

	Document reference	First CLG for Creag Dhubh 275kV Connection project
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	Function	CLG

Meeting	Creag Dhubh 275kV Connection Project Community Liaison Group
Date	Thursday 22 nd May 2025
Time	6.30pm – 7.30pm

SSEN Transmission attendees:

Attendees	Position
Caitlin Quinn (CQ)	SSEN Transmission Community Liaison Manager (CQ)
Liam McBride	SSEN Transmission Delivery Project Manager (LM)
David Fraser	SSEN Transmission Lead Delivery Project Manager (DF)
Paul Kilgallon	SSEN Transmission Construction Manager (PK)
James Masters	SSEN Transmission Stakeholder Manager (JM)
Geoffery Lambert	Wood Group Plc Stakeholder Manager (GL)
Sue Rawcliffe	Glenorchy and Innishail Community Council Representative (SR)
Suzanne Anderson	Glenorchy and Innishail Community Council Representative (SA)
Apologies	Position
Paul Greaves	Glenorchy and Innishail Community Council Representative

Minutes

1.0	Introductions and apologies
1.1	CQ introduced the meeting and explained the format. Each of the attendees then introduced themselves, CQ introduced the concept of a safety moment to the group and suggested the topic of swimming in open waters in Scotland. The attendees then engaged in discussion.
2.0	STEM Engagement
2.1	CQ gave a brief overview on the STEM engagement SSEN are undertaking in the Argyll region. JM suggested that schools could enrol in the STEM Ambassador programme if they are looking for specific input.
3.0	Creag Dhubh Substation
3.1	DF gave an update on Creag Dhubh substation and the communications with the community to date. Attendees discussed current challenges relating to dust suppression during the current dry spell. DF advised that the contractor BAM is scheduled to improve the bellmouth access to the site from the A9819 and they will be laying a bound surface and that it should help matters. The team are liaising with Argyll and Bute Council Roads Authority to programme these works.
4.0	Creag Dhubh to Succoth Glen Overhead line project
4.1	<p>DF and LM provided an update on status of overhead line mobilisation. All documentation required to meet pre-commencement conditions has been submitted, and current forecast is that work will start on the access tracks in the next few weeks. It was discussed that a letter drop to track stakeholders would be beneficial, to facilitate a better understanding of what to expect.</p> <p>SA and SR suggested notifying the people in the area of the works prior to starting - door knock/signage was discussed. It was agreed that a programme showing the key durations of activities associated with the access from the A85 will be provided to the track stakeholders. SSEN-T acknowledged that lessons can be learned from the recent bellmouth upgrade works, whereby the timing of the works was not clearly communicated and this will inform the proposed letter drop and engagement going forward. It was agreed that a programme is to be provided to some of the residents on the track. Apologies were made and an action from SSEN has been taken. A discussion was had on future communications to the local community during the project.</p>
5.0	Community benefit fund and community queries

5.1	CQ and JM provided a brief update on the community benefit fund, stating that there is a separate team working on this following receipt of the recently published government guidance. CQ stated that more information would be available soon, including an FAQ document.
5.2	SA highlighted the opportunity to engage with young people in the area and enable opportunities for local students. JM and CQ agreed to take this away for discussion internally . CQ and JM highlighted some of the recent engagement SSEN-T have been doing with the schools . SA suggested partnering up with Oban High to reach local students. CQ and JM noted this and will take away to discuss with Nicky Gadsen, our STEM engagement manager and will report back at next meeting.
6.0	Next Meeting & AOB
6.1	It was agreed that CQ would reach out to Inveraray CC for suitable dates for the next meeting in July.

Actions.

Number	Action / Update	Owner	Open/Closed
1.	<i>Communication to residents to be organised prior to construction starting</i>	CQ/DF/LM	Open
2.	<i>Date of next meeting to be coordinated and agreed</i>	CQ	Open
3.	<i>JM to provide STEM Ambassador details to SR and SA</i>	JM	Closed