

**DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING****Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 30 November 2021 at 0930 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
	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 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)M0018, 9 November 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)M02/A002: Diane Hamilton, Scottish Government Radwaste Team, to provide a more detailed organisation chart to provide background of those involved. **Action complete**

June love noted the letter regarding the Scottish Government Radwaste Team has been sent to the NDA and included views of all the members see DSG(2021)C050.

- 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.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that this action had been outstanding for sometime and felt that given this was the current status of NDA it should have been readily available.

Dave Alexander noted that this has been going on for some time and that if not forthcoming prior to the public meeting it should be raised.

- June Love noted she had sent a holding response to SEPA thanking them for the pre consultation and indicating DSG's wish to respond in full during the consultation. She

added that DSRL was providing factual responses to the questions raised at the site restoration sub group meeting when the pre-consultation was discussed.

Gillian Coghill noted that a Buldoo meeting had been organised for early February 2022 to allow time to consider the SEPA consultation. This invite would also be extended to Caithness West Community Council. It was expected that the meeting would be held in Forss hall.

Cllr Mackie thanked June Love for progressing the actions.

#### **4. DECEMBER PUBLIC MEETING**

Cllr Mackie stated that the public meeting was being held on 8<sup>th</sup> December and noted that the draft agenda had been provided. June Love noted the running order of the agenda was NDA presentation David Wallace, NDA Stakeholder Lead, Scotland, MOD procurement Commodore Mark Prince, MOD and then DSRL/Magnox Mark Rouse, MD DSRL. She noted that she was still collating questions for the DSRL/Magnox transition.

Cllr Struan Mackie approved the draft agenda, noting he would aim to have a comfort break (time permitting) between MOD and DSRL Q&As. This was agreed by the Business Meeting members.

#### **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The following was raised:

- Cllr Mackie, David Alexander, Gillian Coghill and June Love had met with Jamie Reed, NDA Director of Social Economics, Neil Smith, NDA SE Business Development and Dave Wallace, NDA Stakeholder Lead, Scotland on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021. Cllr Struan Mackie thought this had been a positive meeting and noted Jamie Reed was a high calibre appointment and a good addition to the NDA. He noted that Jamie Reed had a background that would be of use to the NDA as he understood nuclear communities and the challenges faced by closure.

At the meeting, there had been acknowledgement of where DSG felt there were issues within the partnership working and also an acknowledgement from Jamie that one size did not fit all in the case of the NDA sites.

David Alexander thought it had been a useful meeting and felt that Jamie Reed had been receptive to the discussions. He noted that we would like to see Jamie visit the area regularly.

June Love noted that while in the area, Jamie Reed, Neil Smith and David Wallace had also met with reps from CNSRP and the Dounreay unions. All meetings had been positive with focus on NDA using their influence to support the partnership working approach.

Peter Faccenda noted that there had also been discussions regarding Jamie Reed becoming the NDA representative on the CNSRP Executive Board and felt this would be a good addition. Peter Faccenda noted that Stuart Black would be joining the Executive Board as HIE Chief Executive in January 2022.

Peter Faccenda added, having had a wash up meeting with Jamie Reed, there appeared to be recognition of the challenges faced by the area. From a DSG point of view it would also be useful to explore with Jamie Reed how DSG could support NDA socio economic interventions.

June Love noted that Jamie Reed would be following up meetings with Trudy Morris, Caithness Chamber of Commerce and also with Josh George, Organisational Excellence

Director via MS Teams as both were unavailable when he had visited.

Gillian Coghill said that she felt more upbeat after meeting Jamie Reed and felt he had listened and appeared to be very dynamic. She felt he would make a good addition to the CNSRP Executive Board.

Cllr Mackie noted he had re-iterated that the CNSRP partnership approach to socio economics, while maybe not perfect, was a useful grouping to work with. The NDA influence would allow challenge to other partners to play their part.

- David Alexander, Gillian Coghill, Struan Mackie, and June Love attended the NDA Summit on 26<sup>th</sup> November.
- David Alexander had attended the CNSRP Advisory Board and felt that it had been a good meeting. The Advisory Board was currently doing a review on its effectiveness noting that DSG had been the only organisation to submit a response. CNSRP Advisory Board chair, Matthew Reiss had encouraged others members to also think about how the meeting could be more effective.
- David Alexander stated that he had attended the Caithness Planning Partnership meeting. He noted that he was unsure what DSG could contribute as he did not think DSG could add value at this meeting. Peter Faccenda noted that the Caithness Planning Partnership was a statutory vehicle and its remit was to gather public opinion. June Love said that if DSG did not feel they could contribute they could request copies of the paperwork and as Eann Sinclair chaired the CPP and also sat on the DSG socio economic sub group he was well placed to bring anything to the table that DSG could have an involvement in.

**ACTION - DSG/BM(2021)M019/A001: June Love to speak to Eann Sinclair regarding DSG involvement in Caithness Planning Partnership.**

- David Alexander and June Love would attend the SSG Chairs Working Group on 6 December. This meeting was to discuss and finalise the SSG chair's forum response to the NDA SSG Guidance.
- Cllr Struan Mackie and David Alexander would be meeting with Lawrie Haynes, DSRL Board Chair and Gwen Parry Jones Non- Executive Director on 7<sup>th</sup> December.
- Pre consultation re SEPA permit (C053) – Cllr Mackie noted that the letter responding to SEPA's pre-consultation confirmed that DSG would play a role in the full consultation. June Love noted that DSRL was working on a public briefing that would be available for the consultation. Roger Saxon noted the variation of the permit sounded quite complicated but from a stakeholder view it would be useful to simplify the message to what it actually means, i.e. should people be worried about it or does it compare to how they do it in Drigg. A simple summary of what the variation meant would be useful.
- Cllr Struan Mackie noted DSG had received a formal response from M Todd re PSO (C054) . Davie Alexander noted it was not clear as to whether those that were copied into the original letter had been sent the response. He asked June to distribute the letter to those who had been copied alongside to all DSG members.

It was noted that bids for the tender for PSO were due to be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> November. It would be useful to wait to find out if there was successful bids before deciding what DSG's next steps were. This was agreed.

**ACTION - DSG/BM(2021)M019/A002: June Love to circulate the response to the wider distribution list.**

- David Alexander asked if there was an update on the DSG Review as it was noted we would have a draft report in December. June Love noted that this would be prepared after the public meeting and going into January receive the final report. Cllr Mackie asked to invite Prof Ray Kemp to provide a quick update at the public meeting.

**6. CLOSE**

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

**Cllr Struan Mackie**

**DSG Chair**

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

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**ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING**

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