

**DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING****Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 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
<b>In addition:</b>	Prof Ray Kemp	Consultant, DSG Review

**MINUTES****1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

Cllr Struan Mackie welcomed everyone to the first 2022 meeting of the business meeting. Cllr Struan Mackie welcomed Prof Ray Kemp who would be providing an update on the draft DSG Review Report.

No apologies have been received.

**2. DSG REVIEW REPORT**

Prof Ray Kemp provided a high level update on the DSG Review. He noted that the draft report should be available next week. Of note:

- Attended sub group and public meetings
- Reviewed background documentation
- Conducted 17 interview with members and observers
- Research into social value
- Completed a survey questionnaire
- Draft report is underway

It was agreed that following receipt of the first draft the business meeting would meet to discuss and tentatively agree how recommendations would be taken forward prior to sending to DSG members for their consideration. It was further agreed that an ad hoc meeting of DSG members should be organised for February so that the review could be discussed in full with all members prior to agreement on how recommendations would be taken forward.

**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the minutes of the last meeting – DSG/BM(2021)M0019, 30 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

**4. ACTION STATUS**

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

- DSG(2021)M04/A003: DSRL to provide a project update on the shaft and silo at next Site Restoration sub group meeting. **Action Ongoing:** June Love that she was exploring this for a possible presentation at the March public meeting.
- DSG(2021)M04/A002: Dave Wallace, NDA to identify a date for Jamie Reed, NDA Director of Socio Economics to provide a presentation to DSG on NDA's social impact policy. **Action complete:** scheduled for June public meeting.
- DSG(2021)M04/A016: Business Meeting member to write down key principles that we would like to see any bidders meet for MOD contract.

There was further discussion on what key principles, and it was agreed by Business meeting member to hold an ad hoc meeting to discuss this and then seek views from DSG members.

**ACTION: DSG/BM(2022)M020/A001: June Love to a draft agenda for an ad hoc meeting in February to discuss the DSG review and Vulcan MOD principles.**

**ACTION: DSG/BM(2022)M020/A002: Dawn Clasper to email DSG member to find a suitable date in for February meeting.**

- DSG(2021)M04/A020: DSRL to take forward discussions on the information in terms of project progress, against schedule and cost at the next site restoration sub group meeting. **Action complete:** paper reformatted taking on board comments received – see DSG(2021)P003.

Cllr Mackie thanked June Love for progressing the actions and noted it was good to see the steady progress on these, however he noted that these would be added to over the next couple of months.

## 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following was raised:

- Cllr Struan Mackie noted they had received a response from constituency MSP Maree Todd (DSG(2021)C054) in response to the DSG letter on the PSO for the airport. He noted his disappointment with the response and asked members how they wished to proceed.

Following discussion it was agreed that DSG business meeting would await the outcome of the tender process for the PSO before making a decision as to whether to write back to MSP.

David Alexander noted his disappointment with the response received and agreed it would be better to await the outcome of the PSO and if there was a gap to invite Maree Todd to a Business meeting to discuss this. This was agreed by the Business members.

- Cllr Struan Mackie noted that June Love had distributed the NHC merger consultation. He stated that it would be good to get Debbie Murray to provide an outline on the consultation given the strong relationship between the college and the Dounreay site and how the college benefits from the apprenticeships from both Dounreay and Vulcan and a wide range of stakeholders.

Gillian Coghill noted that this is being done for a reason. She noted that the NHC did have an appetite to take on SAC which could provide research opportunities and allow a conglomerate effect where it is all under one roof. Gillian Coghill also noted that Robbie Rowantree, as new Chair, would be taking this forward.

It was noted that the rationale for the merger was slightly confused in the consultation document as it was not clear where the economies of scale came from. It was also of concern that, in reading the consultation document, it appeared that if the merger was to succeed it would culminate in one corporate body and it was essential to ensure that courses did not gravitate from NHC to other colleges. It was noted that the NHC would be striving to become a centre of excellence and the focus would be on attracting more students to the area.

Roger Saxon asked if the DSG would take part in the consultation. Cllr Struan Mackie noted that it would be beneficial if Debbie Murray provides an update as there are underlying areas that would be useful to get clarity on prior to submitting a response.

**ACTION: DSG/BM(2022)M020/A003: June Love to confirm that Debbie Murray is attending the Socio Economic sub group meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the NHC merger.** [Secretary's note: Debbie Murray is unavailable to attend the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> and there is no-one available to deputise. Debbie resent the consultation information].

- Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the NDA Business Plan 2022-2025 was open for consultation and this had been sent to Business meeting members for comment. June Love noted that she had received comments and had compiled a draft response. She noted that this would be distributed and discussed at the subgroups on 26<sup>th</sup> January which would allow time to finalise the response and submit to NDA in time for the closing date of 31 January 2022.
- June Love noted she had distributed a Scottish Government Higher Activity Radioactive Waste Policy Update from Dan Couldridge. She noted that this would be discussed further at the subgroups held on 26<sup>th</sup> January.
- Cllr Struan Mackie noted that they Socio Economic and Site Restoration subgroups would take place on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and these would be held virtually (MS Team) until further COVID regulations have been announced.
- June Love noted that the March AGM and Public meeting would be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. She noted that there would be a presentation from Mark Rouse, Managing Director on the 3 year plan and was looking at the potential of a presentation on the Shaft & Silo. She noted that until Covid guidelines were announced it was difficult to know whether this meeting could be held in person. It was agreed this would be discussed at the next business meeting in the light of emerging Scottish Government announcements.
- David Alexander noted that there is a schedule for SSG chairs and vice chairs meetings for the forthcoming year. He noted that with the joining of Magnox/DSRL DSG would need to ensure they did not get swept up in how Magnox works with SSGs. Cllr Struan Mackie agreed stating that this was something that DSG business meeting would keep an eye on. In terms of support DSG was fortunate with the positive relationship with Dounreay, and the site had been supportive of SSG in principle. He noted that this may be picked up on in the DSG review report.
- Gillian Coghill stated she would like to see the public meeting be more streamlined to ensure it did not run on so late. Cllr Mackie agreed and noted that the retention rate online is harder than face to face meetings. He added that the next public meeting would seek to ensure that the agenda had one topic on it as the main presentation and that members would be requested not to raise questions already discussed at sub group meetings. His only caveat would be that anyone asking questions would be afforded with a follow up question if they are not content with the initial response. He noted that, again, it was likely that some of these issues would be picked up in the DSG review.

- Gillian Coghill felt that a number of questions raised at the last public meeting had been side-stepped and not responded to in full. It was agreed that DSG members needed to have the opportunity to go back to those responding to questions to re-iterate the response they were seeking.
- Gillian Coghill asked if we could find out the questions from the forum there has not been any feedback and would like answers and would like to know what David Peattie and answer what was asked of them. June Love said she would follow this up.

**6. CLOSE**

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

**Cllr Struan Mackie**  
**DSG Chair**  
20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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**ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING**

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