

Note of Meeting
Inveraray – Crossaig Phase 2 CLG
Thursday 29th April 2021

Attendees:

Ian Clark, Lead Project Manager (IC)	SSEN Transmission
David Auld, Project Manager (DA)	SSEN Transmission
John Rennie, Project Director (JR)	Balfour Beatty
David Nevin, Project Manager (DN)	Balfour Beatty
Andrew Cooper, Project Manager (AC)	Scottish Woodland
Helen Batey, Communities Manager (HB)	SSEN Transmission
Cllr Sandy Taylor (ST)	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
Margaret Pratt (MP)	West Kintyre Community Council
Tim James (TJ)	Tarbert & Skipness Community Council

Note and Actions:

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1.	SSEN welcomed attendees to the inaugural Community Liaison Group (CLG) meeting for Phase 2 of the Inveraray to Crossaig project. All parties introduced themselves.	
2.	<p>DA introduced the project and gave a presentation. During the Governance / Housekeeping section several parties were identified who may be interested in joining the group, either for one off meetings or as ongoing members of the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Arnett (proposed by AH) • Kintyre Way (proposed by MP) <p>The frequency of meetings was discussed, and agreement reached on holding monthly meetings initially.</p> <p>HB requested that attendees read the CLG Terms of reference ahead of the next meeting and notify her that they agree with these.</p>	All Cllr's and Community Council representative to notify SSEN by email
3.	<p>Following the presentation, DA opened the meeting to general discussion.</p> <p>AH commented that Mr Graham, whose property is in close proximity to the new Overhead Line (OHL), has not been notified in</p>	SSEN to contact Mr Graham and confirm the

<p>writing that the tower near his property will be micro-sited further away from the property. This topic was discussed with Mr Graham's representatives earlier in the consenting process, AH requests this is confirmed to Mr Graham and herself. AH also advised that Mr Graham would like some conifers planting behind his property to help screen view. AH advised this is on Forestry Land Scotland land and therefore hopes that planting in this location will be possible. AC advised that the land behind Mr Graham's property is a tree retention area.</p> <p>IB raised concerns about timber lorries on B8001 and B842, including inappropriate speeds and parking in passing places and blocking them. IB advised that this is making travel difficult for other road users and this is a lifeline road for residents in the area. Concerns was also raised about the situation getting worse as construction starts on this project.</p> <p>MP responded to say that the forestry work is RDS Forestry, not Balfour Beatty/Scottish woodland.</p> <p>IC thanks MP for this information and advised that this information IB provided is relevant for SSEN and their subcontractors as they can look to avoid creating or adding to the existing situation in the area. DA commented that the project will seek to minimise travel on public roads as construction starts, access tracks will be installed for the purpose of construction. These can be shared for information. B8001 will only be used by construction traffic for a short distance. With regard to passing places being blocked, DA advised that this could be due to ongoing surveys in the area. There are some constraints for taking vehicles on land, so surveyors need to park nearby and walk.</p> <p>IB also asked for ongoing, independent road/verge/bridge surveys to be undertaken.</p> <p>MP raised a number of areas of concern within her local community: 1. Effect of project on B8001, specifically the number of towers which will be seen from this road. 2. Will a batching plant be brought in to generate the concrete bases for the towers? DN responded to advise that a batching plant already located in the vicinity of the project will be used. 3. Concerns raised about using the Freasdail road with regard to the volume of traffic and noise. Within the programme for this project, windfarms are due to be constructed in the area and the effect of both schemes' collectively must be considered. Construction traffic will be using the only road which serves the community and 3 ferry ports. IC outlined that the planning conditions include taking cumulative effects of other project in the area into account within all assessments. We take all project into account which the council have been notified of as this is SSEN's source of information. The project will be aiming to keep vehicles off public roads as much as possible. DA requested that</p>	<p>position of the tower closest to his property and look into tree planting behind property.</p> <p>SSEN to provide plans of access tracks in Carradale area.</p> <p>SSEN to respond re proposed surveys.</p>
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	<p>any new information regarding the windfarms is shared during future CLG meetings.</p> <p>MP queried if there will be any abnormal loads? IC stated that there will not be.</p> <p>MP asked if working times will be provided? IC responded to say that we can provide this information at the next meeting.</p>	<p>SSEN to share working times</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Date of next meeting proposed and agreed: 27th May 11am-12noon.</p> <p>Any questions or agenda items to be provided to HB prior to next meeting.</p>	<p>All</p>