

## **DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP**

**Minutes of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 1900 hrs in the Pentland Hotel, Ballroom.**

<b>Present:</b>	Roger Saxon	DSG Chairman
	Andrew Taylor	SGRIPD
	Donald MacBeath	North Highland College
	Alastair MacDonald	DSG Honorary member
	Bob Earnshaw	DSG member
	Derrick Milnes	DSG Vice-chair (Wick and Thurso Trades Council)
	Sandra Owsnett	Dounreay Unions
	Thelma Mackenzie	Thurso Community Council
	Ron Gunn	CHAT
	Roy Blackburn	DSG co-opted member of the public
	Tor Justad	DSG co-opted member of the public
	George MacDougall	Caithness West Community Council
	Eann Sinclair	CNSRP
	Cllr Matthew Reiss	Highland Council
	Linda Bremner	Association of Caithness Community Councils
	Gillian Coghill	Chair, Buldoo Residents Group
	Mike Flavell	NHS
	Roy Kirk	HIE
	Trudy Morris	Caithness Chamber of Commerce
	David Broughton	DSG co-opted member of the public
	Cllr Willie Mackay	Highland Council
	June Love	DSG Secretariat, Dounreay
	Mark Raffle	NDA Programme Manager
	David Lowe	Dounreay Deputy Managing Director
	Wendy Newton	MOD Vulcan
	Stewart Ballantine	SEPA
	Supt Martin O'Kane	CNC
	Insp Dave MacIntosh	CNC

## **MINUTES**

### **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Roger Saxon welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that the Annual General Meeting had just taken place and he thanked members for their support in re-electing him as chair. He further noted that Derrick Milnes had been nominated to stay on as vice-chair and DSG socio economic sub group chair and that Cllr Willie Mackay was now the site restoration sub group chair.

Roger placed on record his thanks to Bob Earnshaw who, despite wishing to step down as Site Restoration sub group chair last year, had continued in this role and had contributed greatly to the workings of the DSG. He noted that Bob would remain on DSG given his previous chairmanship.

Roger also welcomed Sandra Owsnett who had taken over from John Deighan representing the Dounreay Unions, Ron Gunn, CHAT who after a lot of discussions and debate members agreed to this membership and Linda Bremner who is the new representatives for the Association of Caithness Community Councils.

He also took the opportunity of welcoming Superintendent Dave McIntosh (CNC) who was attending to provide a presentation of Project Servator.

Roger Saxon made mention of the new PA system and asked for members' patience in getting to grips with the new system.

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received by:

- ) Cllr Stephen Clackson, Orkney Islands Council
- ) David Flear, DSG Honorary Member
- ) Brian Mutch, SGRPID (Andrew Taylor deputising)
- ) Phil Craig, Managing Director, Dounreay (Dave Lowe deputising)
- ) Bob Robertson, HC Planning (Gillian Webster deputising)
- ) Sandy Mackie, Scrabster Harbour Trust
- ) Cllr Struan Mackie, Highland Council
- ) Charles Stewart-Roper, Scottish Government
- ) Danny Gregory, ONR for Dounreay
- ) Murray Lamont, North Highland Tourism
- ) Cllr Malcolm Bell, Shetland Islands Council
- ) Cllr Kirsteen Currie, Highland Council

## **3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Roger Saxon stated that the minutes of the meeting held in December 2017 – DSG(2017)M004 refers – had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting. This was proposed by Derrick Milnes and second by Thelma Mackenzie.

Roger Saxon invited members to raise any issues from the minutes.

- ) Tor Justad noted the action from the sub group on the boiler explosion at Vulcan and enquired on the progress with the investigation as had been reported via the sub group meeting. Wendy Newton responded that the investigation was nearing completion with internal processes being completed.

- J Tor Justad asked whether the investigation into the PFR ventilation had been completed. Stewart Ballantine responded that SEPA had recently responded to DSRL on the actions taken and would provide an update at the next sub group meeting.
- J Tor Justad asked for an update on the LLW non-compliances. Stewart Ballantine responded that discussions were ongoing with DSRL, with paperwork going through the site's internal due process at present. Once this information had been passed to SEPA an assessment would be made. SEPA expect to receive that information from DSRL in early May.

#### 4. STATUS OF ACTIONS

Roger Saxon noted the status of actions had been distributed to members in advance. He proposed to note the progress on actions unless anyone wished to raise anything specifically.

Tor Justad noted he had provided the secretariat with information acknowledging his interpretation of the Georgemas facility. Roger Saxon noted he would update on DRS commercial trial run later in the meeting.

#### 5. VULCAN UPDATE

Roger Saxon noted that sub group meetings had been held in January and written updates had been provided by MOD, Rolls Royce and DNSR. The information in the written reports had been discussed at the January meeting and the draft minutes had been circulated.

Roger Saxon invited Wendy Newton to provide any updates.

Wendy Newton stated there was nothing to add to the report provided at the January sub group. Stewart Ballantine confirmed there were no issues relating to SEPA.

- J Roger Saxon noted that members had discussed the recent disappointing response received from MOD (DSG(2017)C043 refers) at the last sub group meeting. MOD had responded stating they had no statutory obligation to consult with the community of the future of the Vulcan site. Wendy Newton responded that while she would not be consulting on the options at this stage she would present the options being considered at the site restoration sub group meeting in January 2019.

