

**Note of Meeting**  
**Inveraray – Crossaig Phase 2 CLG**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

**Attendees:**

David Auld, Project Manager (DA)	SSEN Transmission
James Harris, Stakeholder Manager (JH)	Balfour Beatty
Andrew Cooper, Project Manager (AC)	Scottish Woodland
Helen Batey, Communities Manager (HB)	SSEN Transmission
Caitlin Quinn, Communities Manager (CQ)	SSEN Transmission
Ian Brodie (IB)	East Kintyre Community Council
Margaret Pratt (MP)	West Kintyre Community Council
Clr Dougie Philand	Argyll and Bute Council

**Note and Actions:**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<p>DA opened the meeting and advised that the meeting would be focused on discussion about the recently shared Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and the recent and planned blasting at the Borrow Pits (BP).</p> <p>DA asked the group if there were any questions from the community following receipt of the TMP. IB responded to ask if the use of traffic lights has been considered north of Crossaig as there is already an accident hot spot in this location. DA advised that the team are aware of this.</p> <p>MP commented that there is a similar situation on Skipness road, a bad corner, especially at this time of year with the low sun. MP asked for the information to be passed to the team on site that this is near one of the SSEN access points. DA will pass this information to the Balfour Beatty team.</p> <p>IB wish emphasis how crucial the roads are for the peninsular, if any are blocked the detours are very long.</p> <p>In relation to this, DA asked if the ferry is used for emergencies. Group responded to advise that yes, it can be used as a lifeline ferry.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p>MP commented on the high level of quarry traffic at the moment, 7 days per week.</p> <p>DA asked JH to look into whether this traffic relates to our scheme. JH advised that this could be FLS traffic.</p> <p>MP advised that the community are finding it a noticeable change at Crossaig.</p>	<p>JH to investigate quarry traffic</p>

3	<p>Draft Borrow Pit Schedule was shared. DA advised that all residents within 1km have/will be notified of blasting. JH commented that Balfour Beatty are widening this radius where appropriate. IB asked if Grogport village could be notified for the Southern Borrow pit.</p> <p>MP advised that animals are still out roaming and haven't yet been brought in for Winter, so notification of blasts remains essential. DP advised that no concerns have been raised with him.</p>	
4	<p>AC provided an update on the forestry work, this is now approximately 80% completed and there is minimal traffic on public roads from the remaining work. The wood is being transported on boats to ease the pressure on the roads.</p>	
5	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>IB asked if, once work starts on B8001 / B842, could an emergency phone number be provided.</p> <p>DA advised that this will be in place once the traffic management boards are in place. DA commented that SSEN can also provide additional appropriate numbers.</p> <p>MP asked why, in the working time directive, does the project have permission for working 7 days per week whereas windfarms don't. DA advised that we won't be working to these hours all the time. The project is programmed to be constructed using core working hours and these would only be increased if the programme requires it. The working time directive gives SSEN to opportunity to work these hours, it is not a requirement.</p> <p>DP questioned why the timber is being taken to Campbeltown and not Ardrishaig. AC advised that another supplier is using Ardrishaig. DP noted that he had received feedback from Lochgilphead CC on the quality of the access tracks which have been installed in the area.</p> <p>IB asked if near the end of the project a map could be issued with tracks marked which would be suitable for recreational use. DA responded, during construction the tracks are not accessible but after the project they could be a recreational opportunity. On other schemes, landowners have sometimes looked to retain tracks on their land. Important to note, what is built to be suitable for construction may not meet the regulations for long term use. MP commented that access tracks should be accessible for all and would hope that any retained tracks were not gated. As this is at landowners' discretion, access discussions would need to take place between landowners and community.</p> <p>IB requested meeting invites are sent as calendar invites.</p> <p>HB advised that a Newsletter will soon be circulated to the community surrounding the Project and if the group would like</p>	<p>DA to provide contact number</p>

	<p>digital or paper copies, we can provide these. Digital copy to be circulated to all, MP requested 6 paper copies.</p> <p>Date for next meeting Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November.</p>	
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