

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING**Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 26 October 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
	Cllr Willie Mackay	DSG Site Restoration sub group deputy chair
	Peter Faccenda	DSG Socio Economic sub group deputy chair
	June Love	DSG Secretariat, DSRL
	Dawn Clasper	DSG Minute Secretary, DSRL
In Addition:	Gail Ross	DSRL Head of Communications
	David Broughton	Co-opted member of the public

MINUTES**1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

In the absence of the chair (for part of meeting), Davie Alexander, DSG Vice-chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He welcomed Gail Ross, Dounreay Head of Communications and David Broughton co-opted member of the public who were attending part of the meeting today.

Apologies received from Roger Saxon.

2. DISCUSSION WITH GAIL ROSS, DSRL HEAD OF COMMUNICATIONS

Gail Ross thanked the group for the opportunity to provide an update. She noted that she had been in the position for six months and she believed it was going well albeit there was a lot of work to do. She outlined some of the activities she had been involved in since taking up her post and noted that a lot of internal communication had been around the Dounreay/Magnox joining.

June Love noted that members were interested in the joining of Dounreay and Magnox in terms of how Dounreay keeps its unique identity. She added there had been a discussion with Chris Connelly (NTS) at a recent Caithness Transport Forum and it appeared that while the transport services of NDA had been integrated under 'Nuclear Transport Solutions' DRS would continue to keep its identity. Gail Ross agreed and noted that David Peattie has said that Dounreay would not lose their identity and it would not be cost effective to rebrand as the Dounreay brand is well known.

David Alexander added that David Peattie has said on a number of occasions that Dounreay would retain its unique identify and the site budget would not be diminished. If there was a precedence already set with NTS/DRS then consideration should be given to this when progressing the joining of Dounreay and Magnox.

Gail Ross also noted that internally the site had been rolling out a lot of health and wellbeing training over the months especially as people continue to work from home.

Gail Ross stated that she would be happy to come back to the meeting on a regular basis to update the group on communications. Davie Alexander agreed it would be useful to invite Gail

Ross back to meetings at the appropriate time. He noted that the focus of the DSG for the coming months would be on the lifetime plan and site end state. He added that it was important to understand what the employees think about the recent announcements and how these messages are relayed to the site workforce as well as the community. He asked Gail Ross to provide an update in a couple of months.

Gillian Coghill agreed with David Alexander and people were becoming complacent and once the lifetime plan was fully developed there would be a need to look at retraining and transition of the workforce.

Peter Faccenda stated it would be important to get the message right for the workforce in terms of when jobs were coming to an end. This would provide an opportunity to retain (for future Dounreay jobs) or to transition into other sectors. He queried what the trigger points were for change.

June Love noted that the NDA were doing a piece of work on social impacts across the NDA estate and the site was just about to commence a full skills audit. Both of these documents should then support the activity to retain or transition at the appropriate time. Gail Ross agreed noting that the communications was a balance in providing confidence to the workforce that their jobs were safe in the short term and that there would be opportunities in the longer-term. Work was ongoing to develop the communications in parallel with the lifetime plan.

June Love noted at the September Public Meeting Cllr Matthew Reiss has raised the subject of driving given the recent fatal accidents at the Forss straight. Gail Ross noted she had contacted Cllr Reiss following the meeting and had spoken at length to him. A road safety roadshow was being organised, discussions had taken place with Vulcan and Police Scotland were delivering road safety training to the apprentices to highlight the consequences of speeding.

David Alexander thanked Gail Ross for her update. Gail Ross then left the meeting.

Cllr Struan Mackie joined the meeting and David Alexander handed over to the chair.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the minutes of the last meeting – DSG/BM(2021)M0016, 28 September 2021 – had been endorsed by members via email. Members agreed this was a true reflection of the meeting.

4. 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. **Action ongoing.**

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that this action was ongoing given the discussion at the September meeting where concerns were raised about the apparent lack of nuclear experience within the Radwaste team. Following a discussion it was agreed that a letter would be drafted to be sent to the NDA asking them for their views on whether they believe they receive adequate feedback from Scottish Gov Radwaste team in terms of understanding the issues being considered.

Action: DSG/BM(2021)M017/A01– DG Chair to draft a letter to the NDA re Scottish Government Radioactive Waste Team.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that good progress has been made on other actions.

5. INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERATION

- **DSG thoughts on CNSRP Advisory Board** – June Love noted there was an action on DSG to respond to thoughts on the CNSRP Advisory Board and its role. Comments had been collated and had been sent to the business meeting in advance of the meeting. It was agreed that the draft document would be tidied up and circulated to DSG members for their feedback prior to finalising the letter and submitting to CNSRP.

Action: DSG/BM(2021)M017/A02 – DSG Business meeting to draft a letter to CNSRP advisory Board.

- **DSRL/Magnox and MOD questions** - June Love noted she had received some questions from DSG members following the MOD presentation (at September public meeting) and the announcement on 23rd September re the joining of Dounreay into Magnox.

Following a lot of discussion it was agreed that both these should be placed on agenda for the December public meeting and that MOD and DSRL would be invited to take part in a Q&A session at the meeting.

Davie Alexander also requested that David Wallace, NDA Stakeholder Lead for Scotland was also invited to the December meeting to provide a short presentation on his role and progress being made.

6. DSG SUB GROUP AND DECEMBER PUBLIC MEETING

- **Site Restoration sub group** – June Love asked if members wished to try again and trial the Site Restoration sub group as a blended meeting in the DSRL Ormlie hub.

Gillian Coghill noted that this was a good idea as we had not been able to test this at the Socio Economic sub group meeting.

- **December DSG Public meeting** – June Love noted that following earlier discussion, the agenda for the public meeting would be a presentation from NDA Stakeholder Lead (Scotland) and a Q&A with both MOD and DSRL.

There was a discussion on the potential for holding the December meeting in the Pentland ballroom but looking at a different layout for the meeting (ie having a top table of chair, vice-chair, sub group chairs with everyone else sitting in a theatre style formation). It was noted that this was something that could be considered once Covid restrictions were reduced. It was agreed this would be given further consideration but for the December meeting (and dependent on the how the blended trial went for the site restoration sub group meeting) a blended approach would be taken with Chair, vice-chair, sub group chairs at Ormlie hub (if able to do so) with members/observers and public members joining via Teams.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following was raised:

- Cllr Struan Mackie noted that Professor Ray Kemp was making good progress with the 1:1 interviews and that early indication was that he had received good responses to all those he

had spoken with. It was expected that a draft of the review would be available at the end of the calendar year which would allow time for the business meeting to discuss and then collectively with all DG members prior to finalising the report.

- June Love noted that Jamie Reed had been appointed as NDA Director of Social Impact and would take up this post in mid-November. He would be visiting Caithness on week beginning 22nd November and various meetings and visits would be organised including meeting with DSG business meeting.
- Davie Alexander noted that the next Caithness Planning Partnership meeting would be held on 17th November and he would attend on behalf of DSG.

8. CLOSE

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

Cllr Struan Mackie

DSG Chair

1st November 2021

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

DSG/BM(2021)M017/A01- DSG Business meeting to draft a letter to the NDA and copied to Mark Rouse, MD.

DSG/BM(2021)M017/A02 - DSG Business meeting to draft a letter to CNSRP advisory Board.