**Action: DSG(2018)M001/A001: Wendy Newton to present the options for the future of the Vulcan site to the Site Restoration sub group meeting in January 2019.**

- J Roy Blackburn asked whether MOD would be looking to consult with the community on the identified options. The correspondence received by DSG appeared to say that MOD will not formally consult. Within the correspondence there had been no reason given as to why they would not consult but consultation had taken place in other areas relating to other MOD projects. While he understood there was no legal obligation it appeared MOD had chosen not to consult on this issue and questioned the reasoning behind this especially in the light of other community engagement/consultation programmes.

- )] Roger Saxon stated that the DSG members had struggled to understand why no community consultation would take place given the site had changed from one of operations to decommissioning.
- )] Roy Blackburn stated he did not believe that, even if there was no statutory obligation, it would preclude MOD from consulting if they wished to do so.
- )] Bob Earnshaw noted he held a similar view to that of Roy Blackburn. There had been instances where MOD had chosen to consult including expansions at Faslane and the submarine dismantling consultation which the three Site Stakeholder Groups (NDA SSGs) in Scotland had attended. He added that he would be interested to understand why these consultations were held while continuing to refuse to consult with the local community on Vulcan.
- )] Roger Saxon stated that it would be useful to clarify why MOD had decided to consult on some projects but not for others. He added that DSG would keep the pressure up as the responses received from MOD to date were not satisfactorily. Given MOD appeared to be in a position where they could inform DSG of the options in January 2019 it would appear that options had been identified.
- )] Wendy Newton responded that there was a lot of appraisal and investigation ongoing to narrow the options down before MOD could come to the sub group. Roger Saxon stated that it appeared MOD didn't really know what they were doing.
- )] Derrick Milnes stated, that as a local resident, he had received the site's newsletter informing them of the withdrawal of iodine tablets distributed to residents. The withdrawal appeared to be as a result of the changing mission of the site from operational to decommissioning. He felt that MOD needed to think differently now that the site was undergoing decommissioning which should mean they could have the ability to be slightly more open with members of DSG. Wendy Newton responded that the site was currently in post operational clean out which was not full decommissioning as yet.
- )] Derrick Milnes stated that while not wishing to put blame on the local MOD team the message should go from the members of DSG that they want to know what is happening. DSG is aware that MOD is in discussion with the NDA and DSG may have to write to NDA under Freedom of Information to ask what information they have received from MOD. He added that DSG would also speak with the MP and push to get questions answered.
- )] Roger Saxon noted the marked difference between the reporting from Vulcan and Dounreay and while he appreciated that the MOD had a different remit he questioned their involvement in this meeting if it was only to pay lip service to the community.
- )] Tor Justad asked why the iodine tablets had been withdrawn from local residents. Roger Saxon responded that he assumed this was due to the change of operational activities at

the site. Wendy Newton responded she would take this away and respond at the next sub group meeting.

**Action: DSG(2018)M001/A002: Wendy Newton to provide an explanation as to why Vulcan has withdrawn iodine tablets to local residents.**

- ) Tor Justad stated, following up on Bob Earnshaw's point, there had indeed been consultation over a proposed extension to a Faslane facility which he imagined was of a greater security risk than the Vulcan site and this should also be included when asking for clarification from MOD on consulting on the future options for the site.
- ) Matthew Reiss noted that Thurso Police Station held a stock of iodine tablets and if these were being withdrawn it would be useful to ensure that the Police Station was aware of the withdrawal of these tablets.
- ) Matthew Reiss stated that given the statements on looking at options this inferred there were some options identified. From a Highland Council point of view it was important to understand whether people were staying in the area and would welcome any information in relation to this.
- ) David Broughton noted that, when he was project manager for the new low level waste facilities at Dounreay, a full consultation had been undertaken. However, it had taken a years' work to ensure that all options had been identified and worked up to ensure they were viable options before going out to consult.
- ) Roger Saxon noted that he would take this issue to the Business meeting in order to consider the DSG's next steps.

**Action: DSG(2018)M001/A003: June Love to put Vulcan future site options on the DSG Business meeting agenda for further discussion.**

## 6. UPDATES FROM DOUNREAY

Roger Saxon noted that written updates from Dounreay, SEPA, ONR and verbal updates from CNC and NDA had been received at the sub groups meeting held in January. Socio economic updates had also been provided.

Before asking for verbal updates Roger Saxon noted that Danny Gregory had tendered his apologies but had provided a short briefing for the meeting. The update was as follows:

**ONR:** Last week Danny Gregory, ONR Inspector, was on site with Rob Campbell, the Superintending Inspector of ONR's Decommissioning, Fuel & Waste Sub-divisions for the Annual Review of Safety. The overall picture presented by DSRL was one of a good performance with some areas identified for improvement, and ONR largely concurred with this summary.

Hazard and risk reduction continues at a steady pace as the focus remains on the consolidated programme. Breeder fuel had now been successfully removed from DFR despite a setback with the polar crane.

The work in the fuel cycle area was also commendable, with some notable progress being made; however much remains to be done. There was a clear professionalism and commitment from the management team in setting high standards and reinforcing these with all staff.

Regarding the organisational changes discussed at the sub-group, there was no further update of substance. ONR had received some of the Management of Change (MoC) submissions from site, and await the remainder, which was expected imminently.

