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Meeting	Inveraray to Crossaig Community Liaison Group
Date	27/01/2022
Time	11am-12.30pm

Inveraray to Crossaig CLG Attendees and Apologies:

Attendees	Position
David Auld (DA)	Project Manager – SSEN Transmission
Caitlin Quinn (CQ)	Community Liaison Manager SSEN Transmission
David Niven (DN)	Project Manager Balfour Beatty
Andrew Cooper (AC)	Project Manager – Scottish Woodlands
lan Brodie (IB)	East Kintyre Community Council
Margaret Pratt (MP)	West Kintyre Community Council
Cllr Anne Horn (AH)	Argyll and Bute Council
Joylon Gritton (JG)	Argyll and Bute Council
Apologies	Position
Cllr Dougie Philand (DP)	Argyll and Bute Council
Tim James	Skipness Community Council

Minutes

1.0	Introduction and agenda for the meeting outlined
1.1	DA introduced the agenda/format for the meeting
2.0	Incidents on site
2.1	DA advised of recent incidents on site and how they have been resolved. There was a discussion around this and suggestions made for the future from other members of the CLG. One incident in particular that was discussed was the power outage caused by moving plant. Power was restored within two hours. AH emphasized the severe repercussions for some of the residents as one had severe disabilities and relied on electric medical aids. AC advised that he had since visited the property to apologise and have a discussion about what went on and that the community members appreciated this. DA has an action to contact SHEPD to get this property on the emergency plan for a generator if a power cut has to happen in the future. DA had informed the group of another incident that required SEPA to be involved in relation to stem the flow of silt from the site, this was rectified but he had urged the CLG to keep an eye out for discolouration of water.
	DA continued to explain about the noise mitigation incident and the measures of acoustic blankets that are around the worksite. He went on to explain that we were fully compliant with the noise levels under the environmental health act, however this was best practice as not to cause nuisance to residents. This can be seen as best practice and we have since contacted the individual to monitor the noise to determine the difference to the levels with this mitigation implemented. AH had questioned if we had been in contact with the individual, CQ had said that we had sent various emails and our contractor BB had attempted to call with no response, AH said she would try and make contact.

	from members of the public and that they also have a responsibility to not go on site. DA wanted to ensure that everyone was aware of the severity of a live construction site. That any individual that ignores this and goes onsite willingly is putting themselves and our workers at risk.
	AC echoed DA point and added that the public have a duty to give people working outdoors good space.
	JG made reference to the positive signage that SSEN have around the local area but made a suggestion that young people might be impatient and could lead to them mixing with machinery when driving – could A-frame boards been considered at either ends of the works.
	IB had suggested a banksman at certain areas to coordinate, however DN said that a banksman can sometimes be an added risk and they try and reduce risks were possible.
	JG opened a discussion around the planned walks around the X-Kintyre Way that are organised for May and for SSEN to consider this against our program of works and a suggestion of using the stats from the West Highland Way to get an idea of numbers. JG said he will make contact with CQ when he has more information regarding these events.
	IB advised that the 14 th of May was the date for the scheduled walk – the Kintyre Way Ultra.
	AC from FLS said they will identify a program window for these events and plan around them.
	DA questioned language barriers of the people attending this event so they could investigate different signage.
3.0	Site progress
3.1	DA and AC stated that the project is now 96% of the way through forestry works with the view to look to
	complete these by April.
	26% of access tracks have been completed, currently starting piling foundations for the towers as well as
	conventional piling.
	AC informed the group that there won't be as much timber moving on through the next stage of the project.
4.0	Decision was made at Mhear Mhor to Tarr section of road (160m) to ensure little pollution will go into water. Blasting updates
4.1	DN advised that there are no updates to the blasting from the last meeting.
7.1	MP commented that the communications regarding these scheduled blasts were good and welcomed by the local community.
5.0	OHL project milestones
5.1	DN informed the group of access tracks works started August 2021, foundation works started in November 2021
6.0	with the view of the tower works starting February 2022.
	AOB
6.1	CQ advised that she had been in contact with DYW Argyll and that SSEN are looking to engage with the local schools in Argyll with a focus on STEM and employability. MP informed of other school programs in the area for us to consider and also elaborated on the bursaries available to local people to help eliminate any barriers to employment opportunities.
	JG informed of AITCC, CQ to look into this.
	MP stated that enquires were coming in about compound at Freasdail – a residential portable cabin with a
	generator was now there. DN advised this is a welfare unit, MP then questioned a pond being build, DN informed
	that this was a settlement lagoon, reinstated in summer. It's a temporary measure until everything settles to
	help with contamination.
	MP questioned DN on the operator's licence that was applied for, DN confirmed that this was just a temporary licence.
	JG questioned legacy work/community engagement work being organised. DA advised of our CEP group.
	It was established that all actions from the previous meeting where complete.

7.0	Date of next CLG
7.1	Proposed date of the 24 th February at 11.30. CO to send out invite to members.

Actions.

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Number	Action / Update	Owner	Open/Closed
1.	DA to contact SHEPD about emergency register for residents	David Auld	
2.	CQ to send JG minutes from CEP meeting	Caitlin Quinn	
3.	DN to consider A frame board signage	David Nevin	
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