

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP

Minutes of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group (DSG) public meeting held on Wednesday 22 March at 1900 in the Pentland Hotel/Teams

Present:	Cllr Struan Mackie (SM) David Alexander (DA) Peter Faccenda (PF) Gillian Coghill (GC) Roger Saxon (RS) David Craig (DC) Trudy Morris (TM) Thelma Mackenzie (TM1) Eann Sinclair (ES) Niall Watson (NW) Tor Justad (TJ) Cllr Andrew Jarvie (AJ) Joanna Coghill (JC) Murray Lamont (ML)	Chair (The Highland Council) Vice-chair (Wick and Thurso Trades Council) Focus North Programme Manager Buldoo Residents Independent Chair DSG Honorary Member Caithness West Community Council Caithness Chamber of Commerce Thurso Community Council Highlands and Islands Enterprise Dounreay Trade Unions HANP Highland Council Assoc of Caithness Community Councils North Highland Tourism
Attending:	Mac MacGill (MM) Frederic Stalin (FS) Mick Moore (MM) Barrie Cran BC) Steve Butler (SB) Josh George (JG) David Calder (DC1) Alan Mackay (AM) David Wallace (DW) DI David McIntosh (DM) James Francis (JF) Stewart Ballantine (SB) Cdr Ian Walker (IW) Diane Hamilton (DH) Gail Ross (GR) Magnus Davidson (MD) Tina Wrighton (TW) Caitlin Flavell (CF)	Dounreay Chief of Staff / Deputy Managing Director Dounreay Director of Strategic Programme Dounreay Director of Operations Dounreay Director of Assurance Dounreay Director of Commercial Dounreay Director of Organisational Excellence Dounreay Head of Socioeconomics & Sustainability NDA Site Facing Team NDA Stakeholder Lead, Scotland CNC ONR SEPA MOD Vulcan SG, Radwaste Head of Communications Dounreay Socioeconomics Dounreay Stakeholder and External Relations Minute secretary

MINUTES

1. Welcome and introductions

SM welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that at the AGM held just before, all office-bearers had been re-elected to their posts.

2. Apologies

The following apologies were received:

- Abbe Luckock, Women in Nuclear
- David Broughton, DSG

- James Bryson, DNSR
- Sandy Mackie, Scrabster Harbour Trust
- Brian Mutch, Scottish Government Rural Payments and Inspection Directorate
- Christian Nicolson, NHS Highland
- Cllr Stephen Clackson, Orkney Islands Council
- Debbie Murray, North Highland College, UHI
- Richard Faris, ONR
- Michelle Johnston, NHS Highland

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the last public meeting (DSG(2022)M03) held on 7 December 2022 were ratified, proposed by SM and seconded by TM.

The minutes of the DSG socioeconomic subgroup (DSG/SESG (2022) M04) held on 25 January 2023 were ratified, proposed by DA and seconded by GC.

The minutes of the DSG site restoration sub group (DSG/SRSG(2022)M03) held on 25 January 2023 were ratified, proposed by GC and seconded by RS.

The DSG business meeting continued to meet regularly. It was asked that any member who had business to discuss at the business meeting contact a member rather than waiting for a public meeting.

5. Status of actions

An update on actions was given. TW noted that she was maintaining a list of informal actions from both this and subgroup meetings. It was noted that some actions were taking longer than expected, and solutions to this were discussed, including a suggestion that the actionee suggest a timeframe in which they will be able to respond.

6. MOD (Vulcan) high level updates

MOD Vulcan: IW reported:

- There have been no challenges to the Approval of Arrangements (AoA) limits during this period
- There had been one minor injury where an employee was blown off his feet by high winds
- During a routine inspection, ONR had identified issues in Vulcan's ability to demonstrate compliance with regulations, resulting in the raising of a regulatory issue. An improvement plan has been accepted and is being delivered to
- The nominated site inspector for Vulcan is now the same as for Dounreay
- Site programme is continuing to plan, with a joint team assessing the feasibility of transferring the liability for decommissioning Vulcan to the NDA. A decision on this is expected in 2023
- The annual Security demonstration will occur in June

DNSR: No further update to the sub group report provided.

SEPA: SB confirmed there was nothing to add from the last update.

ONR: JF reported:

- Regulation of the Vulcan site has transferred to the same team that oversees Dounreay, for sake of efficiency
- ONR has received the improvement plan mentioned above

8. Dounreay high level updates

SM invited updates and questions.