Roger Saxon invited questions relating to the ONR update. No questions were raised. He then invited the following to provide verbal updates:

**NDA:** Mark Raffle noted:

- ) An additional £30M funding had been provided to Dounreay for the new financial year (2018/19). Following that it was expected that the funding would revert back to the level of £176M with annual inflation.
- ) The next Government spending review would take place in 2019/20 and any financial changes would apply in financial year 2020/21 across the NDA estate.
- ) On socio economics, NDA had agreed to part-fund a marine consultant to look at the potential development of the St Ola Pier at Scrabster Harbour. In addition an offer of funding had also been offered to the Community Sports Hub conditional on other funding streams being identified.
- ) On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March, HRH The Princess Royal would be officially opening Nucleus. This event would also be attended by David Peattie, NDA CEO who would also be meeting stakeholders and visiting the Dounreay site.
- ) The new integrated decommissioning programme would be submitted formally to the NDA at the end of July. It was expected this would allow approval of the plan to be provided by the end of October 2018. It was expected that the interim end state would remain at 2030-33.
- ) The National Audit Office had published its report in relation to the Magnox contract and was now available of the gov.uk website.
- ) NDA were currently finalising a response to DSG on the draft NDA business plan.

Roger Saxon invited questions for NDA.

- J Trudy Morris asked what the additional £30M for next years' budget was for. Mark Raffle responded that it was largely to finish off the fuel project which was expected that to be complete next financial year and then the budget would return to normal.
- J Tor Justad noted that Brexit was becoming a very real threat in relation to the regulation for nuclear. Euratom had recently published their thoughts on the implications of Britain leaving the European Union and leaving Euratom. Mark Raffle responded that BEIS (UK Government) had assessed this on 11th January 2018 and also noted the update from Scottish Government which had recently been circulated to DSG members. Mark Raffle re-iterated that NDA would be following UK Government policy and at this time there was no further detail to provide.
- J Bob Earnshaw stated that he and Roger Saxon had attended a useful meeting with other NDA SSG chairs. They had been invited to meet with Mr Holliday who was currently undertaking the inquiry into the procurement of the Magnox sites. That and the fact the Public Affairs Committee report did not make good reading he asked if the NDA would be issuing a statement addressing the recommendations made from the final Holliday report and informing stakeholders of any changes being made in light of this. From a DSG point of view, he felt that the Dounreay contract should not get caught up in this and went on to stress the need to get the new decommissioning plan approved to allow a period of stability to let the workforce get on with the job in hand.

Mark Raffle noted that the Holliday inquiry final report would not be available until the mid-2018. However since the interim report had been published David Peattie, NDA CEO had apologised and made statements confirming that the recommendations always made in the interim report would be undertaken. NDA had already started to enforce some of the recommendations throughout the estate. As an example of this some of the site's bigger procurement contracts were undergoing a lot more scrutiny before approval was given to publish.

Mark Raffle stated that on the baseline programme (new decommissioning programme), a number of changes had been enacted since the award of the site management contract in 2012. This had included additional scope added to the programme (and hence contract), ongoing security improvements and the decision to transport fuels from the Dounreay site. The priority of the fuels programme had been the focus over the last few years but the new programme was now in a position where it was going through due process and would be submitted to NDA in July. He emphasised that NDA did not drive that programme and DSRL was entitled to move work around the programme as long as there are no changes to the funding or interim end state date.

- J Roger Saxon noted Bob Earnshaw's comments and added that following the Radio 4 programme, DSG members were concerned that Dounreay could get caught up in the process. Mr Holliday had made assurances that Dounreay was not part of his remit however recommendations made would impact on the site.
- J Tor Justad noted the comments on the Holliday interim report and asked whether the legal case raised by the consortium against NDA had concluded. Mark Raffle responded

that this had been the well reported case by Energy Solutions and (later) Bechtel which had been settled.

**Dounreay:** David Lowe reported:

- ) The industrial safety performance remained positive, with 0.08 total recordable incident rate (leading site within the NDA). As of today, the site had gone 149 days without a lost time accident today. This was particularly pleasing considering the recent adverse weather.
- ) The site had received a British Safety Council international safety award with merit.
- ) Since the last sub group meeting, an individual undertaking routine personal monitoring when exiting an area of the site detected some contamination. The individual had undergone decontamination procedures by Occupational Health where the dose was assessed as low. The regulator was informed, the individual was able to return to work and has no level of detectable contamination. An investigation is being undertaken.
- ) As in ONR's update, the annual review of safety took place last week and the site management welcomed the ONR comments about the progress being made.
- ) In relation to ONR's update on the management of change documentation, which is the formal process associated with organisational change a number of tasks have been carried out including:
  - A transition board which had been established to ensure that all the correct arrangements were in place for those leaving the company through voluntary redundancy.
  - This, together with strengthened arrangements for knowledge management transfer, is helping the site management team prepare for the next few months when the majority of those accepted for voluntary release were expected to leave. A small number of people will then leave over the next year or so.
- ) As noted earlier, there had been some recent press coverage when SEPA published its 2016 end of year compliance assessment scores for all businesses in Scotland.
  - The overall score for Dounreay represents the culmination of all the individual reports and non-compliances that have been reported at DSG meetings throughout 2016.
  - A substantial amount of work had been undertaken by the site team during the last year. Some of the progress had been reported at this meeting, such as upgrades to the D1200 ventilation system.
  - While SEPA had not yet published its scores for 2017, the site has been informed that scores for both the vaults and main site have improved. The low level waste



vaults rating has moved up 4 steps to excellent, while the main site had also improved from 'at risk' to 'broadly compliant'.

