

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 28 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
Dawn Clasper	DSG Minute Secretary
Tina Wrighton	Stakeholder & External Relations Manager, Dounreay

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)M018, 7 November 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)M018/A001: Investigate with commercial if the local supply chain can get involved in the wider NRS group supply chain opportunities. **Ongoing**

Tina Wrighton noted that the supply chain newsletter will be issued shortly on the website. Tina noted that there was a supplier event in Dunblane. There is an NDA supply chain event being held in June 2024.

DSG/BM(2023)M016/A001: Business Meeting to review the subgroup membership. **Ongoing.** To be further discussed at the business meeting on 5 December.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that he would write to the Association of Caithness Community Councils and give a presentation on what the DSG does at their meetings.

ACTION: DSG/BM(2023)M019/A001: Cllr Struan Mackie to write to Association of Caithness Community Councils to give a presentation on what the DSG does at the next meeting.

DSG/BM(2023)M016/A002: Cllr Struan Mackie to write to Andrew Bowie MP to invite him to Caithness. **Ongoing:** Cllr Struan Mackie noted he would be meeting Andrew Bowie MP and would provide an update at the next business meeting.

4. PUBLIC MEETING

Cllr Struan Mackie noted the next DSG Public Meeting would be held on 6 December 2023. Dawn Clasper noted that this was in hand, there will be a presentation on STEM and the paperwork will be issued shortly.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following was raised:

- David Alexander noted he attended the Magnox SSG Chair/Vice Chair meeting in Manchester 22-24 November. He noted this was a good meeting and there were a number of presentations. In January 2024 there will be consultation on the draft 10-year strategy and all stakeholder groups will have an opportunity to comment on this. He also noted that the NDA will be hosting a virtual summit on 12 December.
- Cllr Struan Mackie noted that he will be attending the Nuclear Energy in Scotland reception in Edinburgh on 29 November.
- Gillian Coghill noted she attended one of the benefits realisation workshops on 22 November, she felt that this was the same work that was being done with Focus North. She noted that they touched on the importance of Dounreay but also the negatives and it provided a balance.

Peter Faccenda noted that he was encouraged that Gillian felt this was a duplication of work that Focus North were doing, as the idea was to make sure what is being done is being embedded in the processes. He felt that it was beneficial for the approach at the business planning stage so what we are doing on a day-to-day basis will be considered as the projects are being developed instead of being an add-on. It is being used as a decision making factor for how the projects are taken forward. He was encouraged that the principles are being embedded and the point of the meeting is to discuss the detail and what this may look like going forward.

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 November 2023

Endorsed on 5 December 2023

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

DSG/BM(2023)M019/A001: Cllr Struan Mackie to write to Association of Caithness Community Councils and give a presentation on what the DSG does.