

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 7 November 2023 at 0930 on MS Teams.

Present:	Cllr Struan Mackie	DSG Chair
	Davie Alexander	DSG Vice-chair & Socio Economic sub group chair
	Peter Faccenda	DSG Socio Economic sub group deputy chair
	Gillian Coghill	DSG Site Restoration sub group chair
	Roger Saxon	DSG Site Restoration sub group deputy chair
	Dawn Clasper	DSG Minute Secretary
	Tina Wrighton	Stakeholder & External Relations Manager, Dounreay

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Cllr Struan Mackie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

No apologies have been received.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the minutes of the last meeting – DSG/BM(2023)M017, 24 October 2023 – 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/BM(2023)M007/A001: Peter Faccenda to explore with Jacobs how to progress the apprenticeship issue. **Closed:**

Peter Faccenda provided an update and noted that the Caithness & North Sutherland Fund already supports a number of new apprenticeships, so will look to see how this could be expanded. In the short term apprenticeships supported through a bursary scheme will continue.

He noted there was a bid in for some peatland skills training - still waiting to hear the decision.

Soft landing or outreach for talent attraction - they have a proposal from a supplier to increase activity.

Roger Saxon asked who would fund the bursaries. Peter Faccenda responded that this would be private input from windfarm developers and other potential businesses.

It was agreed by the business meeting to close this action and provide an update through the Focus North paper for the Socio Economic sub group.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following was raised:

- Dawn Clasper noted on 22 November there has been a proposed workshop for local economic diversification and local wellbeing.
- Peter Faccenda noted the PIN issued for scaffolding; he asked if there was a potential benefit for the supply chain opportunities for companies in our area. Is there a way of helping local business get more involved with the wider NRS supply chain and assist the Dounreay Commercial team to build on opportunities in the wider NRS group.

Roger Saxon asked if the PIN issue had been resolved. Tina Wrighton noted that this has been resolved through the Commercial department and the relevant stakeholders have been contacted.

Tina Wrighton noted we could ask for this to be included in the latest supply chain newsletter.

ACTION: DSG/BM(2023)M018/A001: Investigate with commercial if the local supply chain can get involved in the wider NRS group supply chain opportunities.

David Alexander noted that he attended the Focus North Advisory Board workshop, he felt that this was a useful workshop. Peter Faccenda noted that he was encouraged that they are starting to focus on a small number of important issues and progress these accordingly.

- David Alexander noted that he will be attending the Magnox SSG Chair/Vice Chair meeting in Manchester on 22 – 23 November.
- Dawn Clasper noted she was arranging a meeting with John Vickerman and Pam Duerden on Wednesday 8 November for the Management Review. Tina Wrighton noted that she has arranged a Management Review report meeting with Mark Rouse for the 14 November. She also asked that both she and Dawn Clasper be notified of any verbal or written correspondence with the Dounreay senior team or the NRS board going forward.

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 November 2023**

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

DSG/BM(2023)M018/A001: Investigate with commercial if the local supply chain can get involved in the wider NRS group supply chain opportunities.