- The site acknowledged that there was still much more to do. Environmental compliance was a priority and it was expected to see more investment this year. The decision has also been taken to refocus on a small number of current projects, this means that certain ventilation systems will not be used until it can be demonstrated that they meet stringent compliance requirements. In areas where this has impacted, work has been rescheduled and workers have been redeployed to support other projects.
- ) There had also been coverage in the newspaper last week about the discovery of a particle. As DSG was aware, addressing the legacy of particles is an important part of the ongoing programme. The article had been written because the way the particle had been recorded on the website had been slightly different to the norm. It was emphasised that no particles had been found this year which give rise to any cause for concern.
- ) The active commissioning for the PFR raffinate had been successfully completed. This was the highest single hazard that remains at the site, and starting to immobilise that liquid waste is the result of two years of work for the team since they completed processing DFR raffinate.
- ) Changes to the senior management team continue with Ken Heider, who many will know as the Reactors Director, retired last month and returned to the US after around three and a half years at Dounreay. Phil Cartwright had been covering that post for the last year while Ken supported the Fuels programme, and Phil will now take the Reactors project director role on a permanent basis.
- ) Ashleigh Fenton, one of the site's graduates, has been shortlisted in the scientific graduate of the year category for the National Skills Academy for Nuclear awards in Manchester. While, Executive Support Manager Fiona Bruce, was also recently a Champion of the Year finalist at the Women in Nuclear UK awards. This was one example of a big effort by many on the site in the last year to ensure equality, diversity and inclusion was at the centre of the organisation.
- ) On socio economic topics, the site recently held an end of financial year socio-economic board meeting where updates on projects such as the Caithness Transport Forum and Business Support Scheme were provided, with confirmation these would continue to be supported next year.
- ) Dounreay was also pleased to hear that Highland Council had agreed its continued financial support for Caithness Horizons for next year, which unlocked Dounreay's ongoing financial support for 2018/19.
- ) Dounreay continues to support CNSRP in a range of activities, with particular interest in the UK Vertical Launch opportunity.

Roger Saxon invited questions from DSG members.

- ) Sandra Owsnett noted that, as a representative of the Dounreay Trade Unions, she was raising the Union concerns relating to the voluntary redundancy programme and, in particular, how it impacts on the remaining individuals in the organisation, and how it would be monitored. She had heard mention of the transition board that had recently been set up stating that the Dounreay unions had raised this a number of times and in a number of forums. She further stated that DSRL was covered by the public sector and enquired as to whether the site had done any Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) in relation to the VER programme. EIAs were part of the Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010).

David Lowe responded that he would take an action to check details regarding the Equality Impact Assessment. In relation to the VERs, a SEOR (Significant Operating Experience Report) had been completed which demonstrates the approach and process that the site has gone through and this had been provided to ONR. As Danny Gregory, ONR had mentioned, further Management of Change documents were being finalised and this information includes risks and assessments as well as taking into account the impact of the workforce. Some of this documentation has been completed and some are in the process.

**Action: DSG(2018)M001/A004: David Lowe, Dounreay Deputy Managing Director to confirm whether Equality Impact Assessments had been carried out in relation to the VERs.**

- ) Sandra Owsnett asked for clarification as to whether the Equality Duty had been taken into account and whether the Management of Change documents would cover the individuals remaining. David Lowe confirmed that the documentation does include taking into account those remaining on site.
- ) Tor Justad noted the recent press coverage relating to the 2016 EPA compliance assessment report which appeared to show there was a lot about improvement required. He noted that the report had concluded that Dounreay had a poor record.

David Lowe responded that the 2016 compliance assessment scores that showed a “poor” rating related to RSA on the LLW facility; and “At Risk” rating at the site level. As mentioned previously a lot of work had been ongoing to address these shortcomings and the 2017 SEPA report would reflect that improvement.

**SEPA:** Stewart Ballantine noted:

- ) The comments already discussed in relation to the 2016 SEPA compliance report and confirmed that Dounreay had been reported as a failing site. However, he pointed out that there had been massive improvements made during 2017 and this had been reflected in the low level waste now sitting at excellent. The 2016 scores had reflected non-compliance issues relating to failure to demonstrate Best Practical Means (BPM) and Management systems. The improvements made since that report were reflected in

the 2017 report. For 2017, the Dounreay site was deemed as broadly compliant but, as always, there was always room for improvement.

- ) Stirling University, on behalf of SEPA, would be undertaking a habitat survey and information would be provided to the DSG secretariat to circulate to members.

**Action: DSG(2018)M001/A005: Stewart Ballantine, SEPA to provide June Love with information on the forthcoming habitat survey for distribution to DSG members.**

Roger Saxon thanked SEPA for his input and invited questions from DSG members.

