

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 12 September 2023 at 0930 in Dounreay.com Hoy Thurso and MS Teams.

Present:

Cllr Struan Mackie	DSG Chair
Davie Alexander	DSG Vice-chair & Socio Economic sub group chair
Gillian Coghill	DSG Site Restoration chair
Peter Faccenda	DSG Socio Economic sub group deputy chair
Dawn Clasper	DSG Minute Secretary

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Cllr Struan Mackie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies have been received from Roger Saxon.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the minutes of the last meeting – DSG/BM(2023)M013, 29 August 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)M02/A001: Neil Cook to provide more information DSG(2023)C027 on how additional pressures will impact the community and how this will impact on spend. **Action ongoing.** An in person meeting has been requested.
- DSG/BM(2023)M008/A001: DSG Business meeting to review the attendance of DSG members following the public meeting. **Action ongoing.**

Cllr Struan Mackie noted he had meet with Raymond Bremner, Highland Council Leader regarding attendance of appointed representative of the DSG and he noted that Sutherland do not have a representative.

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

Peter Faccenda noted that this was on going. Jacobs have completed a report that will be discussed at the Focus North Delivery Group. Focus North have mocked up an apprenticeship scheme on what businesses would need to do and the cost. The Caithness Chamber of Commerce will approach a number of businesses to explore where to go from there.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following was raised:

- Cllr Struan Mackie noted the public meeting will be held on 20 September. Mac MacGill will be representing Dounreay. The paperwork is in hand.
- Cllr Struan Mackie noted the local newspaper article and that the communication team had not been contact for comment. This needs to be addressed at the public meeting.

Cllr Mackie noted he felt the DSG scrutiny of the site was good however we need to get clarity on safety. The DSG need assurance this is not part of a bigger problem.

Action DSG/BM(2023)M014/A01: Cllr Struan Mackie to email Lawrie Hayes and Paul Vallance to arrange a meeting regarding the local newspaper articles and safety.

The DSG is dealing with legacy safety issues or on going safety concerns we are progressing this through the senior responsible offices on the site and this is at odds at what is in the local press and is this the Executive team or the managers below.

Peter Faccenda noted the way to demonstrate this is in control is to have the people quoted that they come forward and agree a way forward and were comfortable that we can deal with this in a constructive manner. The internal relationships are working to make this situation better.

Gillian Coghill noted that the Site Restoration subgroup have been questioning Dounreay and Regulators on the safety issues at Dounreay.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that will be is significant public interest at this may be raised at the public meeting. Cllr Struan Mackie will speak to Mac MacGill and Gail Ross.

Action: DSG/BM(2023)M014/A02: Cllr Struan Mackie to phone Mac MacGill and Gail Ross regarding the local news articles.

5. CLOSE

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

**Cllr Struan Mackie
DSG Chair
14 September 2023**

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

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