NDA: AM reported:

- The NDA planned to hold a series of in-person regional meetings for stakeholders, with links to universities
- Various new positions have been taken up in the UK government
- The final version of the NDA Draft Business Plan will be published after the 17th April 2023, due to parliamentary recess
- On the most recent stakeholder survey, all the key indicators had improved. One key finding for improvement was sharing more information about mission delivery and solving technical challenges, which would be addressed

Dounreay: MM began by introducing himself as acting on behalf of the Managing Director, and introduced the members of the Dounreay executive who were present at the meeting.

- Dounreay had continued to make significant investment in and see improving performance on Health, Safety, Security, Environment, and Quality
- Safeguards and environment continued on an improving trajectory
- Since its inception in 2022, the Culture Programme had gained positive engagement and traction across the business
- Based on the guidance of the Fit for Future project, the organisation would be reshaped to adopt a delivery-focused operating model and programmatic approach. This would include investment in staff and training, including recruitment programmes like apprentices and graduates
- Dounreay has a strong relationship with ONR and SEPA, which he hoped would strengthen with the joining with Magnox
- All thirteen targets would be met or above threshold this year. Decommissioning objectives had been agreed for the coming year
- A new long-range 'route map' would be adopted in 2024/25, which was going through the governance process
- The importance of adding social value was recognised, with the establishment of a new sustainability and socioeconomic team

There was some discussion around sustainability goals and how these would be measured, including carbon baselining for the site. It was also discussed that Dounreay would have 3 major programmes moving forward: Fuels, Reactors, and Balance of Site.

There was also discussion of how Dounreay would engage with the supply chain going forward and a recognition from senior management of the importance of the local supply chain. Finally, it was acknowledged that past communications from site have not always been transparent, and a commitment was made to be open and engaged with the group moving forward.

SEPA: SB reported:

- SEPA's investigation into the release of tritium from a waste drum in storage at the PFR facility remains ongoing. SEPA has a further session with Dounreay on this matter scheduled for early April
- Following the laundry filtration warning letter issued by SEPA in late 2022 SEPA has followed up with Dounreay on the actions they have taken to address the identified non-compliances. SEPA is content the actions taken by the site address the compliance issues identified

ONR: JF reported on behalf of RF:

- ONR safety inspectors continue to make routine monthly visits to site covering a broad range of subjects
- ONR specialists have completed a review of Magnox Limited's application to hold the nuclear site licence for the Dounreay site. The new site licence will be signed by ONR's chief inspector on the 27 March 2023
- ONR inspectors attended interactions with Dounreay on potential modifications to the site's current end state and will continue to maintain contact with Dounreay on this matter to ensure a suitable end state is established to inform development of Dounreay's lifetime plan
- There was a small number of RIDDOR reportable events reported to ONR during this period relating to falls during the cold weather at the end of 2022. These events have been discussed with site and no further regulatory action is planned

CNC: DM reported:

- CNC continues to meet its service level agreement
- Eight recruitment events have taken place around Highlands and Islands, this is an ongoing process
- CNC continues to support local policing activity without compromising its core activity of protecting nuclear material on the site

There was some discussion around the increasing secondment of CNC officers and whether this would affect service provided. DM reassured the group that the CNC would continue to fulfil its core mission despite expectations placed on them by other services. The site security plan requires a minimum number of officers available that would not be compromised on.

9. Gate B Paper

GC noted that the latest issued version was a complete reversal of what was initially proposed and would need an in-depth discussion. It was agreed that further discussion would be held with the site restoration subgroup, and FS would share the route map once this was made available.

10. Any Other Business

SM gave an update on consultations with the Scottish Government; there was significant interest in the meaning of Just Transition, and Focus North has agreed to give the government a pilot program. It was agreed that response to these consultations should not be such that the group was 'locked in' to a particular position on use of the Dounreay site.

Government attention to the Vulcan site would be monitored closely to ensure no decisions were made that would impact recruitment.

Cllr Struan Mackie

DSG Chair

22 March 2023

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

DSG(2023)M01/A001: DSG: Assign target dates to actions when allocated

DSG(2023)M01/A002: DC1: Once the NDA socio economic strategy refresh is complete with an approach for the social value measurement – report through the SE subgroup

DSG(2023)M01/A003: FS: Setup Gate B paper review meeting with GC and the site restoration subgroup. SB asked to be present in person. DC asked for one of the authors to be present if possible. Agreed to wait until route map can be better explained

DSG(2023)M01/A004: SM: Nuclear isotopes – share the NDA response to the previous question with all members – action complete

DSG(2023)M01/A005: SM to investigate what was discussed re nuclear isotopes in return for the US fuel shipments