- ) Roy Blackburn asked what SEPA's view was on Dounreay's progress in addressing the ventilation issue. Stewart Ballantine responded that the programme had been shared with SEPA and they would be assessing the improvements as they move forward. Stewart Ballantine added that this had been a substantial piece of work and SEPA would continue to oversee the programme and ensure it achieves what is required.
- ) David Broughton asked whether the non-compliance issues relating to the ventilation system a procedure issue or based on physical risks. Stewart Ballantine stated that there had been no breaches of the discharge limits set in the RSA, however the non-compliances related to the working internal procedures, such as Systems, maintenance, and the site was defining the actions to rectify this.
- ) Roger Saxon asked whether the information provided to SEPA would cover all site ventilation systems. Stewart Ballantine confirmed this was the case and emphasised that this was a big programme of work. David Lowe added that inspections of the systems were ongoing and the results were being reflected on with ongoing dialogue with SEPA on the corrective action being proposed.

**CNC:** Superintendent Martin O'Kane reported:

- ) Focus continues to be the security of the Dounreay site.
- ) Recruitment activities continue, one officer living locally had recently graduated and four other local officers had been recruited in Caithness and were currently training at Oxford. Recruitment will continue and as far as possible it was the intention to keep local recruitment at the forefront.
- ) Continue to support Police Scotland in areas where capability can be provided, eg. first responders to road accidents, initial responses, etc. In addition a lot of support had been provided in the adverse weather to help Police Scotland colleagues.
- ) As Licensed Search Officers, CNC can support Police Scotland to provide that type of support locally. CNC continues to work with Dounreay, Highland Council and Police Scotland to provide traffic calming measures near to the site, with enforcement sitting with Police Scotland.

- ) The local CNC team would be launching Project Servator later this month on the Dounreay site. This was a national project with the UK national strategy context. Inspector David MacIntosh would provide further detail later in the meeting.
- ) The CNC as an organisation had been awarded the UK National Counter Terrorism Award in their response in providing over 800 AFOs (authorised fire officers) to support the two Counter Terrorist incidents last year at Manchester and Parsona Green under Operation Temperer; this included AFOs from Dounreay being deployed as part of these arrangements.

Roger Saxon invited DSG members to raise questions.

- ) Roy Blackburn noted that the Community Liaison Officer, appointed around two years' ago, had recently left CNC and enquired as to whether this position would be filled. Supt Martin O'Kane responded that at present they had an officer undertaking this on a part-time capacity but were looking to appoint a full time officer to this role as it was an integral role for both CNC and the community.
- ) Cllr Matthew Reiss noted the involvement CNC had within the local community and its support to Police Scotland. He stated that this was real partnership working and the local recruitment was good for the area as it provided good solid permanent jobs. Having previously worked in the police force the support from CNC to the local police had been going on for years and this should not be forgotten.
- ) Cllr Matthew Reiss also noted the calming traffic measures undertaken by CNC on the A836. The presence of CNC, which had been effective, had been welcomed by local residents who had serious concerns with speeding and overtaking vehicles. As a Councillor he was still pursuing the case for a camera van to be situated in the vicinity but had been informed that camera vans were deployed in areas based on safety incidents. He thanked the CNC for their continued support.

There being no further questions, Roger Saxon thanked everyone for their input.

For completeness the actions raised at sub group meetings held in January 2018 are recorded here for ease of reference:

**DSG(2018)M001/A006: June Love to write to Dyan Foss's family expressing our condolences.**

**DSG(2018)M001/A007: June Love to write to John Deighan thanking him for his time on DSG.**

**DSG(2018)M001/A008: June Love to write to The Safety Assessment Federation (SaFed) regarding the Vulcan boiler incident.**

**DSG(2018)M001/A009: : June Love to circulate the final version of DSG response to NDA draft business plan to DSG members.**

**DSG(2018)M001/A010: June Love to write to Stewart Ballantine, SEPA re clarification on the low level radioactive waste facility.**

**DSG(2018)M001/A011: June Love to write to Stewart Ballantine to ask for clarification on issues raised with The Highland Council relating to the Dounreay Planning Phase 3 application.**

**DSG(2018)M001/A012: June Love to provide details of DYW and Jobs and How To Get Them to Martin Sinclair and Pat Green.**

**DSG(2018)M001/A013: June Love to circulate the agenda for the SSG Chair's Forum.**

**DSG(2018)M001/A014: June Love to invite Chairman of Community Sports Hub to provide an update on the Community Sports Hub at the next Socio Economic sub group meeting.**

**DSG(2018)M001/A015: June Love to request information from Dounreay on total number of people leaving through the Voluntary Early Release process.**

**DSG(2018)M001/A016: June Love to find out who went through the first LINC opportunity.**

**DSG(2018)M001/A017: June Love to circulate the agenda for the SSG Chair's Forum to all DSG members.**

**DSG(2018)M001/A018: June Love, to draft on behalf of DSG, a letter of condolence to Dyan Foss's family.**

**DSG(2018)M001/A019: : June Love to write to Ron Gunn, CHAT confirming membership of DSG and providing him with induction paperwork.**

**DSG(2018)M001/A020: June Love to provide Sandra Owsnett with DSG induction paperwork.**

**DSG(2018)M001/A021 June Love to provide information from the Chamber of Commerce's workshop on the Lobbying (Scotland) Act.**

## **7. PROJECT SERVATOR**

Roger Saxon introduced Inspector Dave McIntosh, CNC to provide the presentation on Project Servator. Inspector David McIntosh provided a presentation. (DSG(2018)C014 refers).

