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Meeting	Alyth Substation - Community Liaison Group
Date	19th January 2022
Time	5.30pm – 7.30pm

Alyth Substation CLG Attendees and Apologies:

Attendees	Position
Neil Macdonald (NM)	SSEN Transmission Construction Manager
Louise Anderson (LA)	SSEN Transmission Community Liaison Manager
Cllr Colin Stewart (CS)	Perth & Kinross Council - Strathmore Ward
Iain Donaldson (ID)	Alyth Community Council Representative
Adrian Ivory (AI)	Local Resident and Landowner
Simon Montador (SM)	Alyth Development Trust Representative
Apologies	Position
Archie Munro (AM)	SSEN Transmission Lead Project Manager
Cllr Fiona Sarwar (FS)	Perth & Kinross Council - Strathmore Ward
Cllr Lewis Simpson (LS)	Perth & Kinross Council - Strathmore Ward
Provost Dennis Melloy (DM)	Perth & Kinross Council - Strathmore Ward
James MacMillan (JM)	Local Resident
Edward Clayhills-Henderson (ECH)	Local Resident
Bob Ellis (BE)	Meigle and Ardler Development Trust Representative
Meigle and Ardler Community Council	

Minutes

1.0	Introductions and apologies
1.1	<p>Introductions were made to and from Iain Donaldson as this was ID's first CLG meeting, ID represents Alyth Community Council.</p> <p>Apologies from Archie Munro, Cllr Sarwar, Cllr Simpson, Provost Melloy, Bob Ellis and Edward Clayhills-Henderson.</p>
2.0	Approval of previous minutes and matters arising
2.1	There were no matters arising and the previous minutes were accepted as a true record of the October meeting. The minutes were proposed by AI and seconded by SM.
3.0	Open Actions
3.1	Action 12 – LA posted to JM a series of documents in relation to noise impact and mitigation assessments, SGT barriers and enclosures that are readily available to all within the Perth and Kinross Council planning portal in relation to the planning application that SSEN Transmission submitted back in October 2019. JM confirmed receipt of these documents by email on 2 November 2021. This action is now closed.
3.2	Action 13 – NM confirmed that the origin of the steelwork being used on site is the UK. This action is now closed.
4.0	Project Update
4.1	<p>NM provided the CLG members with an update from the last quarter which confirmed the completion of the required piling work that had been ongoing since October, these activities were completed ahead of programme and before the site closed for the festive period.</p> <p>The installation of the 6 foundations required for the new overhead line (OHL) gantry towers have also been completed successfully.</p>

