

**DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING****Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 14 September 2021 at 0900 via Microsoft Teams.**

<b>Present:</b>	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
	Cllr Willie Mackay	DSG Site Restoration sub group deputy chair
	Peter Faccenda	DSG Socio Economic sub group deputy chair
	Dawn Clasper	DSG Minute Secretary, DSRL
<b>In Addition:</b>	Professor Ray Kemp	Ray Kemp Consulting

**MINUTES****1. WELCOME**

Cllr Struan Mackie welcomed everyone to the meeting. He welcomed Professor Ray Kemp.

**2. APOLOGIES**

No apologies have been received.

**3. INTRODUCTION WITH PROFESSOR RAY KEMP**

Professor Ray Kemp thanked the DSG business meeting for the opportunity to undertake the review of the DSG. He noted that he had worked with Dounreay in the past helping the site with engagement of specific clean-up projects. He was currently a member of the Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment (COMARE) and also a member of Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM).

Professor Ray Kemp noted that he specialises in Risk Management and Stakeholder Engagement. The proposal laid out the process to undertake the review culminating in a structured report and evidence based. He noted that this was also an opportunity for the DSG to reflect on how they are working and how they engage with parties in the local community and regulators.

There was a brief discussion on the DSG review with the business meeting members providing some updates for Prof Kemp to consider while considering the question set when speaking with members and observers.

June Love noted that she had supplied Professor Kemp with the NDA Guidance, terms of reference, roles and remit of the DSG and a list of member and observer contact details. She also noted that following the final report there would be a requirement to present to DSG members with a view to agreeing recommendations for change (if appropriate) to take forward into an action plan.

**4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the minutes of the last meeting – DSG/BM(2021)M0014, 31 August 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.

David Alexander asked if there had been an update on the soft opening of the North Coast Visitor Centre. June Love responded that she had not received any further updates but would contact John West..

**Action: DSG/BM(2021)M014/A01: June Love to contact John West regarding the soft opening for the NCV.**

## 5. ACTION STATUS

June Love provided an update on the progress of actions. Discussion focused on :

- DSG(2021)M02/A002: Diane Hamilton, Scottish Government Radwaste Team, to provide a more detailed organisation chart to provide background of those involved.

June Love noted that Scottish Government was aware this action was still outstanding. Cllr Struan Mackie noted that they have had a huge change over and the organisation chart may be an exercise for them as there has been a large turnover of staff and roles and responsibilities probably is up for debate. This can be raised at the public meeting if not received beforehand.

- 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.

June Love noted that the energy policy was currently being reviewed and would be issued for consultation in 2022.

- DSG(2021)M02/A007: Following on from the recent announcement on the NDA Review, can NDA/DSRL provide DSG with a one page diagram of what the current NDA plethora of Boards is to allow DSG to understand the oversight/sanctioning process.

June Love noted that the timescales still stand and would be progressed at the end of September.

Cllr Struan Mackie asked if there would be any formal notification from Scottish Government regarding the policy and that is going out for consultation. Looking at the critical path for progressing the STEP opportunity he questioned whether it was realistic to get policy consulted approved with ministerial/parliament approval in the timescales needed. More clarity was required. Peter Faccenda noted that the CNSRP Executive Board were meeting shortly and he would raise this question with Phil Reings, Scottish Government to see if he was aware of likely timescales to go out for consultation.

David Alexander noted that the letter, re PSO for the airport, received from Maree Todd was a holding response and noted her disappointment that UK Government had failed to match fund ad that she would raise this to the Cabinet Secretary. He asked how long should be wait for a response. Her response also indicated she would follow up with further information. Cllr Struan Mackie noted that we should wait a month as there will be a bedding in period for new ministerial and civil servants.

## 6. Update on DSG Public Meeting

Cllr Mackie noted that the public meeting will be held on 22 September.

June Love noted that the paperwork was ready to be distributed and would go out following his meeting. She noted that there was a discussion with MOD on social value and a market day and they would be providing this information in the presentation at the public meeting.

Peter Faccenda stated that he felt the discussion with MOD was encouraging and noted that previously they were promised the shopping list of social value outputs that they would be able to select from and put out to the market, this was not provided, and the presentation provided was very vague. It may be, however, that further information would be provided at the public meeting.

#### **7. CNSRP Advisory Board/Executive Group meeting**

June Love stated she had put this on the agenda as the CNSRP Advisory Board has asked a number of questions that required consideration and feedback.

Peter Faccenda stated he had a summary paper of the themes that came out of the meeting. There were 3 main themes:

- CNSRP remit and engagement for example concerns raised about decline of depopulation birth rates and the Wick town centre regeneration activity and how these fits in the CNSRP and some community trust formed should also be included in the discussion.
- Climate emergency and how that is being dealt with and progressed.
- And issues around priority projects that required a clear alignment with state aid prior to making funding decisions.

Davie Alexander felt that the CNSRP Advisory Board needed to be challenging a lot harder and reflected on whether the chair should be one of the organisations that were involved in the delivery of the CNSRP programme. Peter Faccenda believed that the CNSRP Advisory Board Chair should be independent of the partner organisations within CNSRP.

Gillian Coghill agreed stating that a proactive CNSRP was important to the whole community. She felt that this review would be good for CNSRP as it may show them what weaknesses they have and how this could be built to improve these.

**Action: DSG/BM(2021)M014/A02: June Love to draft response from DSG group on CNSRP Advisory Board.**

#### **8. Stakeholder events**

**David Peattie Dinner:** June Love noted that Cllr Struan Mackie, David Alexander, Peter Faccenda, Eann Sinclair and others have been invited to a stakeholder dinner with David Peattie and DSRL Board members. The business meeting agreed that there was a requirement to ensure that key messages were voiced in order that David Peattie and the DSRL Board Chair heard from stakeholders about the importance of the projects being taken forward.

**Paul Vallance discussion:** Cllr Struan Mackie and David Alexander had also been invited to a discussion with Paul Vallance. Key messages would mirror those at the stakeholder dinner and it was suggested they also talk about NDA's commitment to retaining the status quo for Dounreay support to SSG even if NDA operational structures changed. Cllr Mackie also suggested raising Vulcan as a topic of discussion.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The following was raised:

- David Alexander noted that he would like to invite Gail Ross, Head of Communications to explore the interaction on communication topics between site and NDA.

**Action: DSG/BM(2021)M014/A03: June Love to invite Gail Ross to a Business Meeting.**

**10. CLOSE**

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

**Cllr Struan Mackie**

**DSG Chair**

21<sup>st</sup> September 2021

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**ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING**

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