

**DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP  
SOCIO ECONOMIC SUB GROUP**

**DSG/SESG(2018)M001**

**Minutes of the DSG Socio Economic Sub Group meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 1300 hours in the Pentland Hotel, Georgina Suite, Thurso.**

<b>Present:</b>	Derrick Milnes	Wick and Thurso Trades Council (Chair)
	David Flear	Honorary Member, DSG (Deputy Socio Economic SG Chair)
	Roger Saxon	DSG Chair
	Alistair MacDonald	Honorary member, DSG
	Cllr Matthew Reiss	The Highland Council
	Ronnie Johnstone	Church of Scotland
	Trudy Morris	Caithness Chamber of Commerce
	Ron Gunn	CHAT
	Murray Lamont	North Highland Tourism
	Eann Sinclair	CNS Regeneration Partnership
<b>In attendance:</b>	Dawn Clasper	DSG Minute Secretary, Dounreay
	June Love	Dounreay Socio Economic & Stakeholder Relations Manager

## **MINUTES**

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

Derrick Milnes welcomed everyone to the meeting. He apologised for the change of meeting date but unfortunately the 16<sup>th</sup> clashed with an NDA Holyrood event and therefore the date had been changed to accommodate this.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from:

- ) Anna MacConnell, NDA
- ) Cllr Struan Mackie, The Highland Council
- ) Debbie Gray, NHC
- ) Sandy Mackie, Scrabster Harbour Trust
- ) Bob Earnshaw, Honorary member, DSG
- ) Linda Bremner, Association of Caithness Community Councils
- ) Alan Tait, Caithness Voluntary Group

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

Derrick Milnes noted the minutes of the last meeting - DSG/SESG(2017)M004 - 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 David Flear and seconded by Trudy Morris.

No issues were raised from the minutes.

### **4. STATUS OF ACTIONS**

Derrick Milnes noted that an updated status of actions had been circulated to members in advance.

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

June Love noted that the information was correct as of 27<sup>th</sup> April and by the end of June, 121 volunteers are expected to have left the organisation with a further 23 following during the next 12 months. From a socio-economic point of view, we provided those leaving with information relating to starting up a business, potential job opportunities outside Dounreay and/or volunteering activities. The site's transition board continues to oversee the changes, ensuring that the Management of Change process is followed and that suitable arrangements are in place within individual directorates to ensure work is either able to be stopped or has been re-allocated as we move forward. Moving forward into the next phase of projects, this programme is enabling us to offer a number of opportunities both internally and some new people with specialist skills joining the company.

Eann Sinclair noted that this was close to the original 150 but that there were another 50 agency workers that were also expected to be leaving. June Love agreed to find out the status of the agency workers.

**DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A001: June Love to request information from Dounreay on total number agency workers leaving.**

- ) **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. **Action complete.**

June Love noted that she had received an update which had confirmed that Equality Impact Assessments had been undertaken when looking at VER and this had been taken forward to the transition board as well.

- ) **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.

June Love noted that the Holyrood event scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> of May was to provide information on SME spend. Therefore, she thought that the information would not be available until after that event.

- ) **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. **Action ongoing.**

David Flear noted that he could understand the SME spend detail was unavailable at present. However, he noted that action DSG(2017)M004/A020 about the overall socio economic spend continued to be outstanding although he believed that at a pre-meeting with Anna MacConnell, NDA she had indicated this would be with in advance of the March public meeting. He noted that this information was yet to be received. Given NDA have recently published a report on the spend for 2016/17 he thought this should have been a relatively straight forward update to information already available and stated he was disappointed that this action was not closed out.

David Flear also stated that there were a few other things he wished to raise regarding socio economic spend but would cover this under agenda item 6.

Derrick Milnes suggested that the DSG Chair wrote to NDA requesting a timeline for the outstanding actions to be delivered. This was agreed.

**DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A002: Roger Saxon to write to Anna MacConnell asking for a timeline for the actions to be delivered.**

#### **5. DOUNREAY COMMUNITY FUND**

Derrick Milnes noted that a summary of all funding applications had been provided to members in advance of the meeting. He reminded members to declare an interest where appropriate. The applications were reviewed and recommendations were made.

