

**DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP
SUMMARY UPDATE FROM PUBLIC MEETING ON 15th MARCH 2017**

-) The Dounreay Stakeholder Group held its Annual General Meeting on 15th March. Councillor Roger Saxon was elected as Chair with Derrick Milnes elected as Vice-chair. The status quo remains for the sub group chairs (Bob Earnshaw (Site Restoration) and Derrick Milnes (Socio Economics)).
-) A review of the DSG has been undertaken. David Collier, external consultant, carried out the review and a paper has just been received. DSG members are meeting on 28th March to consider the review and agree the way forward.
-) Following the AGM, the public meeting took place. Of note:
 - The minutes of the last DSG were endorsed ([DSG\(2016\)M004](#) refers).

NDA

- Provided updates on the new NDA Chairman and Chief Executive.
- The Board would be visiting the site and wider area week beginning 27th March.
- Nucleus – The NDA and Caithness Archive held a stakeholder event early February. DSG members had been invited to the opening and all those who have visited have remarked it is a remarkable building. It also provides up to 25 sustainable full time jobs.
- NDA continue to have discussions with Wick Harbour Authority regarding potential funding towards a high water gate. These discussions are ongoing including Dounreay who are also considering support.
- NDA provided funding to Scrabster Harbour Trust for the provision of an ice plant and also a temporary plant. SHT is the third largest fishing port in Scotland and the support provided on various projects by the NDA, DSRL and other CNSRP partners has seen an increase in the activity at the port.

Dounreay

- Received a presentation from the Dounreay Managing Director on the progress of decommissioning activities and the challenges for the forthcoming year. (See [DSG\(2017\)C012](#)).
- DSG members were pleased to hear that the safety trends were starting to move in the right direction and there had been 198 days since the last lost time accident.
- DSRL received notification that they would receive a British Safety Council International Safety Award with distinction. The assessment looked at how the site used its' procedures to remain compliant.
- ONR had published a list of reportable events which included an event at Dounreay relating to a redundant glove box. DSG members were satisfied that this had been previously

reported through the sub group.

- A lot of decommissioning progress had taken place over the year. The Dounreay progress report (which is provided to DSG and updated on a quarterly basis) provides the highlights of this work.
- The site is working towards submitting its next planning application to the Highland Council later year. This application will cover 2018 to interim end state and DSG members have been involved in various workshops looking at such things as the site end state, landscaping options and remediation of the old (and new) liquid effluent pipes and chamber. DSG will have an opportunity to provide views to the Highland Council planning application at stakeholder events later in the year.
- On a socio economic front, the site, along with NDA and the parent body, continue to support the CNSRP. The Dounreay Socio Economic Board agreed continued commitment to CNSRP related projects. The new socio economic plan for 2017 onwards will be developed shortly and DSG members will consider this through the sub group meeting at the appropriate time.

) On a general note:

- o A number of DSG members met with PhD student, Rika Haga who is working on a thesis entitled 'Cleaning up the Legacy: Exploring the intergenerational impacts of nuclear decommissioning operations'. Rika spent a couple of days in the area and met with a number of DSG members along with a site visit and a discussion with the NDA and Dounreay Socio Economic and Stakeholder Relation Managers.
- o DSG members were informed that the NFLA had published a report on [Nuclear Site Stakeholder Groups and Local Liaison Committees – are they fit for purpose?](#) DSG members were unsighted on this before it was published and therefore it will be read before deciding whether to make a formal response.

Roger Saxon
DSG Chairman
24th March 2017