

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 1 August 2023 at 0930 in Hoy at Dounreay.com Office Thurso.

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 Site Restoration sub group deputy chair
Dawn Clasper	DSG Minute Secretary

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Cllr Struan Mackie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the minutes of the last meeting – DSG/BM(2023)M010, 18 July 2023 – these were endorsed by members. Members agreed this was a true reflection of the meeting. These would now be circulated to all DSG members for their information.

3. ACTION STATUS

Cllr Struan Mackie provided an update on the progress of actions. Discussion focused on:

- DSG/SRSG(2023)M002/A001: Barrie Cran to provide more information regarding DSG(2023)C027 on how additional pressures will impact the community and how this will impact on spend.
- DSG/SESG(2023)M002/A001: NDA to provide update on the outcomes of the strategy including the Dounreay skills audit. **Action Ongoing.**
- DSG/SESG(2023)M002/A002: DSG to invite Marie Mackay STEM co-ordinator to a business meeting to provide a background on STEM activities. **Action Closed:** Marie Mackay to attend DSG Business Meeting on 15 August to provide background on STEM
- DSG/SESG(2023)M002/A003: DSG to ask Dounreay how they evaluate the effectiveness of staff working from home. **Action Ongoing.**
- DSG/PM(2023)M02/A03: Ask observers to report to one of the subgroups the outcome of an internal skills audit and also contact external agencies. **Action ongoing** This will be updated at subgroup meetings.
- DSG/BM(2023)M008/A001: DSG Business meeting to review the attendance of DSG members following the public meeting. **Action ongoing.**

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- DSG/BM(2023)M007/A001: Peter Faccenda to explore with Jacobs how to progress the apprenticeship issue. **Action ongoing.**

Peter Faccenda noted that this is in progress, they are also looking at the apprentice model and they are investigating how it will be sustainable with the cost of overheads. Focus North are looking at a financial model to issue to potential investors.

- DSG/SESG(2023)M01/A001: Magnus Davidson and Dawn Clasper to look at the Community Fund application form. **Action ongoing:** Magnus Davidson updated that this was discussed at the NDA meeting on 20 June, he noted that this was on ongoing action that will have an out come along with the strategy refresh.

Dawn Clasper noted that Tor Justad questioned the response to Action DSG(2023)M01/A04: Nuclear isotopes – share the NDA response to the previous question with all members. She noted that these are commercial as opposed to security considerations. The response has been issued to all DSG members.

Roger Saxon noted the response we received was strategic rather than commercial. He noted that when the fuel went to the US, we were assured there would be some benefit and the answer or outcome should be public knowledge.

Cllr Struan Mackie agreed and noted his understanding there are a number of medical isotopes and that the NDA noted this was commercial sensitivity around the use of nuclear isotopes. He noted he would press for some further information.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following was raised:

- David Alexander noted that the DSG Business Meeting members were meeting with David Peattie on Friday 4 August.
- David Alexander noted that there was a SSG National Forum in September. He also noted they are hoping to convene an in person meeting for the Annual NDA/SSG Chairs Meeting in October.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the Scottish Nuclear Sites Stakeholder Group meeting will be held on 22 August. He noted he has gone back to the Scottish Sites and asked for the membership as we only have one representative on this, other sites have their chair and vice chair attending this meeting.

ACTION: DSG/BM(2023)M011/A01: Cllr Struan Mackie to speak to Scottish Nuclear Sites Stakeholder Group regarding membership and requesting whether we should have an additional member of substitute.

- Peter Faccenda asked if we had received a response from Andrew Bowie MP to visit Caithness.

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Cllr Struan Mackie noted that this visit was being arranged by the NDA and Dounreay.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that he spoke with Oliver Mundell MSP at the technology and innovation event and the idea that they set up an all parliament group this is still going at pace, and they have identified members. Once this is set up he would be keen to make representation.

5. CLOSE

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

Cllr Struan Mackie
DSG Chair
9 August 2023

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