#### **6. DOUNREAY UPDATE**

Derrick Milnes noted that the first item for this topic was for the NDA to provide an update. Due to the change of meeting date, Anna MacConnell had tendered her apologies. However, Derrick Milnes stated that he had requested a written update be made available for this meeting but unfortunately this had not been forthcoming.

David Flear agreed with Derrick Milnes and commented that the sub group chair and deputy chair would normally have a pre-meeting to discuss any sensitive issues which provided an understanding of what NDA was currently working on. Without a written update or a pre-briefing, it was difficult to know what was being carried out at present.

David Flear stated that he had several questions in relation to the overall NDA socio economic spend and on more local socio-economic activity but would not raise these at present as there was no-one from the NDA to respond.

Roger Saxon also noted that he had a few questions in mind regarding a number of recently published reports around funding for Sellafield. He also noted the 2016/17 NDA socio economic funding report which seemed to provide a disproportionate amount of funding to Sellafield with little evidence that it was contributing towards employment activities. He also would like to see some clarify on the NDA socio economic process for local spend as he thought that any application for funding went through CNSRP first but was not sure whether this was the process in place.

Roger Saxon asked Eann Sinclair if he could explain whether all funding requests that go to NDA come through CNSRP for discussion. Eann Sinclair responded that he was not sure. He added that the CNSRP programme update that DSG members received from him provided updates on the priority projects which the Dounreay Socio Economic Board were fully signed up to and in fact were funding or had committed funding towards some of these projects. David Flear stated that he was aware that the NDA had received an approach from the John O'Groats Mill project and the Caithness Broch project. This had been reported at the last socio-economic sub group meeting. Eann Sinclair responded that he was aware of these projects but as far as he was concerned these projects were not currently on the CNSRP programme.

Eann Sinclair added that a CNSRP funding meeting had been set up to look at the potential funding required for the priority projects and this showed there would be a big ask for funding over the next few years. The priority projects had been selected because the impact was to ensure employment going forward. The funding meeting was at an early stage at present and there were several things that required to be clarified. Anna MacConnell had been involved in the funding meetings so all CNSRP partners were aware of what the priority areas were. However, in relation to NDA activities he was not sure whether he was privy to all project requests coming through into NDA.

David Flear noted that it was interesting that the Socio Economic spend from the NDA has reduced over the last few years to around £3M per annum. However, this did not square up to the recent press articles of socio economic spend in the Sellafield area which had included a conversion of a bus station into a skills development centre. While NDA may have decreased their socio economic spend it appears Sellafield Ltd had provided funding directly and it would be useful to understand how much funding Sellafield Ltd had for socio economic activity.

Eann Sinclair commented that this was where it starts to get confusing when it was difficult to see where bodies like Sellafield stops and the NDA starts. He also noted that previously when NMP managed Sellafield private sector money had been contributed to the Sellafield area.

June Love noted, that in relation to the CNSRP funding group, Dounreay was also involved in this meeting. She noted it was a planning meeting which allowed her to go to the Dounreay Socio Economic Board with projects that have funding gaps to discuss the potential of supporting in the longer term. While a few funding assumptions could be made at this meeting it still required Board approval before funding was approved and committed. Eann Sinclair noted that it would be useful for the partnership to know the context they are working in.

David Flear commented that there also seems to be annual funding going to Copeland and Allerdale local authorities. Derrick Milnes replied that he and Roger Saxon had met recently with Margaret Davidson and had raised this.

Derrick Milnes stated that he had attended a local NDA stakeholder meeting where members of the Caithness Broch project also attended and presented to the NDA. He added he had also been aware of early discussions around the John O'Groat Mill. While both were very plausible projects he struggled to see how the NDA process worked as there was no mention of these in the CNSRP programme.

