

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 5 December 2023 at 0930 on MS Teams.

Present:	Cllr Struan Mackie	DSG Chair
	Davie Alexander	DSG Vice-chair & Socio Economic sub group chair
	Gillian Coghill	DSG Site Restoration sub group chair
	Dawn Clasper	DSG Minute Secretary
	Tina Wrighton	Stakeholder & External Relations Manager, Dounreay
	Linda Ross	University of Keele

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Cllr Struan Mackie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies have been received from Roger Saxon and Peter Faccenda.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the minutes of the last meeting – DSG/BM(2023)M019, 28 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)M019/A001: Cllr Struan Mackie to write to the Association of Caithness Community Councils (AoCCC) to give a presentation on the work the DSG does at their next meeting. **Ongoing:** Cllr Struan noted that he would write to the Association of Caithness Community Councils after the Public Meeting to provide a presentation on the work the DSG does.

Dawn Clasper noted that Alistair Ferrier Association of Caithness Community Councils and Elspeth Husband Thurso Community Council would attend the public meeting.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that he spoke to his council colleagues and there is a drive to involve the Association of Caithness Community Councils (AoCCC) with other organisations, there will be a number of presentations going to AoCCC.

DSG/BM(2023)M016/A002: Cllr Struan Mackie to write to Andrew Bowie MP to invite him to Caithness. **Complete:** Cllr Mackie noted that his ministerial team have a visit scheduled for February 2024. This will be confirmed with the NDA.

Endorsed on 19 December 2023

DSG/BM(2023)M016/A001: Business Meeting to review the subgroup membership.
Ongoing: The subgroups will stay the same and will be discussed at the Business Meeting in January 2024.

4. PUBLIC MEETING

Cllr Struan Mackie noted the next DSG Public Meeting would be held on 6 December 2023. Cllr Struan Mackie noted that due to the changing weather conditions and dangerous road conditions throughout the county it was suggested to move the public meeting to virtual. This was agreed by the Business meeting members. Tina Wrighton noted that we would issue communications to members and observers to advise this will be online only.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following was raised:

- Davie Alexander noted that he had a meeting with Magnus Davidson and Jay Adams this morning to discuss sustainability and energy.
- Cllr Struan Mackie attended the NIA reception hosted by Liam Kerr MSP; this was about nuclear energy. Mark Rouse MD NRS Dounreay and Trudy Morris CEO Caithness Chamber of Commerce were also in attendance. Dominated by new nuclear in Scotland but the wider issues that was raised by was the jobs map for the wider nuclear industry as there are unknown number of jobs employed in the nuclear sector of the nuclear supply chain. We need to talk about this more, so MPs and MSPs are aware of what we do here and highlight there is a skills gap.
- Tina Wrighton noted that Barrie Cran, Assurance Director will be seconded to GB Nuclear in January 2024. The business meeting passed on their thanks to him for all his help.

6. CLOSE

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

Cllr Struan Mackie
DSG Chair
6 December 2023