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DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 2 April 2024 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
	Peter Faccenda	DSG Socio Economic sub group deputy chair
	Dawn Clasper	DSG Minute Secretary
	Tina Wrighton	Stakeholder & External Relations Manager, NRS 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)M026, 12 March 2024 – 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

Tina Wrighton provided an update on the progress of actions. Discussion focused on:

- DSG/AGM(2024)M01/A01: Cllr Struan Mackie to provide clarity on the voting rights of the DSG Members in the Terms of Reference. Ongoing
- DSG/PM(2024)M01/A01: Mark Rouse/Mac MacGill to provide the group operating framework. Ongoing
- DSG/PM(2024)M01/A02: Alan Mackay to provide an update on the GDF disposal facility report. Ongoing
- DSG/PM(2024)M01/A03: Mac MacGill to update why the DSG had not been informed regarding the water ingress at PFR in January 2024. **Complete:** Frederic Stalin acknowledges this and although we appreciate it appears to be an oversight, it certainly wasn't intentional as the reporting period for the January 2024 site restoration subgroup covered the previous 3 months October – December 2023. The water ingress became apparent during December and the details were only becoming clear throughout January. This does not excuse the fact it wasn't highlighted to members at the meeting, but as the focus was the sharing of the LTP resource profile we had a lot of other discussion around this.

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David Alexander noted that this should have been reported to the DSG at the time.

- DSG/PM(2024)M01/A04: Stewart Ballantine to ask the Thurso SEPA office to determine the relation of the discharge limits for Vulcan. Ongoing
- DSG/SESG(2023)M04/A001: Magnus Davidson to ask commercial for the spend for local SME's. Ongoing: Magnus Davison and David Calder to provide an update at the Business Meeting on 16 April.
- DSG/SESG(2023)M04/A002: Magnus Davidson, Jeremy Gilmour and Tina Wrighton to breakdown the hotel cost and provide a defined. Ongoing: Magnus Davison and David Calder to provide an update at the Business Meeting on 16 April.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following was raised:

- Cllr Mackie noted there was a lot of press around the end dates of the Life Time Plan (LTP). He noted there will be a lot of work and understanding our role with the scrutiny of the LTP through the Site Restoration sub group. He noted that there will be a presentation held in the ballroom of the Pentland Hotel, where all DSG members can attend and have in depth conversation around this and how the DSG will scrutinise the information presented.

Gillian Coghill agreed with Cllr Struan Mackie, and this encompasses both sub groups and all members need to be able to comment. She also noted that the Gate B paper is incorporated in the LTP also.

- David Alexander noted that he received an email from Prof Tavish Potts Aberdeen University asking for an informal conversation regarding a new research project to explore how decommissioning influences and shapes a just transition in the North of Scotland with a case study on Dounreay and Caithness.

It was agreed by the Business Meeting members that Cllr Struan Mackie would respond and invite him to a Business Meetings, to provide an outline and discuss the Just Transition.

- Cllr Struan Mackie and Peter Faccenda attended the cross party group in Edinburgh Cllr Mackie joined by MS team bus Peter Faccenda was in person. Cllr Struan Mackie voiced his frustration that it was a free for all as every nuclear issued was chucked at the group and asked what the group wanted to get out from it. He also noted when people are speaking about Dounreay they should be briefed.

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Peter Faccenda noted that the drop in session was useful and was able to raise their profile. He noted that Focus North has registered as a member of the cross party group and would attend the next meeting in person.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted he would request permission from the DSG membership to join the cross party group as a member, he noted that would mean the DSG would have a seat at the table, submit questions and use the Scottish Parliament research service.

Action: DSG/BM(2024)M001/A001: Cllr Struan Mackie write to DSG members to ask permission to join the cross party group.

- Gillian Coghill noted that she received an email from Dr Petra Tjitske Kalshoven, Senior Lecturer in Social Anthropology, Manchester University, requesting to attend a meeting sub group. As she would like to would like to learn more about the technical and ecological aspects of site restoration. It was agreed by Business Meeting members to email the Site Restoration sub group members to request permission for her to attend the next meeting.

Action: DSG/BM(2024)M001/A002: Dawn Clasper to send email to DSG members asking permission for Dr Petra Tjitske Kalshoven to attend a Site Restoration subgroup meeting.

- Peter Faccenda noted that as we have just gone through our AGM and re-elected the chairs he asked how we expand our resources and knowledge base as there will be scrutiny around the new plan.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that a separate closed meeting will be held to look at expanding our resources and knowledge base.

- Tina Wrighton noted that the Cllr Mackie, David Alexander, and Gillian Coghill will receive an update on the LTP from Frederic Stalin, Strategic Programme Director and Gillian McArthur, Head of Strategic Planning on Thursday 4 April.
- Tina Wrighton noted a member of the public has asked to become co-opted member of the public. Cllr Mackie noted that in the Terms of Reference there is a criteria that needs to be met such as represent an organisation or fill a knowledge gap or expertise.

5. CLOSE

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

**Cllr Struan Mackie
DSG Chair
4 April 2024**

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

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DSG/BM(2024)M001/A002: Dawn Clasper to send email to DSG members asking permission for Dr Petra Tjitske Kalshoven to attend a Site Restoration subgroup meeting.