Derrick Milnes noted that given the recent changes in DSG membership it would be useful to request a CNSRP presentation at the next public meeting to be held in June. This could be one presentation provided by the CNSRP Programme Manager which included the support of NDA and Dounreay or a three-way presentation provided by CNSRP, NDA and DSRL. It was agreed that June Love would investigate the format of a socio-economic presentation.

**DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A003: June Love to investigate the format of the CNSRP, NDA and Dounreay socio economic presentation at the next DSG public meeting (June 2018).**

Derrick Milnes noted that the NDA's socio-economic landscape had appeared to change but because this had not been explained it was leading to confusing messages. He felt it would be useful to capture all these comments made earlier, and anything else that members wished to raise, into one letter requesting NDA to respond to allow some clarity around this.

**DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A004: DSG Socio economic sub group members to provide any additional questions or comments on socio economic activities.**

**DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A005: June Love to collate all questions/comments raised regarding socio economic activity and draft response. Draft response would be tabled at DSG business meeting for discussion and agreement.**

Derrick Milnes invited June Love to pick out the key highlights from the report.

**Socio Economic Plan 2018/19-2020/21:** June Love noted that she had circulated the new socio-economic plan (2018-2021) which had been submitted, as per DSRL's contractual obligation to NDA on 31<sup>st</sup> March. This was currently waiting feedback from NDA before it would be published.

June Love noted that the plan had not changed significantly from the last one produced as it allowed flexibility if the CNSRP priority projects were to change over this period. The process for funding applications was appended to the socio-economic plan and showed the process for NDA and Dounreay.

) Eann Sinclair asked with regards to the visibility of enquires and having read through the process appended he assumed that this process includes any enquiry that comes through the NDA. June Love noted that this was the process taken by the Dounreay Socio Economical Alliance which consists of Dounreay, the Parent Body Organisation and NDA. The partnering charter signed in 2012 was to ensure effective working together.

) David Flear noted that in earlier years DSG had negotiated with Jon Philips (ex NDA Communications Director) that when the NDA were considering any support to project funding that DSG would have an input albeit was recognised that DSG would not be the decision-making body but could provide community input which may support the decision being made. It appeared that DSG were now being kept out of the loop with regards NDA funding.

June Love noted that the socio-economic plan was still in draft and would welcome any comments from DSG members before it was finalised and published on the website.

**DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A006: DSG Socio Economic sub group to provide any comments on the Dounreay Socio Economic Plan 2018/19–2021/22 by the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.**

Derrick Milnes thanked June Love and asked if anyone wished to raise any questions.

**Dounreay Socio Economic Alliance Annual Review 2017/18:** Derrick Milnes noted that the Dounreay Socio Economic Alliance Annual Review 2017/18 had also been provided and asked June Love to provide highlight from the report.

June Love noted that she would take the report as read as it showed the numerous activities being undertaken by a small team of people. She noted that most of the report aligned to CNSRP activities. While she noted that some of the site activity would not specifically lead to job creation, the work carried out complemented the CNSRP programme. As an example, the skills and STEM activities that Marie Mackay undertakes fits in with the CNSRP enabling activities on skills.

) Eann Sinclair stated that this was a well set out report. Roger Saxon commented that having read through this document it showed that it has been a busy year for the team who were delivering the activities. David Flear added that he would like to echo Roger's comments that it is always good to see a review looking back as sometimes it is easy to forget the amount of work that had been undertaken to get to this point. He liked the fact it is easy to read and provides some of the short-term impacts of this work.

) Eann Sinclair stated that there were some good stories in the report and highlighted the Chamber of Commerce Business Mentoring support project as an important one in the fact it was delivering jobs. However, this did not appear to be on everyone's radar and it was important to reflect these projects in good news stories to allow others to be aware. June Love

responded that there are a lot of positive comments from people who were taking advantage of the business mentoring project.

**Socio economic spend:** June Love also noted that she had provided a written update on the spend from last financial year; most of the funding had been spent during the financial year. One CNSRP project had been delayed because it had been a busy period with other CNSRP projects but the funding had been carried over into this financial year to support it once it gets started. In effect, there was around £30K (in addition to the £50K for the delayed CNSRP project) carried over which had been included in the uncommitted spend for 2018/19.