Following the presentation the following was raised.

) Sandra Owsnett asked whether CNC were planning to communicate this message to other outside organisations. Inspector McIntosh responded that CNC have a communication plan. The first step was to launch the project on site and then to roll out to the wider community. When ready to do this CNC will liaise with local media and take

the message outside of the Dounreay fence. Engagement with other organisations was part of that communication plan.

- ) Thelma Mackenzie echoed the discussion earlier in the meeting relating to the speeding and overtaking on the A836 Forss road. Superintendent O’Kane responded that while CNC could support, traffic policing was the responsibility of Police Scotland. Since CNC had begun to have more visibility on this road the number of speeding motorists had decreased.
- ) Superintendent O’Kane stressed however that the number one priority for CNC was the protection of the Dounreay site and while the nuclear industry threat was low at present the external threat to the overall country is severe. The sub-text to this was that having armed officers in the area keeps the security of the area credible. Project Servator was about ensuring that the area was hostile to the hostiles and this would be the key message to be re-enforced.
- ) In response to a question relating to whether people would be willing to provide their contact details, Insp Dave MacIntosh responded that if people wished to phone in with information and did not wish to leave their contact details they could do so anonymously. The reasons contact details were requested was to allow officers to feedback any update to the caller.
- ) Insp Dave MacIntosh indicated that CNC expected to launch Project Servator on site at the end of the month and allow a slow creep out of the site into the 5km area that CNC work within. Servator officers would be a mix of armed officers wearing high viz as well as some plain clothes officers. The first step would be to distribute out information leaflets.
- ) Tor Justad asked what CNC would be doing inside the fence in relation to Project Servator. He noted a recent press article where it had been reported that a number of MDP officers serving at Faslane had been detected positively for illegal drugs. Superintendent O’Kane responded that random drug testing occurred within all nuclear organisations.
- ) Donald MacBeath asked whether Project Servator was an initiative or a project as this would determine whether it was on an indefinite basis or a fixed period of time. Insp Dave MacIntosh responded that it was a project in the sense that it was possible that new initiatives would be added from time to time. Supt Martin O’Kane responded that overtime the project would finish but would continue as an integral part of the business as usual.
- ) Roger Saxon re-iterated that this project would be rolled out on the Dounreay site first and then out into the surrounding community. Insp Dave MacIntosh confirmed this was the case.

There being no further questions, Roger Saxon thanked Insp Dave MacIntosh for his presentation.

## 8. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Roger Saxon invited those sitting in the public seating to raise any questions. No questions were raised.

## 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Before opening up to DSG members, Roger Saxon noted:

- ) In relation to the Geological Deep Disposal, a consultation document had recently been issued relating to working with communities. While Scottish Government policy differs from UK policy the SSG chairs in other locations had encouraged DSG to respond to this consultation. The document would be circulated to members and if wishing to provide comment a DSG response would be collated.
- ) As mentioned earlier, DSG was part of the NDA Site Stakeholder Group Chair's forum in London on 14<sup>th</sup> February. A note for the record had been issued to members (DSG(2018)C012 refers).
- ) On behalf of DSG, the chair had attended the Caithness Transport Forum on 8<sup>th</sup> March along with a number of other representatives in the room. Members had been invited to feedback any questions or issues for DSG to raise and while a lot of other information was forthcoming the responses received to those DSG questions were:
  - An update on the progress being made with proposed sleepers on the far north line was requested. HiTrans responded that some work had been completed but they were currently looking to procure a wider piece of work which would consider the potential wider economic benefits. This was expected to be undertaken in March/April 2018.
  - The lack of shelter for those standing at Thurso railway station in freezing conditions was raised. Scotrail said they would take this back and consider it.
  - Following questions raised about rumours that the north service was being reduced it was confirmed that there was no plans for a reduction of this service.
  - HiTrans confirmed that they would be underwriting a trial freight run by DRS to test out the Georgemas facility. This was expected to take place around March/April and a number of interested businesses would be taking part in the trial. At present HiTrans were trying to get some seafood and raw timber traffic to take part. It was confirmed that the Caithness Transport Forum would get an update on the performance of this trial once completed. This should confirm or not the suitability of the Georgemas facility for commercial freight.
  - Progress on the Berriedale Braes procurement activity was also provided which outlined that 4 potential companies had been identified to take forward the re-alignment works. Dialogue was ongoing with the companies and it was expected that some additional ground investigation work needs to be done. It was expected

that work would start this summer and take 12-14 months to complete. There would be some disruption to the traffic but this would be kept to a minimum and well-advertised.

- The recent landslip at Scrabster was raised and questioned as to whether anything was being done to look at a permanent solution. It was confirmed that there was a plan to do a geo-tech study to understand what may be required to remediate this area.

- ) On 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 the DSG officials have been invited to the opening of Nucleus and while the DSG Chair could not attend due to previous commitments, Derrick Milnes and others from DSG would be there. David Peattie NDA CEO would also be attending and an invitation had been extended to DSG to attend the stakeholder dinner.
- ) Members were reminded that the next sub group meetings would take place on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018. [Secretary's note: currently looking for an alternative date for the DSG Socio Economic sub group due to a clash of other meetings.]

Roger Saxon invited members to raise any other business.

