

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING**Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 20th July 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
	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

Apologies received from Cllr Willie Mackay and Ron Gunn.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the minutes of the last meeting – DSG/BM(2021)M0011, 29 June 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. These would now be circulated to all DSG members for their information.

4. ACTION STATUS

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

- DSG(2021)M02/A003: Diane Hamilton, Scottish Government Radwaste Team, to ensure Ministers were aware of urgency to reach a decision on whether Fusion was new nuclear and would be part of the Energy policy.

Roger Saxon asked if it was worth asking the Politicians to get involved. June Love noted that this should be discussed at the sub group as it was likely that CNSRP would provide an update. Cllr Struan Mackie agreed it would be worthwhile waiting for the update to explore whether there was additional activity that DSG could do to support.

- DSG(2021)M02/A011: Cllr Struan Mackie to provide a copy of the letter sent to CNSRP.

Cllr Mackie noted he was confirming with the other councillors that the letter can be circulated to the DSG members.

The progress on actions placed on NDA were also discussed – in relation to the AGR question, Cllr Mackie noted that there were substantial strategy pieces for the NDA such as the AGR fleet that would be taken in house, and when discussing socio economics and the subject of training opportunities he would like to think that Dounreay had the staff capability on site that would be useful for the decommissioning mission elsewhere because there is transferable skills. The question would be what skills were required by Magnox to take on decommissioning activities

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for the AGRs and what mobility means as it may be easier to pull people in from sites that are closer to each other. He felt this would be worthwhile exploring once it is clearer about the forward thinking of AGRs coming into the NDA.

5. JULY SUB GROUPS

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the sub groups would be held tomorrow Wednesday 21 June via Teams.

June Love noted that the paperwork had been issued and members of Site Restoration Group have been invited to the Socio Economic group and vice versa. There will also be a student attending the Socio Economic sub group meeting who is writing a thesis on Socio Economics in relation to the nuclear industry. She noted that Cdre Mark Prince would be attending the Site Restoration subgroup. June Love noted the Dave Wallace NDA would not attend the Socio Economic sub group but had provided a written report.

David Alexander asked if we should ask Dave Wallace to the Business Meeting to reinforce what DSG required of him. Cllr Struan Mackie agreed with this and noted that his role was different from the past NDA representative and therefore good to get clarity. In terms of reporting, DSG receive reports from Mark Rouse, Dave Wallace and Gareth Taylor so there are three different lines of reporting. The DSG need to understand where the lines are drawn between NDA corporate activities alongside DSRL activities.

Cllr Mackie noted that the DSG used to be active in political circles and attendance at conferences and he believed this should be re-iterated to Dave Wallace that DSG representatives would be more than happy to get involved if required.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following was raised:

- David Alexander asked for some clarification on aspects of DSRL socio economic report around the skills audit and North Coast Visitor Attraction.
- David Alexander noted that in the Dounreay Socio Economic Alliance paper the Skills Audit has been ongoing for some time, and we still seem to be a long way from a final result. June Love provided a brief summary but suggested that these specific questions be raised at the sub group on the 21st. This was agreed.
- On the progress of re-opening North Coast Visitor Attraction (formerly Caithness Horizons) Cllr Mackie noted that the DSG business meeting could invite HLH to attend a forthcoming meeting to understand their timeline for opening.

Action: DSG/BM(2021)M012/A01: June Love to invite John West, HLH to business meeting to discuss progress on the re-opening of the North Coast Visitor Attraction (former Caithness Horizons).

- June Love noted that she had updated the DSG review scope and had removed the cost from the scope and suggested it would be easier to ask tenderers to provide quotes alongside the methodology for carrying out the review. That way costs would come in that were not prescriptive. She asked if members were content with the final scope and whether it was worthwhile starting the process now.

Gillian Coghill agreed that removing the cost from the scope was a good idea and that the review should commence as soon as possible. This was agreed by the members of the

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Business meeting.

Action: DSG/BM(2021)M012/A02: June Love to commence the DSG review by inviting tender responses to the DSG review scope.

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

Cllr Struan Mackie
DSG Chair
21st July 2021

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

DSG/BM(2021)M012/A01: June Love to invite John West, HLH to business meeting to discuss progress on the re-opening of the North Coast Visitor Attraction (former Caithness Horizons).

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