

Endorsed on 9 September 2024

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING**Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 3 September 2024 at 0930 via MS Teams and in person**

Present: Cllr Struan Mackie	DSG Chair
David 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 was delayed therefore DSG Vice Chair, David Alexander welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies have been received by Roger Saxon.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

David Alexander noted that the minutes of the last meeting – DSG/BM(2024)M009, 20 August 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

Dawn Clasper noted there were a number of actions which had come from the sub group meetings. Discussion focused on:

- DSG/SRSG(2024)M002/A002: Stewart Ballantine to report on overall gender split in SEPA at next public meeting – Ongoing.
- DSG/SRSG(2024)M002/A004: Rolls Royce to consider the attendance at DSG meetings. Complete. DSG Business meeting met with Liam Hamilton on 28 August, he noted he would not attend the DSG meetings at this time, but this is something he would look at in the future.
- DSG/SRSG(2024)M002/A005 – Rolls Royce to provide details of the flexible working policy and to provide the gender balance statistics – Ongoing
- DSG/BM(2024)M007/A002: Focus North advisory board to share information focussed on Third sector and community organisations including the DSG. Ongoing – Peter Faccenda noted they had a provisional date of the 15 November to present at the advisory board meeting.

4. PUBLIC MEETING

Cllr Struan Mackie then joined the meeting and David Alexander handed over the chair.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the public meeting would be held on Tuesday 10 September in the ETEC building at the college. Dawn Clasper noted the agenda and had added membership to ratify the new co-opted members and the terms of reference.

There was a slot for Scottish Government to provide an update on the higher activity waste policy review and capture feedback. Cllr Struan Mackie noted that he would like to get the next steps from the Scottish government update and the review, which is a long standing issue and groups like us and around Scotland have differing opinions on the higher activity issues. What are they going to do with the responses and how are they going to put this in to the policy? His issue is the unique footprint of Dounreay as some of the policy is for us rather than other people, so we need to look to the future and speak with one voice to make the policy work for the community it will affect.

Peter Faccenda noted that we could commission some external support to provide independent evidence. As policy is driven by evidence this could help influence policy by having an evidence base to draw from. Cllr Struan Mackie agreed with this and noted there is experience within the DSG membership, however we need to make this formal and evidence based.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following was raised:

- David Alexander noted that the NDA Group Sustainability Report 2024 has been published and noted that the Viewfirth land is owned by NDA - he proposes to write to David Calder, Head of Sustainability and Socio Economics, NRS Dounreay to highlight the need of a community hub.

Action: DSG/BM(2024)M010/A01: David Alexander to write to David Calder, Head of Sustainability and Socio Economics, NRS Dounreay regarding the use of the Viewfirth land owned by NDA.

- Cllr Struan Mackie noted that he would be attending the Cross Party Working Group in Edinburgh on 11 September, the topic will be skills.

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

4 September 2024

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

DSG/BM(2024)M010/A01: David Alexander to write to David Calder, Head of Sustainability and Socio Economics, NRS Dounreay regarding the use of the Viewfirth land owned by NDA.