

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING**Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 9 November 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
	Roger Saxon	DSG Honorary member
	June Love	DSG Secretariat, DSRL
	Dawn Clasper	DSG Minute Secretary, DSRL

MINUTES**1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

Cllr Struan Mackie welcomed everyone to the fortnightly meeting.

No apologies have been received.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the minutes of the last meeting – DSG/BM(2021)M0017, 26 October 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

3. ACTION STATUS

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

- DSG(2021)M03/A020: DSG to arrange a meeting in the NCVS once back to normal meeting arrangements. **Action ongoing** – longer term action as Covid compliance continues to be adhered to.

Cllr Mackie noted that he had visited the facility shortly being its official opening but noted that at this point the facility could not accept meeting bookings until such times as they had sources tables/chairs. He thought that, once fully resourced, it would be a good facility for organisations to utilise for meetings and other such events.

Cllr Willie Mackay noted that during his visit he had been informed that any space could be utilised dependent on need. In addition, the education room was being renovated to improve the acoustics for meetings.

June Love noted that she had also included a visit to the facility for the new NDA Director of Social Impact when he visited the area.

- DSG(2021)M03/A028: Diane Hamilton to contact the Energy policy team to request clarity on dates for review and consultation.

June Love noted she had received a response and would close this action. The response advised 'fusion energy will be considered as part of work to refresh Scotland's Energy Strategy and work on that process is currently getting underway with the aim to publish a draft of the Energy Strategy refresh in spring 2022.'

Roger Saxon asked if there was an ongoing consultation. June Love noted she believed that consultation would take place later (spring 2022).

There was a further discussion around energy and fusion policies and the opportunities of new technologies.

- 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 stated he wanted to discuss the draft letter to Scottish Government Radwaste. He noted that a draft had been circulated to DSG members for comment and that comments had been received and also been touched on at the Site Restoration meeting. There was further discussion around the content of the draft letter, and this would be revised and issued to member for further comments.

4. DSG REVIEW

In the absence to Prof Ray Kemp, June Love provided a short update of the review. Of note:

- Prof Kemp had attended a number of meetings and would attend the December public meeting.
- All telephone interviews were now complete.
- The next stage was to devise and distribute a survey questionnaire
- It was expected that a draft report would be made available following the DSG public meeting in December and this would allow the Business meeting to have an initial review and then take forward to the full membership.

Cllr Mackie noted there had been some positive progress and felt that if required the business meeting would set up a special meeting to discuss early in the new year.

5. DECEMBER PUBLIC MEETING

Cllr Struan Mackie congratulated Gillian Coghill on chairing a difficult blended Site Restoration sub group meeting. He noted that while he would like to get back to physical meetings he did not feel the time was right for the December meeting. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the December public meeting would revert to Teams only with a further trial of a blended approach at one of the sub groups in January. It was agreed that the trial would be with the Socio

ACTION - DSG/BM(2021)M018/A001: June Love to email members advising the December public meeting will be on Teams.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following was raised:

- Cllr Struan Mackie noted that an informal committee has been set up regarding road safety (covering Reay to Thurso). A road safety study would be carried out in December and would run for 3 months between Thurso and Reay. He would feedback the findings of this to DSG.

Roger Saxon commented that he was pleased it covered Reay to Thurso as it was not just the Forss straight that was the issue with speeding drivers passing Burnside.

Gillian Coghill noted that the Buldoo resident had previously raised issues of cars speeding past their homes. She was happy to hear there was a group to address this. She noted road safety had been raised at the Site Restoration meeting by Frederic Stalin.

David Alexander noted that the Dounreay apprentices had been given some road safety training but noted that it was not always the younger drivers that were the cause of these issues. He asked if this was being rolled out to the wider workforce.

June Love noted the road safety training for apprentice was traditional due to the very sad deaths of apprentices in past years. There would however be a focussed roadshow on road safety and winter driving which would be rolled out to the whole workforce.

- June Love noted that Jamie Reed had been appointed as NDA Director of Social Impact and would be visiting Caithness on week beginning 22nd November and various meetings and visits would be organised including meeting with DSG business meeting. This would be Jamie Reed's first week in this job.

David Alexander asked if the Business meeting could be moved or cancelled for the 23rd November as they would be meeting with Jamie Reed.

ACTION – DSG/BM(2021)M018/A002: June Love to look reschedule the Business Meeting currently in the diary for 23rd November 2021.

- June Love noted she has circulated MOD/DSRL questions and has asked for those who provided verbal updates at the DSG public meeting to keep updates very high level. Dave Wallace, NDA Stakeholder Lead for Scotland had also responded that he was happy to provide an update presentation.
- June Love noted at the Site Restoration sub group meeting there had been a discussion on the SEPA Consultation: Permit Variation for Dounreay Low Level Waste Facility. The questions (and responses made available) had been collated into a note for the record and had been circulated to members for further input. This would also be circulated to the Buldoo residents.

ACTION - DSG/BM(2021)M018/A003: June Love to provide Marie Mackay with the Note for the Record to circulate to Buldoo residents.

- Cllr Macke was contacted by Ashley Weldon from University of Guefph, Ontario Canada, who was undertaking research around rural innovation and the legacy from the nuclear industry. He asked if there was anyone else members thought she should speak to. June Love noted it might be useful to make the connection with Rick Wylie given this recent research into public value.

7. CLOSE

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

Cllr Struan Mackie
DSG Chair
12th November 2021

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