June Love also briefly mentioned the predicted spend for the next three years, noting it was difficult to forecast years 2 and 3. She commented that unless anyone wished to raise anything specific she would leave it there for the moment.

**Caithness Horizons:** June Love also noted that in relation to continued support to Caithness Horizons. [At this point Roger Saxon, DSG Chairman declared an interest in Caithness Horizons and left the room.] June Love noted that DSRL had provided Caithness Horizons with a letter committing to £75K spend this year which was being released quarterly and only after the receipt of the quarterly KPI reporting. The decision was taken to continue to provide funding support at a lesser amount alongside The Highland Council. Caithness Horizon's chairman was due to attend the next Dounreay Socio Economic Board on the 5<sup>th</sup> June to provide an update on progress with the new business model and report against KPIs. She noted that the funding commitment was for one year only and it would be important to have early discussions with both Caithness Horizons and The Highland Council regarding potential funding for 2019/20.

) Trudy Morris noted that Caithness Horizons had recently lost their curator and asked whether this meant they could not retain their museum status and how this would impact on funding. June Love responded that she has spoken to Craig Brown asking for this clarification and she expected to have this addressed at the Board meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. She would take an action to respond to DSG as soon as a response was received.

**DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A007: June Love to contact Craig Brown regarding Caithness Horizons museum status with the recent loss of CH curator.**

Derrick Milnes stated that he had discussed this with Margaret Davidson regarding future appetite of HC to continue to fund Caithness Horizons and she had intimated that HC would have to look closely at any future funding commitments. [At this point, Roger Saxon was invited back into the meeting.]

**CNSRP Independent Chair:** June Love stated that the Dounreay Socio Economic Board had approved the funding of an independent CNSRP chair's post for the next two financial years. The post had been advertised and closed on 27<sup>th</sup> April. As part of Dounreay's funding requirements a member of the Dounreay SE Alliance would sit on the interview panel. While funding had been approved for the next two years, DSEB had asked CNSRP to consider a different partner to fund after 2020/21.

) David Flear commented that it was good to see that other partners were also being asked to consider funding support. It appeared that most of the funding was coming from HIE and the NDA, with a smaller amount from the Dounreay site. He noted that Highland Council were also partners along with Scottish Government and he was pleased to hear that questions were being asked of other partners who could potentially provide funding for certain activities. He commented that it would be critical for the new CNSRP chair to meet the DSG Chair at the correct time. Eann Sinclair responded that this had been built into the job description and noted

that while DSRL was funding the post, HIE were also providing funding to cover any travel and subsistence during the two-year period.

- ) Alastair MacDonald commented there was a lot of activity reported through the annual review and it was apparent that a great deal of work had been undertaken. However, he felt that more could be made of this through the local press to ensure the wider community were aware of these activities. June Love responded that the Dounreay Communications Manager was currently working on a timetable of communication activity which would be available around June time.
- ) Ron Gunn commented that if the community was asked what the DSG does they wouldn't be able to tell you and felt that this report should be distributed to the public. David Flear stated that it was apparent that when it comes to nuclear stories in relation to Dounreay, the local community tend to see photographs of planes flying into Wick and statements made in relation to fuels. The good things that were happening and the socio economic spend in the community was not something that was highlighted publicly to its best advantage. Ron Gunn noted that there was a new editor of the local paper who was keen to have community groups provide monthly updates for the local press. Alastair MacDonald noted that this was the point he had been making that the local press was not keen to report positive stories. Derrick Milnes noted that the local press was invited to the Public meeting and usually provided a reporter for these meetings.

**Funding Commitments for 2018/19:** June Love stated that she had issued letters for all the funding commitments made for this financial year. All funding commitments are agreed with a number of conditions attached. She noted that she would provide an update at the next sub group meeting on progress with the funding conditions.

