

SITE RESTORATION SUBGROUP

Minutes of the DSG Site Restoration subgroup meeting held on Wednesday 8 October 2025 at 19:00 in the Dounreay Public Information Office, Thurso and via MS Teams.

Present:

David Broughton (DB)	DSG Site Restoration subgroup Vice Chair
David Alexander (DA)	DSG Socio Economic subgroup Chair
Gillian Coghill (GC)	Buldoor resident's liaison group Chair
Alan Scott (AS)	DSG co-opted member of the public
David Craig (DC)	Community Council
Tor Justad (TJ)	HANP
Cllr Andrew Jarvie (AJ)	Highland Council
Christian Nicholson (CN)	NHS
John Deighan (JD)	DSG co-opted member of the public
Ken Nicol (KN)	DSG co-opted member of the public
Niall Watson (NW)	NRS Dounreay Trade Unions
William Mcgilvary (WM)	Thurso Community Council

In attendance:

Alex Pitsilos (AP)	ONR
Lt Cdr Ian Walker (IW)	MOD Vulcan
Ferne Mill (FM)	NRS Dounreay
Tina Wrighton (TW)	NRS Dounreay
Govinder Sangha (GS)	ONR (Dounreay)
Stewart Ballantine (SB)	SEPA
Fredric Stalin (FS)	NRS Dounreay
C/Insp Paul Gilmartin (PG)	CNC

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

DB welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

• Roger Saxon	DSG Site Restoration subgroup chair
• Sandy Mackie	Co-opted member of the public
• James Bryson	DNSR
• Dr Cllr Stephen Clackson	Orkney Islands Council
• Lauren Mackay	WIN

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes from the last meeting were approved at the public meeting in September.

DB welcomed questions.

No questions were raised.

4. ACTION STATUS

- DSG/BM(2025)M004/A001: NDA to provide a full breakdown of the total NDA socio-economic funding by travel to work area for every site. This action is ongoing.
- DSG/SESG(2025)M02/A01: David Alexander to review the ongoing administration and the criteria for the Dounreay Communities Fund with David Calder and Magnus Davidson. This action is ongoing.

5. DOUNREAY UPDATE

Dounreay: (DSG(2025)P030) refers:

The report was taken as read.

FS highlighted some key issues within regulatory attention and delivery.

He noted the only at risk target is now progressing and no longer at risk.

FS spoke highly of how the site is progressing within NRS.

He welcomed questions.

WM asked if there was input from historic staff to correct the issues in D1206. FS explained the site had a strong team with lots of experience working on this issue. A discussion followed regarding this. **DSG/SRSG(2025)M03/A01 An action is to be taken to capture historic knowledge from ex staff.**

WM asked about the lack of a bid on the DCP store extension from the supply chain. An answer is to be issued to him in time. **DSG/SRSG(2025)M03/A02 An action to be taken to give WM an answer.**

KN asked about MAVE and how this will affect vulnerable areas of site. FS explained it is a mutual agreement so the business will likely not accept exits from the areas are already vulnerable. A discussion was had around MAVE.

GC commented on the negative headlines that were in the local press the morning of the meeting and raised her concerns. ONR confirmed there were no concerns.

A discussion followed around a road traffic accident that happened outside site.

An action was placed on SM to organise a meeting between the council, GC, SM and site to discuss the incident.

FS spoke about the timeline of the vaults to respond to a question asked by TJ. SB added SEPA's point of view on this issue.

No further questions were raised.

SEPA: (DSG(2025)P027) refers:

The report was taken as read.

A notice has been given to the site over an unauthorised discharge in August. The site fixed this discharge within days. Work is ongoing to deal with further consequences.

No questions were raised.

ONR: Govinder Sangha gave a verbal update:

GS gave a short update since the last meeting.

He spoke about some ongoing actions between ONR and the site.

GS noted the change of site inspector from James Francis to himself.

There were no questions raised.

CNC: (DSG(2025)P035) refers:

PG started by thanking those who attended the DSG site visit and trip to the PCCB.

He took the report as read.

He gave an overview on highlights within the paper.

The RTA was discussed from a CNC point of view.

KN asked if the CNC link in with the Aberdeen sites. PG confirmed this happens.

No further questions.

6. VULCAN UPDATE

MOD Vulcan: (DSG(2025)P029) refers:

Report was taken as read.

Regarding health and safety an ambulance was required on site.

An environmental issue was raised with SEPA. It is being investigated.

Inspections are ongoing.

Questions were welcomed.

A comment was made by JD to thanks Vulcan for their support regarding the CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) event that took place.

No questions were asked.

Rolls Royce Update: (DSG(2025)P028) refers:

No one was in attendance from Rolls Royce.

Any questions are to be put through the secretariat.

SEPA (DSG(2025)P027) Stewart Ballantine reported:

The report was taken as read.

Nothing further was raised.

Questions were welcomed.

No questions were raised.

ONR: Alix Pitsilos provided the following highlights:

No concerns were raised from ONR.

No questions were raised.

DNSR: (DSG(2025)P034):

No one was in attendance from DNSR.

Any questions will be noted through the secretariat.

A discussion followed around how Vulcan is regulated.

7. CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING

There was no correspondence since the last meeting.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other competent business.

David Broughton closed the meeting.

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

DSG/SRSG(2025)M03/A01 An action is to be taken to capture historic knowledge from ex staff.

DSG/SRSG(2025)M03/A02 An action to be taken to give WM an answer regarding the DCP contract.