

Note of Meeting
Inveraray – Crossaig Phase 2 CLG
Thursday 24th June 2021

Attendees:

David Auld, Project Manager (DA)	SSEN Transmission
David Nevin, Project Manager (DN)	Balfour Beatty
Andrew Cooper, Project Manager (AC)	Scottish Woodland
Helen Batey, Communities Manager (HB)	SSEN Transmission
Ian Brodie (IB)	East Kintyre Community Council
Margaret Pratt (MP)	West Kintyre Community Council
Peter Bates (PB)	Tarbert & Skipness Community Council
Jolyon Gritten (JG)	Argyll & Bute Council Access Officer

Note and Actions:

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1.	<p>DA welcomed the group and shared presentation. Group introduced themselves as JG join the CLG.</p> <p>DA asked members if there were any current concerns from the community. Nothing has been raised as a concern to the members present.</p> <p>DA asked JG about walking route in the area. JG advised that in addition to the Kintyre Way there is a core path network. JG asked about closures and advised that good communication about any closures is essential, and paths shouldn't just suddenly be closed. JG suggested having a 'gate officer' to interface between works and the public who would help users and minimise the impact on the public. AC advised that Scottish Woodlands staff are already managing these interactions during their site work and liaison with the public has been positive. JG suggested that over the course of the project a combination of approaches would be preferable eg. A banksman may be needed during cabling etc when paths are temporarily closed. Requests that SSEN seek to minimise closures.</p> <p>DA advised that we are in the process of updating our access plans and that once finalised these can be shared.</p> <p>JG requested that info is shared via a map on the website – showing where work is currently been undertaken as this prevents the need to continually update signs.</p>	<p>SSEN to look into developing these maps and sharing on project webpage</p>
2.	<p>DA gave an updated on the forestry works taking place on site. IB asked for an indication of when work will be starting near Crossaig as the nearby Hamlet would appreciate this information. AC advised that Scottish Woodlands have visited these residents</p>	

	<p>recently with regard to private water supplies, so they are aware of the ongoing works which affect them.</p> <p>DN gave an overview of the pictures in the slide deck and a summary of the upcoming works.</p>	
3.	<p>Actions from Previous meeting</p> <p>DA advised that the 'Green' cement would need to go through a quality management process before it was used on site. If found to be suitable, SSEN would be happy to utilise this new material. Based on timescales, it is unlikely to be used for this project.</p> <p>DN - The two existing mixes which are utilised for foundation construction are FND3 and XF3 mixes. Within these parameters there's scope to utilise GGBS which is a waste product and is classed as carbon positive from a sustainability viewpoint.</p>	
4.	<p>Open Discussion</p> <p>PB asked if the survey boat in the harbour is related to SSEN work. DA/DN/AC confirmed that it is not related to this work.</p> <p>JG asked when the current lines will be taken down. DA responded to advise this would commence in November 2023.</p>	
5.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Date of next meeting proposed and agreed: 5th August 11am-12noon. Moved to first week of August due to SSEN consultation on the Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Strategy at end of July.</p>	