**Community Sports Hub:** June Love noted that she had invited Phil Cartwright, Chair of CSH, to attend this meeting to allow him to provide a verbal update on the project. Phil, unfortunately, was unavailable to attend but provided a written update: There was a meeting arranged with Highland Council Planning and others in Inverness but unfortunately HC (Stuart Black) unable to attend at very short notice. The meeting went ahead, attended by Eann Sinclair, Anna McConnell, SportScotland and Hub members. SportScotland confirmed their support and suggested an application is prepared for their second round of application in 2018 (1st round too soon). NDA announced agreement had been given to support the project following an amendment to their policy and a sum of £300k was available. The Hub are now moving forward with a planning application and following a recent meeting with the clubs are hoping to get some groundworks associated with the removal of the Viewfirth foundations completed, funds for this are available. There is disappointment within the Hub that the Council do not seem to have any funds for projects outside Inverness. We are speaking with both Councillors and other funding bodies and will keep our MSP updated.

- ) Roger Saxon asked why the Viewfirth foundations were being removed or was this a case that the area was simply being tidied up at present. He thought this was being undertaken at the Castlegreen Road side of the Viewfirth. June Love said she was unsure as following discussions with SportScotland and it now looked like the project would be broken into two phases to allow

the project to start. Eann Sinclair responded that he also believed that this was the case with the project split into two.

- ) David Flear commented that he was now at the point where he did not know where this project was and the latest plans for it. He noted that Anna MacConnell, NDA had intimated that NDA socio economic policy now allows sports facilities to be supported and that some funding had been committed by the NDA for this project. Given DSG's support in the past it would be useful to get a full update on the status of this project. June Love said she would request the CSH chair to attend the next sub group meeting.

**DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A008: June Love to ask Phil Cartwright, Chair of CSH to provide a full update of the CSH project at the next sub group meeting.**

No further questions were raised and Derrick Milnes thanked June Love for her comprehensive written report and update.

#### 7. CNSRP UPDATE

Derrick Milnes noted that a written report (DSG(2018)P010 refers) had been provided. He invited Eann Sinclair to provide an update. Eann Sinclair noted:

- ) The CNSRP Advisory board meeting had met and had discussed, amongst other projects, the UKVL (Sutherland) project.
- ) A scope had now been agreed for Oil and Gas which has been provided to Scrabster for their comment before being finalised.

David Flear asked that what the status was on the skills development plan on the basis as looking at this it appeared very similar to what is happening at Whitehaven with funding support to allow investment in skills. He wondered whether there was a potential to look to capture some NDA skill funding to support this activity.

Eann Sinclair responded that in addition to the skills development plan, Donald MacBeath, North Highland College, UHI would be providing an update at the next Delivery Group meeting on the Capital Plan for the Thurso campus. Following on from the Whitehaven campus announcement the campus development may be something that the NDA would consider under its skills investment funding. Eann Sinclair also noted that there appeared to be favourable comments from the Scottish funding for the development but it lacks match funding at this time. It was something worth exploring with the NDA. June Love said that she thought that the NDA skills funding was separate from the socio-economic funding.

Roger Saxon noted that Meygen's tidal project had not got their contract for difference during the last round. Eann Sinclair responded that a report had been issued last week that appeared that the renewables industry would be proposing a subsidy mechanism that recognises new technology like wave, tidal and floating offshore wind rather than comparing it with onshore wind farms. The level of subsidy that the Moray offshore consortium would be getting was less than half of the Beatrice project. The Crown Estate were just about to release a new leasing round for offshore wind to see if there is any interest based on the subsidy regime. It is estimated that the tidal devices have the potential to be reduced to £80/90 per mwh which is less than half of where they are currently. The DSEB was supporting a piece of work to support the development of Meygen's operation and maintenance strategy.



There being no further questions raised from the CNSRP report, Derrick Milnes thanked Eann Sinclair for his update.

#### **8. CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING**

Derrick Milnes noted there had not been a lot of correspondence received since the last meeting but he did note that there had been a couple of recent visits to the Dounreay site which he thought could have included either CNSRP or community input. The visits he had noted were the recent Lord Duncan visit and following that a delegation of Japanese visitors. He was aware, and had been involved, in previous Japanese visits as had CNSRP and questioned why there did not appear to be consistency in who was being invited to meet with visitors to the area.

