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Meeting	Inveraray to Crossaig Community Liaison Group
Date	27/0132022
Time	11am-12.30pm

Inveraray to Crossaig CLG Attendees and Apologies:

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

Minutes

1.0	Introduction and agenda for the meeting outlined
1.1	CQ introduced the agenda/format for the meeting and introduced Katie Buchanan the assistant project manager who would be stepping in for David Auld
2.0	First towers installed on the project
2.1	KB opened the discussion regarding the progress on the project, stating that the first two towers installed on the project is a major milestone for the second phase of work which will reinforce the powerline from Inveraray to Crossaig. The tops of the towers are being installed next month – the full tower hasn't yet been erected
3.0	Site progress
3.1	<p>DN gave us an a summary of the site progress; OHL overview - access front – Approximately 65% of the way through the access tracks – not far off being finished, more focusing on Freasdail area – long stretch of track going to be a busy spot over the few weeks, bridges are currently being installed.</p> <p>Focus is on the access track area for Freasdail, currently we are on target and programme. DN reiterated if there are any issues in relation to access tracks to get in contact.</p> <p>BB are using two different piling contractors. To date, 17 foundations are complete, which equals approx. 12%. DN stated that better weather enables more productively levels amongst workers.</p> <p>Looking at 1 day per tower on average</p>
4.0	Blasting

4.1	<p>MP asked about Freasdail – asking if they are going to be start piling yet. DN said we are not ready to start piling there just yet and it would likely be 5/6 weeks to be in the Corrinbuie area.</p> <p>Next blast is scheduled Friday at Inverneil 25th March – just waiting on contractors coming back for confirmation.</p> <p>DN went on to update on the borrows pits and stated that this will probably be the last blast – Freasdail is finished, and Freasdail main.</p> <p>Just Meall Mhor, Cro Just tailing off the volume of blasting required.</p>
5.0	Forestry Milestones
5.1	<p>AC stated that at the moment there is very little happening forestry wise. FLS are working in conjunction with BB to plan out the works on two key sites the substation at Crossaig where substantial works are to be done and above Corrainbuie. The plan is to mobilise in there in the next two weeks. There is an Eagle nest in the proximity of one of these sites that will require on going monitoring.</p> <p>Nests sites, keep the monitoring period going to see what nests sites the eagles settle. This will dictate when the woodland will commence at Crossaig.</p> <p>Not too much to update from forestry at present, however at the next meeting there should be more information but minimal work happening on the ground.</p> <p>AC also stated to the group that the price of timber have severely settled over the last few months and the price has come down significantly – DN asked AC this question. Major impact is the price of fuel is a major impact to the forestry industry. DN asked if the machinery will be changed to white diesel, AC said no as its part of agriculture.</p>
6.0	Access Installation works and improvements made
6.1	<p>DN gave an update on some other aspects of the works. He stated that there are some issues that the site are facing is the presence of golden eagles. There are five towers that BB are unable to access to let them nest without any disruption. There is also rock breaking nearby but it has been monitored by the environment team and it can be reported that there are no disruption to them.</p> <p>New towers lights ran off solar power/panels – pushing our suppliers to come up with ideas to make these things standard.</p> <p>DN showed the group an image of the shroud for the noise suppression blanket that used around the breaker, predominately purchased for the works at Tarbert – to mitigate the noise.</p> <p>Noise and breaks – successful.</p> <p>3rd picture that was shown was the dust suppression mask that are carrying out, guys are making minor tweaks so it's more comfortable for the people wearing – improvement on the health and wellbeing.</p> <p>DN Also stated that BB have moved to glass milk bottles and away from plastic. MP and IB noted that they should look into local milk supplier to provide glass milk.</p> <p>There were further discussions on the different types of defibrillators for the site to consider. The plan is to donate these to community when we finish the project.</p>
7.0	Date of next CLG
7.1	Proposed date of late May at 11.30. CQ to send out invite to members once confirmed.

Actions.

Number	Action / Update	Owner	Open/Closed
1.	DN to look into local milk supplier	David Nevin	
2.	CQ to send minutes and new invites	Caitlin Quinn	
3.	CQ to find venue for next meeting in person	Caitlin Quinn	