- ) Ron Gunn, CHAT noted that he had met with the Health Minister around a week ago in relation to Dunbar hospital and with others were making the case for the retention of this service not only on safety grounds but as part of the services required to attract new investment into the area.
- ) David Broughton raised DSG attendance and suggested that some members would be better suited to attend sub group meetings as there was more opportunity to get into the detail at these meetings. He recommended those who did not attend to do so as they could gather much more information at these. Roger Saxon acknowledged this and re-iterated it would be helpful if members made the effort to attend.

There being no further business raised, Roger Saxon thanked everyone for their input and attendance and formally closed the meeting.

**Roger Saxon**  
**DSG Chairman**  
17<sup>th</sup> March 2018



**ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING (MARCH 2018)**

**DSG(2018)M001/A001:** Wendy Newton to present the options for the future of the Vulcan site to the Site Restoration sub group meeting in January 2019.

**DSG(2018)M001/A002:** Wendy Newton to provide an explanation as to why Vulcan has withdrawn iodine tablets to local residents.

**DSG(2018)M001/A003:** June Love to put Vulcan future site options on the DSG Business meeting agenda for further discussion.

**DSG(2018)M001/A004:** David Lowe, Dounreay Deputy Managing Director to confirm whether Equality Impact Assessments had been carried out in relation to the VERs.

**DSG(2018)M001/A005:** Stewart Ballantine, SEPA to provide June Love with information on the forthcoming habitat survey for distribution to DSG members.

**DSG(2018)M001/A006:** June Love to write to Dyan Foss's family expressing our condolences.

**DSG(2018)M001/A007:** June Love to write to John Deighan thanking him for his time on DSG.

**DSG(2018)M001/A008:** June Love to write to The Safety Assessment Federation (SaFed) regarding the Vulcan boiler incident.

**DSG(2018)M001/A009:** June Love to circulate the final version of DSG response to NDA draft business plan to DSG members.

**DSG(2018)M001/A010:** June Love to write to Stewart Ballantine, SEPA re clarification on the low level radioactive waste facility.

**DSG(2018)M001/A011:** June Love to write to Stewart Ballantine to ask for clarification on issues raised with The Highland Council relating to the Dounreay Planning Phase 3 application.

**DSG(2018)M001/A012:** June Love to provide details of DYW and Jobs and How To Get Them to Martin Sinclair and Pat Green.

**DSG(2018)M001/A013:** June Love to circulate the agenda for the SSG Chair's Forum.

**DSG(2018)M001/A014:** June Love to invite Chairman of Community Sports Hub to provide an update on the Community Sports Hub at the next Socio Economic sub group meeting.

**DSG(2018)M001/A015:** June Love to request information from Dounreay on total number of people leaving through the Voluntary Early Release process.

**DSG(2018)M001/A016:** June Love to find out who went through the first LINC opportunity.

**DSG(2018)M001/A017:** June Love to circulate the agenda for the SSG Chair's Forum to all DSG members.

**DSG(2018)M001/A018:** June Love, to draft on behalf of DSG, a letter of condolence to Dyan Foss's family.

**DSG(2018)M001/A019:** June Love to write to Ron Gunn, CHAT confirming membership of DSG and providing him with induction paperwork.

**DSG(2018)M001/A020:** June Love to provide Sandra Owsnett with DSG induction paperwork.

**DSG(2018)M001/A021:** June Love to provide information from the Chamber of Commerce's workshop on the Lobbying (Scotland) Act.

### **ACTIONS ONGOING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**DSG(2017)M003/A018:** DSG Business meeting to consider the roles and remit of the sub groups once all vacancies had been filled. **Action ongoing** – will be progressed after the AGM as there will be some changes of membership.

**DSG(2017)M004/A010:** Anna MacConnell, NDA to provide report on SME spend across the NDA estate when available. **Action ongoing:** will be available around May 2018.

**DSG(2017)M004/A020:** Anna MacConnell, NDA Socio Economic Manager to provide the NDA's yearly budget for socio economics and the spend broken down into regional areas.

### **ACTIONS COMPLETED SINCE LAST MEETING**

**DSG(2017)M003/A003:** Tor Justad to provide June Love with the information he received from Highland HiTrans. **Action complete:** This action was superseded by **DSG(2017)M004/A002** (see DSG(2017)C042 and DSG(2018)C002). On 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Tor Justad responded to action as follows: This has taken me weeks with e mails and phone messages left for Frank Roach without response. I finally spoke to him by phone yesterday and he confirmed that his view about Georgemas that I reported to the DSG was accurate and he would confirm this at the Caithness Transport Forum this week.

Basically what he was saying was that when non-nuclear cargoes have been offloaded at Georgemas in the past, such as pipelines (which I've seen there) they were offloaded with a crane at a siding and hard standing and not at the DRS freight facility So Georgemas has in effect two offloading areas (three if you include passenger platforms) and he said also informed me that Hitrans were going to be funding some of the trial that Chris Connelly of DRS informed us about in December 2017. He also said that the trial will be checking both offloading "terminals" to decide which one works best as the DRS facility cannot take long freight trains as its designed for the short flask-carrying wagons used by DRS. So this is both a reassurance for me as I did not misunderstand or misrepresent what Frank Roach had told me and some of the discussion and questions after the DRS presentation also revealed that I was not the only DSG member asking questions about the suitability of the DRS Freight Facility at Georgemas. Like most other members of the DSG I am not a rail expert and on this occasion was simply reporting what I was told which was accurate.

