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DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING**Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Thursday 25 August 2022 at 1100 in D2003 Dounreay**

Present:	Cllr Struan Mackie	DSG Chair
	Davie Alexander	DSG Vice-chair & Socio Economic sub group chair
	Gillian Coghill	DSG Site Restoration sub group 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 first in person meeting since COVID on the Dounreay site.

No apologies were received.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the minutes of the last meeting – DSG/BM(2022)M027, 19 July 2022 – 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(2022)M02/A07: June Love to ask about progress in identifying a new DSG secretariat with Mark Rouse MD and Josh George Organisation Excellence Director. **Action ongoing:** This is ongoing the split of current postholders role has been completed and the Socio Economic Manager has been advertised. The stakeholder relations post is still being finalising.

Cllr Mackie noted that he was disappointed that there would be no handover period for the stakeholder relations post.

- DSG/SESG(2022)M02/A006: All DSG members to provide comment on the DSG review to DSG Secretariat no later than 29th August 2022. **Action ongoing:** Questionnaire has been issued to all DSG members.
- DSG/SESG(2022)M02/A007: DSG Chair to write to NDA to request clarity on flights to/from Caithness in terms of NDA's sustainability policy. **Action ongoing:** Request made via Dave Wallace on 4th August.

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Cllr Struan Mackie noted that he raised this with David Peattie, Chief Executive Officer NDA and his position was that there was a special case for Caithness in terms of using flights.

Gillian Coghill asked whether it was expected that Rolls Royce would look to bidding into the decommissioning of the Vulcan site once operations had ceased. June Love noted that this was something that could be raised at the working group when they met with Dale McQueen on the 15 September. Cllr Struan Mackie stated he was keen to understand the different options around NDA taking ownership of the decommissioning activity and this was something else that should be explored at that meeting.

Cllr Struan Mackie thanked June Love for progressing the actions. He noted that there was a large number of actions, but they continue to be closed in a prompt manner.

4. DSG REVIEW: FEEDBACK RECEIVED

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the current feedback from the DSG review recommendation and comments has been provided. David Alexander voiced his disappointment on the numbers of those who had responded. It was agreed to provide one last reminder to members to increase the response rates and following the 31st August the report would be collated for discussion at the next business meeting.

Action: DSG/BM(2022)M028/A001: Dawn Clasper to amalgamate the report and the comments received.

5. DSG PUBLIC MEETING

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the public meeting would be held on 21 September.

There was a discussion the topic of the presentation for this meeting. It was agreed that a presentation on innovation by Craig Brown, Head of Strategic Planning would be requested noting that Craig was due to provide this presentation at the NDA Stakeholder Summit.

Cllr Struan Mackie stated that there had been a request for a topic to be raised under any other business at the forthcoming DSG meeting on the AMTE Power Mega factory. There was a discussion on whether this fell into the remit on DSG it was agreed that the DSG Chair would reach out to the person who raised the issue to have a discussion prior to the meeting.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the DSG review would be on the agenda and as discussed previously a combined report with the comments and recommendation to take forward would be circulated.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following was raised:

- June Love noted that we had received a response from Maree Todd MSP regarding the question of renewable job numbers and these are not really available.

Peter Faccenda stated that the stats are gathered by private companies, and they have no obligation to provide this information to the Government. Cllr Struan Mackie added

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that if this was a priority part of policy and given public funds there should be an obligation to report back statistics. He wondered if there was an industry body who may have these statistics to hand.

- Cllr Struan Mackie noted that he had received an email regarding the North Highland Way and setting up a steering group. He noted that by definition the DSG is a member body and therefore could not comment nor support.
- June Love noted that UHI North Highland were consulting on the proposed merger and she had sent out to all DSG members to encourage them to complete the survey if they wished to do so. Cllr Mackie noted that he would be attending one of the drop in session. Members noted that skills were on a lot of people's agendas at this time and Peter Faccenda stated that there had been a recent meeting with Josh George (DSRL) to discuss recruitment and training. CNSRP were currently looking at this as there was a view that all strands of skills needed to be brought together into one coherent action plan.
- Peter Faccenda noted that the CNSRP review was progressing well and the Delivery Team had now developed a one page document that would be circulated to CNSRP Advisory Board members in terms of CNSRP's focus for the next 3 years. This could be discussed further at the next Business Meeting on 13 September.
- Just Transition – Invitations had gone out to those who wished to attend.

7. CLOSE

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

Cllr Struan Mackie
DSG Chair
7 September 2022

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

DSG/BM(2022)M028/A001: Dawn Clasper to amalgamate the report and the comments received.