	<p>Regarding the OHL project, all the planned 2021 works were completed successfully including the removal of the 2 temporary bypass towers that had been erected and all steel having been removed from the OHL site compound, all that remains is to dig out the foundations from the temporary towers and reinstatement of the land.</p> <p>The OHL project had encountered some minimal delays due to Storm Arwen in November however, the project remains on course to be completed to programme.</p> <p>AI asked about the tower that had been erected further south of the existing tower alignment, NM confirmed this was the 3rd tower built and that it is a replacement. Note: The previous tower in that location has been replaced so that we can achieve a particular change in the angle of the conductors.</p>
4.2	<p>Between January and March, the main focus for the substation teams will be on the construction of the GIS (Gas Insulated Switchgear) building, this is the main control building that sits in the middle of the site, the GIS building Contractor, Global are on site and working at pace, NM confirmed that the site teams were well underway with construction activities for this building and that the pile caps had been installed. Works have also commenced on installing the perimeter palisade security fence. NM explained that usually the palisade fence is installed later, but the teams had an opportunity to install the fence early.</p> <p>Under the OHL programme of works, now that all necessary tower works are completed, the OHL Principal Contractor Balfour Beatty will continue to progress with completing the remainder of the re-profiling activities on the Alyth to Tealing circuit. Once these are completed, there will be no further OHL works until late 2023 when the substation is connected to the network.</p> <p>Mechanical and electrical (M&E) works remain on course to progress in spring 2022 as soon as the GIS building is erected, and delivery of electrical equipment commences. Commissioning is expected to commence June/July 2023.</p> <p>AI enquired if once construction is complete and the site operational if there would be lights on as there is currently. NM explained that the lights AI sees are long lights to allow the site operatives during the winter months get on and off the platform safely and these would be removed once construction ceased. NM to confirm for AI if the substation site will be a dark site once operational. AI also asked if it would be possible for the lights to be switched off on the weekend when there is nobody on site, NM advised he would look into this and update AI.</p>
4.3	<p>Between April and June 2022 NM advised that with the construction of the GIS building expected to complete by the end of March this would allow the M&E works to proceed. NM confirmed that all building fabrication would be green kingspan so the buildings would resemble a normal agricultural shed.</p> <p>Across April and June for the OHL project, Balfour Beatty will have completed the OHL scope with the exception of the connection to the national grid so site construction presence for these works will significantly reduce and will reduce for the substation works once commissioning starts. Come the end of 2022, the bulk of construction operatives will be off site with the permanent compound being reduced to 2/3 cabins.</p> <p>AI asked if NM could remind all site personnel and visitors to watch the speed on Balendoch Road to the substation as some drivers appear to be going quite fast which may be inadvertently causing the damage recently seen on the verges of this stretch of road. NM advised that the message would be reiterated to all including delivery drivers who are believed to be the drivers in question as opposed to site personnel.</p>
5.0	Community Queries
5.1	<p>AI ahead of the CLG meeting asked about the colour of the perimeter fence and if it could be green. NM explained this was not possible and the fence will be installed as per the planning approval granted by Perth and Kinross Council. NM also confirmed that the fence is inside the bund which helped appease AI's concerns as he had believed it would be erected outside the bunds.</p>
5.2	<p>AI also raised a question on the road from the substation entrance along to the entrance of Haughend Farm. NM advised SSEN Transmission (SSENT) have no obligation in relation to this section of road, however, SSENT plan to do reparatory works as a good will gesture and to be good neighbours. SSENT will be carrying out remedial running repairs as required and patching of potholes should commence early February this year. More substantial fixing of the road will be carried out at the same time the Haughend Farm track is resurfaced in late 2023.</p>
5.3	<p>LA gave an update to the attendees of recent community donations made by both SSENT, Siemens BAM and Balfour Beatty. To Meigle primary back in March we donated funds to help them improve their playground, they were recently able to complete some new playground markings which the school advised the children were thoroughly enjoying. Siemens BAM also before Christmas donated new picnic benches to the school and Balfour Beatty have built new flower planters which are expected to be delivered by the end of January 2022.</p> <p>In December, donations were also made to Alyth Christmas Lights Association along with a substantial donation to Food for Thought, the local food bank in Alyth which included food items, household products and Christmas-themed items, as</p>

	<p>well as a new chest freezer to help reduce food waste and ensure the foodbank is equipped to help provide for people when they need it most. £500 was also included in the donation for the foodbank to use in the future.</p> <p>SM expressed his gratitude and thanks on behalf of the Alyth Development Trust and the local residents to all the teams on site for the local community support that has been given.</p> <p>LA concluded that in 2022 the teams would be supporting the new path that is to be constructed around the perimeter of Jubilee Park.</p>
5.4	NM spoke about plans to install a camera near the Osprey nest to allow for a live feed as well as installing a telescope at the viewing platform. SSENT are hopeful once installed to hand the camera and management of the live feed over so this can continue once the project is complete and internal discussions are ongoing around this. Both SM and ID confirmed they would be happy to write letters of support if SSENT required these to show the communities support around this legacy opportunity.
5.5	Discussions were held on another CLG site visit when the nights are lighter and SSENT agreed to set this up to allow the CLG members to see the progression on site from the last visit in August 2021.
6.0	AoB
6.1	Nothing to report.
7.0	Date of next CLG
7.1	6 April 2022 with site visit

Actions.

Number	Action / Update	Owner	Open/Closed
12.	LA to post out to JM relevant planning application documents referencing noise levels when site operational.	LA	Closed
13.	SSEN Transmission to confirm the origin of the steelwork being used on site.	AM	Closed
14.	NM to confirm for AI if Alyth substation once operational will be a dark site.	NM	Open
15.	NN to remind all site personnel, delivery drivers and visitors to watch the speed on Balendoch road to the substation as some drivers appear to be going quite fast which may be causing the damage to some of the verges.	NM	Open
16.	Second CLG site visit to be arranged.	LA	Open
17.	<p>NM to look into the long lights being switched off on the weekend when there is nobody on site.</p> <p><i>Update: NM confirmed that these lights are set to a timer that if they were altered it would knock out the configuration of all the other site lighting.</i></p>	NM	Closed