbersome in comparison to operations at other stations.

June Love noted she had spoken with David Swanson (Caithness Transport Forum) who had advised that the CTF would formulate a response to DRS on their observations of the commercial trial and would share this with DSG prior to it be sent. The DRS trial would be discussed at the next CTF in terms of identifying next steps.

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- Cllr Struan Mackie noted he has received an email from Pentland Offshore Wind which had replaced the Dounreay Tri project. DSG had received a request for a stakeholder discussion regarding the Pentland Offshore Wind Farm and felt it would be best to route this through the Socio Economic sub group.

David Alexander agreed that Socio Economic sub group would be the best place to discuss this. He asked if this has gone to the other organisations.

June Love agreed to respond to Pentland Offshore Wind and invite them to the July subgroup. She was not sighted on whether the organisation had reached out to other stakeholder groups.

Action: DSG/BM(2021)M009/A003: June Love to invite Pentland Offshore Wind representative to July socio economic sub group meeting and an invite would be extended to the wider DSG membership.

Ron Gunn noted that this could be an opportunity where DSG could send a signal for any future Wind Farm funding to think about a Caithness-wide fund. Gillian Coghill noted that the CNS Fund covered the same area and there was a potential tie in with potential community funding from this project. Willie Mackay noted that this was an interesting project, however, there may be opposition on the North coast as there had been opposition for the Beatrice project on the East coast.

June Love noted she would invite the representative from the Caithness West community council who attends the site restoration subgroup to the Socio Economic subgroup as this was something that the Caithness West Community Council would probably have an interest in.

Action: DSG/BM(2021)M009/A004: June Love to invite the wider DSG to the July Socio Economic sub group for the Pentland Offshore Wind presentation.

- June Love noted that the public meeting was scheduled for 9th June and asked if this would continue as a virtual meeting at this time. She was starting to carry out the preparations for this meeting.

Cllr Struan Mackie confirmed that the public meeting would be virtual, however, he thought it would be useful to trial a blended approach at one of the sub group meeting depending on the COVID-19 restrictions.

David Alexander agreed with Cllr Struan Mackie and ask if this could be done at the public meeting in June. He then asked if there was an option to change the format for the July subgroup meeting.

June Love noted she would prefer a bit more time to consider blended public meetings to ensure that everything was covered (and could work) in terms of linking people in through Teams, being able to see presentations and how those who linked in would have the ability to see the members sitting around the table. She asked for a bit more time to explore the options and noted that the Socio economic sub group in July would be a good one especially if all DSG members were invited along. It was agreed to trial a blended meeting at the July Socio Economic sub group.

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Roger Saxon noted that it could be technically challenging to do a blended meeting as it may be difficult to know who is speaking in the room or on the virtual platform. June Love responded that it was worthwhile trying at a sub group in case there was challenges that could not be overcome and lessons would be learnt before considering a blended public meeting.

- Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the HM Government Public Appointments were looking for three independent directors for UKAEA and the Civil Nuclear Constabulary were looking for two independent members for their oversight board. He said he would provide the information so it could be circulated to members in case anyone had an interest to apply.

Action: DSG/BM(2021)M009/A005: Cllr Struan Mackie to send the Government Public Appointments to June love to distribute to DSG members.

There being no further business, Cllr Struan Mackie formally closed the meeting.

Cllr Struan Mackie
DSG Chair
7th May2021

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