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**DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING****Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 0930 via Microsoft Teams.**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Struan Mackie	DSG Chair
	Davie Alexander	DSG Vice-chair & Socio Economic 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

**1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

Cllr Struan Mackie was delayed therefore Davie Alexander, DSG Vice-chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Gillian Coghill.

**2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Davie Alexander noted that the minutes of the last meeting – DSG/BM(2022)M029, 13 September 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/A14: Jamie Reed to report back on the extent that NDA uses fair trade across the NDA estate. **Action Ongoing:** This will be chased again.
- DSG(2022)M02/A20: Maree Todd to encourage SG to paint the picture of future renewable opportunities including opportunities around green hydrogen production. **Action Ongoing:** This will be chased again.
- DSG/BM(2022)M026/A002: June Love to co-ordinate the DSG business meeting members to visit James Fisher Nuclear facility at Bower. **Action ongoing:** Request for DSG Business meeting to visit Bower facility was sent on 8 July 2022 – dates being looked at for visit for Spring 2023.
- DSG/SESG(2022)M02/A002: June Love to invite William Lindsay to next DSG Socio Economic sub group meeting to provide a briefing on Fit For Future. **Action ongoing:** Requested for 19<sup>th</sup> October - awaiting confirmation of holiday commitments.

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- DSG/SESG(2022)M02/A004: June Love to ask Commander Ian Walker to provide information on the value of Vulcan as it currently stands. **Action ongoing.**
- 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 4<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **4. DSG REVIEW AND ACTION PLAN**

David Alexander noted that the DSG review document has been discussed at the previous meeting and noted that June Love had pulled the comments together and also provided an action plan with the near term and long term actions. It was agreed that the action plan would be issued to the DSG Members for information and updates would be provided through the sub groups, public meetings, or correspondence. This would also be a standing item on the business meeting agenda to continue to monitor the action progress.

**Action: DSG/BM(2022)M030/A001: Issue the DSG Review recommendations and action plan to the DSG members.**

Cllr Struan Mackie then joined the call and David Alexander handed over the chair.

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

The following was raised:

- Peter Faccenda noted that CNSRP has written to the Just Transition Commissioner. The CNSRP Chairman had invited the Minister and the Just Transition Commissioner to visit Caithness. They were hoping to receive a response by mid-October.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the DSG could write a letter of support and should be included in the Socio Economic sub group update to allow other organisations to write their own letter of support.

**Action: DSG/BM(2022)M030/A002: DSG to write a letter of support to the Just Transition Commissioner.**

- Cllr Struan Mackie noted that correspondence had been received from Maree Todd MSP regarding the REMA consultation encouraging stakeholders to respond. He thought this was an important issue and that the DSG should engage with the consultation

Peter Faccenda noted he was working through the response form and would distribute a draft CNSRP response to the business meeting before it was submitted.

**Action: DSG/BM(2022)M030/A003: Peter Faccenda to provide a draft response for the REMA consultation.**

- Cllr Struan Mackie noted that contact with the other SSGs in Scotland had been made and Gail Ross, Head of Communications, had also spoken to him about the potential of a cross party group to discuss nuclear decommissioning. Both Chapelcross and

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Hunterston SSGs were interested in joining up at Scottish Political Party conferences to promote nuclear decommissioning and the benefits that this brings to Scotland.

June Love noted that she was looking at the Scottish Spring Conference dates and would work up a short briefing for discussion with other SSGs so that this could begin to progress. David Alexander noted that he thought a fringe meeting would have more impact than taking a stand.

**Action: DSG/BM(2022)M030/A004: June Love to draft short brief for Scottish party political conference attendance.**

- Cllr Struan Mackie noted that members of the working group had met with Dale McQueen regarding the decommissioning of Vulcan. He felt this had been a useful meeting and articulating the thoughts of DSG to Dale had been helpful. One of the tasks DSG now had to do was to write down the key principles of what DSG would like to see from decommissioning. He also felt that an update to both October sub groups would continue to keep all members in the loop.

**Action: DSG/BM(2022)M030/A005: June Love to draft the key principles of the decommissioning of Vulcan.**

## **6. CLOSE**

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

**Cllr Struan Mackie  
DSG Chair  
30 September 2022**

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## **ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING**

DSG/BM(2022)M030/A001: Issue the DSG Review recommendations and action plan to the DSG members.

DSG/BM(2022)M030/A002: DSG to write a letter of support to the Just Transition Commissioner.

DSG/BM(2022)M030/A003: Peter Faccenda to provide a draft response for the REMA consultation.

DSG/BM(2022)M030/A004: June Love to draft short brief for Scottish party political conference attendance.

DSG/BM(2022)M030/A005: June Love to draft the key principles of the decommissioning of Vulcan.