Roger Saxon noted that he had been aware of DSG involvement in other Japanese visits as part of their interest was how the site communicated with the local community and that for some visits there was also a socio-economic interest.

Eann Sinclair added that he had provided a series of presentation in Nucleus to Japanese visitors along with other organisations including Scottish Government, and some positive follow ups had been made following these visits. While he was aware of a Japanese delegation visiting site in April he had not been made aware of this meeting prior to the event. He was unsure whether this was the same group of people who had visited previously or whether this was a new group who were focussing on other topics.

David Flear noted that Professor John Fyfe, on a recent visit to Caithness, had asked how DSG had got on with the Japanese visitors and had been surprised that DSG had not been involved from a community liaison aspect. David Flear added that DSG had been heavily involved in Japanese visits in the past as they were equally interested in the community engagement side but it appeared that this aspect had been dropped off the agenda.

Derrick Milnes noted that it would be useful to get some clarity around these visits as DSG could provide some useful community input if required. It would also be useful if there was an awareness of when Government Ministers were visiting site

**DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A009: – June Love to include visits in the comments currently being collated.**

#### **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Derrick Milnes asked whether anyone wished to raise any other business. The following was noted:

) Cllr Matthew Reiss noted that Steve Barron, Highland Council's Chief Executive had visited Caithness for a couple of days and had visited the town centres, Caithness Horizons where he also met members of the Caithness Community Development Trust. He had also visited Scrabster harbour and met with business representatives including the Caithness Chamber of Commerce. The had also taken the opportunity to visit Thurso High school, which was now 60 years old.

While visiting Thurso High School with the CEO, Cllr Matthew Reiss also noted that the school roll was currently 729 and this was likely to dip to 700 or lower in the next year or two. The most important comment made by acting head Katherine Mackay was 'they are not looking for a new school but looking for some reasonable improvements.

Thurso High School had also won through to the finals of the Rock Challenge which would be held in Dundee.

The Highland Council was currently waiting for a decision on the onshore wind farms at Reay, Drumhollistin and Limekiln.

There are three things to attract new people to the area, connectivity which Cllr Reiss believed was heading in the right direction and also health and education.

Trudy Morris asked when the town would have wi-fi in the centres. Cllr Matthew Reiss advised that this is imminent and was being put into Thurso and Wick town centres as part of the city region deal. Eann Sinclair noted that while the infrastructure was there it appeared that there were some technical issues to be resolved.

) Roger Saxon noted that he had attended both the pre-meeting and full meeting of the Caithness Community Planning Partnership. At the pre-meeting, there had not been a lot of progress to report. Locality plans were discussed with only one published so far which was the Wick one.

The last meeting had been a planning event which had been well attended in Lybster on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017, but so far, no minutes of that event had been published on the website, nor the subsequent Dunbeath meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018.

There is a draft children's plan which did not seem to have progressed beyond the initial mapping exercise, an adult plan which was more mature and had topics and targets based on the redesign process.

Questions had been raised relating to the space launch project and Roy Kirk had noted that this project was still being investigated. The HIE board would be meeting to discuss the three sites that would like to see the spaceport in their area. This could be a significant jobs boost for our area.

The Sutherland Community Planning partnership had also been discussed and it had been noted that it was following a different path. It appeared that Sutherland seemed to be making more progress than Caithness and to that end Roy Kirk had suggested that Cllr Deirdre Mackay acts as a liaison between the two partnerships. That had agreed. The next public meeting had been discussed and it had been decided to hold this at PPP in Wick on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

) Trudy Morris noted that the Chamber had received funding from DSRL to commission an airport study. This study was independent and had explored existing routes along with potential new routes. It also considered the viability of the existing routes. The study was completed at the end of February 2018 and would be taken to CNSRP to discuss and agree next steps.

