

Note of Meeting
Inveraray – Crossaig Phase 2 CLG
Thursday 27th May 2021

Attendees:

Ian Clark, Lead Project Manager (IC)	SSEN Transmission
David Auld, Project Manager (DA)	SSEN Transmission
David Nevin, Project Manager (DN)	Balfour Beatty
Andrew Cooper, Project Manager (AC)	Scottish Woodland
Helen Batey, Communities Manager (HB)	SSEN Transmission
Cllr Dougie Philand (DP)	Argyll and Bute Council
Cllr Anne Horn (AH)	Argyll and Bute Council
Andy Buntin (AB)	Lochgilphead Community Council
Ian Brodie (IB)	East Kintyre Community Council (EKCC)
Margaret Pratt (MP)	West Kintyre Community Council (WKCC)

Note and Actions:

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1.	DA gave presentation, focusing on the current forestry works. AC outlined the work shown in images from Phase 1 of the project and DN outlined the upcoming Balfour Beatty works. Discussion regarding the ongoing micro-siting works – currently looking at micro-siting 24 of the towers within Phase 2 due to ground conditions or environmental constraints. Micro-siting would be within the Limit of Deviation (LoD) of the consented alignment.	
2.	Discussion moved onto the actions from the previous meeting. IB had requested ongoing road/verge/bridge surveys. DA outlined that a record of the condition surveys has been completed. IB asked for a copy of the Road Management Plan. NOTE: Road Management plan is currently in draft form. SSEN to issue once document is finalised later in the year. Other actions from last meeting were responded to and closed.	SSEN to issue.
3.	<u>General Discussion</u> IB asked about road management once access track construction is underway, particularly for the B8001/B842. IB asked if there can be a dedicated phone number for use with traffic problems, these roads are used for access by Drs and first responders, and any problems need to be addressed quickly. IC responded to advise that Balfour Beatty will have signs placed in appropriate locations once construction starts which have a dedicated phone number. This is normally the Wayleave Officer for the project.	

	<p>MP queried the use of public roads for access, specifically the B8001 as it is heavily used by tourists. DA responded, advising that this road cannot be avoided entirely however, it is only needed for a short distance. The project will always seek to minimise the interface of construction traffic and public roads.</p> <p>MP asked if the concrete used will be batched on site. DN responded to say local sites will be used, a batching plant is not appropriate for the works.</p> <p>AH queried whether any private roads will be used for access. DA confirmed that no private roads will be used. Consented access tracks are in place and these are used by contractors.</p> <p>IB advised that EKCC have published the minutes from the last meeting on their website. MP stated that WKCC could do the same.</p> <p>DP requested further information about the Borrow Pits. DN responded, advising this will be agreed with Argyll and Bute Council. The material is reinstated at the end of the project and this is a preferable option for rural areas as it limits vehicle movements and is more sustainable. This strategy was trialled in Phase 1 of the project and was successful.</p> <p>IB asked if borrow pit explosions were planned. DA advised that no blasting will take place until planning approval is in place. Balfour Beatty manage the works for the borrow pits and will interface with neighbours etc at the appropriate time.</p> <p>MP asked for notification of blasting so community can be made aware, prewarning is preferable. DN responded to say this would be possible.</p> <p>DA shared the access track plans.</p> <p>IB requested that SSEN talk to the community in the small Hamlet near Crossaig. DA advised that the team spoke to this community last year whilst conducting surveys and Balfour Beatty/Scottish Woodland have been here within the last few weeks.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Date of next meeting proposed and agreed: 24th June 11am-12noon. AH & DP advised they will not be able to attend as there is a council meeting that day.</p> <p>Any questions or agenda items to be provided to HB prior to next meeting.</p>	<p>All</p>