**DSG(2017)M004/A001:** June Love to recirculate link to Holliday interim report to DSG members. **Action complete:** Website link sent on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/magnox-inquiry-interim-findings>

**DSG(2017)M004/A002:** DSG Chairman to write to Frank Roach, HiTrans asking for clarification of views on the Georgemas crane with regards to commercial freight. **Action complete:** See DSG(2017)C042 and DSG(2018)C002.

**DSG(2017)M004/A003:** Lt Cdr Ian Walker to provide DSG Secretariat with a timeline for the conclusion of the boiler explosion investigation. **Action complete:** see DSG/SRSG(2018)M001.

**DSG(2017)M004/A004:** June Love to send link to DSG members re the Holiday Interim Report. **Action complete:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/magnox-inquiry-interim-findings> (Distributed on 27th November 2017).

**DSG(2017)M004/A005:** June Love to confirm the update on waste movements from DCP to D2001 posting cell. **Action complete:** content in written update changed. Secondary RHILW (remote handable intermediate level waste) consignments from Dounreay Cementation Plant to the D2001 posting cell are continuing. This allows this secondary waste to be repackaged in the posting cell and returned to the site's RHILW store.

**DSG(2017)M004/A006:** Danny Gregory to find out number for boiler explosions in the past 2-3 years in Britain. **Action complete:** it appears that HSE also doesn't have the information readily available. The body most likely to hold the information is The Safety Assessment Federation (SaFed), an industry body, predominately made up from PSSR Competent Person organisations and Notified Bodies.

**DSG(2017)M004/A007:** June Love to contact DRS to ask if they were planning other discussions within the community during the day and what DSG would like to see addressed in the presentation. **Action complete:** Responded confirming they were meeting with DSG members only at public meeting.

**DSG(2017)M004/A008:** Roger Saxon to write to Highland Councillors to ask them to consider better attendance at meetings in the future. **Action complete:** see DSG(2017)C041.

**DSG(2017)M004/A009:** June Love to contact DRS and advise what DSG would like to see addressed in the presentation to be provided at the December DSG. **Action complete:** emailed on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**DSG(2017)M004/A011:** Anna MacConnell to write to DSG Chairman, Roger Saxon, requesting a DSG representative for the Nucleus Advisory Panel. **Action complete:** request received on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**DSG(2017)M004/A012:** DSG Business meeting, on receipt of request for Nucleus Advisory Panel to agree the most appropriate DSG representative. **Action complete:** Business meeting considered. David Flear continues to be DSG representative on this panel.

**DSG(2017)M004/A013:** Roger Saxon to write to local councillors requesting an update on the proposed Town Centre Improvements projects. **Action complete:** DSG now receiving minute updates for this.

**DSG(2017)M004/A014:** June Love to provide an update on the number of supply chain companies had signed up to LINC and to identify how many from the local area had registered their interest (both within Caithness/Sutherland and the wider Highlands). **Action complete:** There are now 129 companies registered in total, 14 are local/have local offices (6 of the 14 have headquarters outside of the Highlands). An additional 3 companies are based in Highlands and Islands but not within Caithness/Sutherland.

**DSG(2017)M004/A015:** Trudy Morris to provide DSG with the latest update on Berriedale Braes. **Action complete:** It is anticipated that a contractor will be appointed to carry out supplementary ground investigation works in the coming weeks. Once this work stream is complete a contract will be awarded for the main works by summer 2018. Thereafter, it is anticipated that construction works will take between 12 to 14 months with completion planned for summer 2019.

**DSG(2017)M004/A016:** June Love to write to CHAT representative inviting him to the January DSG Socio Economic sub group meeting. **Action complete:** emailed CHAT rep on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 to inform him of January sub group meeting.

**DSG(2017)M004/A017:** June Love to circulate letter from David Batters to Roger Saxon dated 13 November to all DSG members (DSG(2017)C038 refers). **Action complete:** Distributed on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**DSG(2017)M004/A018:** June Love to write to Martin MacDonald, Scottish Government Radwaste team to ask for further information on the draft energy policy in relation to nuclear electrical generation. **Action complete:** Response from Scottish Government: Scottish Government presentation to the Japanese delegation highlighted a recent change to the wording of our draft energy policy in relation to nuclear electricity generation. The new wording can be found in paragraph 146 of this document: <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/01/3414/5>

It states that: "Looking ahead to 2050, this Energy Strategy must consider a future after the current generation of nuclear electricity plants in Scotland. The Scottish Government's policy is that these plants should not be replaced with new nuclear generation, under current technologies." Stuart Matheson, Senior policy adviser in the Scottish Government markets team can provide further information on the energy policy, strategy and any additional questions on SG's position on emerging nuclear generation technologies such as SMRs.

Endorsed on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**DSG(2017)M004/A019:** June Love to circulate link to DFR breeder fuel removal video to DSG members.  
**Action Complete:** *Sent out on 19/12/17.*

**DSG(2017)M004/A021:** DSG Chairman to write, on behalf of DSG, raising concerns with MSP/MP on the announcement of closure of the Royal Bank of Scotland Wick branch. **Action complete:** see DSG(2017)C044