David Fear asked with regards to Wick airport whether one of the ways to resolve some of the issues of air transport would be to work with the NHS to put on a daily flight to Inverness which would work both ways with consultants travelling up to Caithness General Hospital to hold local clinics and cut back on the numbers of people who need to travel to Inverness. Trudy Morris responded the study had considered flights to Inverness as a potential option but the service would not be viable as the flights to Inverness were cost prohibitive.

- ) As noted earlier, Roger Saxon and Derrick Milnes had met with Margaret Davidson, Leader of the Highland Council in Inverness on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Stuart Black also attended this meeting. Several topics had been discussed including Dounreay Phase 3 planning, MOD Vulcan site, Socio economic topics, Space project and, as indicated earlier, Caithness Horizons (NB: Roger Saxon took no part in the discussion around Caithness Horizons). It had been a useful meeting.
- ) Roger Saxon, Derrick Milnes and Willie Mackay had been invited to dinner to meet the new NDA Operations Director, Tom Cumming who had taken over the responsibility for Dounreay from David Batters. David Batters would continue to have an interest in Dounreay in his position as Chief Financial Officer.

David Flear asked whether it would be useful to request a DSG meeting with Alan Cummings on his next visit to the area.

**DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A010: June Love to request a meeting with Alan Cummings and DSG members when next visiting the Dounreay site.**

- ) Roger Saxon noted that he, David Flear and others from Caithness would be attending the NDA Holyrood Event on the 16<sup>th</sup> May. This event was to showcase the SME spend in Scotland as a result of decommissioning of nuclear sites.
- ) Trudy Morris mentioned she had been approached by the local supply chain who had raised concerns that Dounreay was recruiting some of the supply chain workforce. June Love suggested that she raise this with the Dounreay Managing Director.
- ) June Love noted that the NDA Stakeholder Summit would take place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July. This date clashes with the proposed sub groups meetings in July and therefore dates for the sub groups would need to be changed.
- ) June Love noted that she had been contacted by Rick Wylie, Lancaster University, who would like to come back and expand on his previous work looking at public value in sites such as Dounreay. Members asked for further information and June Love said she would contact Rick to ask for further detail.

**DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A011: June Love to respond on behalf of DSG to Rick Wylie, Lancaster University, requesting further information on the research he wished to undertake with DSG involvement.**

- ) Ron Gunn noted than CHAT had recently held an online fundraiser for lay flat baby seats and had raised enough funding to purchase 3 seats with additional funds for a further 2. They were currently liaising with NHS Highlands to see how many were required.
- ) David Flear asked if an update had been received from DRS regarding the commercial trial that was going to take place in March. Trudy Morris responded that she thought it was HiTrans were underwriting this trial but she had not received an update on this.

**DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A012: Trudy Morris to provide an update from DRS or HiTrans on the commercial freight trial that was due to be undertaken in March 2018.**

10. CLOSE

Endorsed on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018

There being no further business, Derrick Milnes thanked everyone for contributing to this meeting and noted that there were a few actions that would be considered fully at the next business meeting to agree how these would be dealt with.

There being no further business, Derrick Milnes formally closed the meeting.

**Derrick Milnes**  
**DSG Socio Economic Sub Group Chairman**  
20<sup>th</sup> May 2018

## **ACTIONS ARISING**

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DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A006: DSG Socio Economic sub group to provide any comments on the Dounreay Socio Economic Plan 2018/19–2021/22 by the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.

DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A007: June Love to contact Craig Brown regarding Caithness Horizons museum status with the recent loss of CH curator.

DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A008: June Love to ask Phil Cartwright, Chair of CSH to provide a full update of the CSH project at the next sub group meeting.

DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A009: – June Love to include visits in the comments currently being collated.

DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A010: June Love to request a meeting with Alan Cummings and DSG members when next visiting the Dounreay site.

DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A011: June Love to respond on behalf of DSG to Rick Wylie, Lancaster University, requesting further information on the research he wished to undertake with DSG involvement.

DSG/SESG(2018)M001/A012: Trudy Morris to provide an update from DRS or HiTrans on the commercial freight trial that was due to be undertaken in March 2018.