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<b>Meeting</b>	Kinardochy Substation - Community Liaison Group
<b>Date</b>	3rd March 2022
<b>Time</b>	6.00pm – 8.00pm

#### CLG Attendees and Apologies:

Attendees	Position
Gary Milne (GM)	SSEN Transmission Project Manager
Louise Anderson (LA)	SSEN Community Liaison Manager
Steven Kinninmonth (SK)	SSEN Transmission Project Manager
Liz Auty (LA2)	John Muir Trust
Stewart Powell (SP)	Local Resident
Cllr John Duff (JD)	Perth & Kinross Council – Highland Ward
Jennifer MacIntyre (JM)	Killiecrankie & Fincastle Community Council
Richard Rees (RR)	Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust
Ian Bailey (IB)	Local Resident
Apologies	Position
Cllr Mike Williamson (MW)	Perth & Kinross Council – Highland Ward
Val Ferguson (VF)	Aberfeldy Community Council
John Marshall (JM2)	Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust
Alan Greenwood (AG)	SSE Renewables Stakeholder Engagement Manager
David Gallacher (DG)	SSE Renewables Project Manager

#### Minutes

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Introductions and apologies</b>
1.1	LA2 and SP introduced themselves to the rest of the attendees as they unfortunately had missed the inaugural meeting and LA introduced SSEN Transmission's guest attendee Steven Kinninmonth. SK is one of SSEN Transmission's Development Project Managers and was attending the CLG to give a brief introduction to an upcoming project at Errochty.  Apologies were given from Mike Williamson, Val Ferguson, John Marshall and for SSE Renewables; Alan Greenwood and David Gallacher.
1.2	<i>Post meeting note: Ron Harriman from Pitlochry Angling Club has advised the angling club will withdraw as a member of the CLG as the access road will not directly impact the fishing on Loch Kinardochy.</i>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Approval of previous minutes and matters arising</b>
2.1	There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.
2.2	CLG 1 minutes were approved. Proposed by JD and seconded by RR.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Open Actions</b>
3.1	Updates were given on SSEN Transmission (SSENT) open actions only.
3.2	<b>Action 3</b> – Siemens BAM (SBAM) have reached out to Lochs and Glens requesting a point of contact to liaise with for the project. To date no response received back but will follow up again with them. This action is now closed.
3.3	<b>Action 7</b> – SBAM have STEM ambassadors in their site team and will be engaging with local schools to deliver some STEM activities. Community opportunities will be an ongoing part of the project for both SBAM and SSENT. SSE have a 'Be the Difference Scheme' which allows the project team to give a day volunteering in the form of skills-based assistance, painting, DIY, gardening and school visits. Currently the scheme is suspended due to COVID, but if there's anything the CLG members

	think of that could benefit from this scheme, contact LA with details. Further updates will be provided at future CLGs, and this action will remain open.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>SSEN Transmission Update</b>
4.1	<p>GM gave the CLG members an update on activities since the last meeting. In November 2021 SBAM's sub-contractor were about to start works on site executing the tree felling, GM showed pictures showing the felling progress along with pictures showing initial activities, from the last 3 months, including clearing trees from site, installation of access roads and site cabins. Main construction works are anticipated to start later this month.</p> <p>January saw favourable weather which allowed the site teams to make good progress, more photos were shown showing the gap in the trees that has started to form where the substation platform will be, GM advised the felled trees had started to be removed from site in January and these will continue to be removed until the end of March. Further progress photos were shared showing the formation of the initial compound off the B846, this will be used until SBAM get into the main compound area up at the substation platform.</p> <p>The final picture shared with the CLG members was an aerial view showing the temporary road up to the substation platform which will be used to bring equipment in, rock excavation works at the platform, will allow for rock to be re-used to build the permanent road up to the substation.</p>
4.2	<p>SSENT's overhead line (OHL) Principal Contractor, Balfour Beatty (BB) have now mobilised to site in the last 2 weeks. They will be on site for the next 4-5 months and have mobilised to the west side of the site, and are setting up their initial compound, and installing temporary stone access tracks.</p> <p>GM showed an illustration from the planning application, showing 2 temporary towers highlighted which are the towers BB are currently looking to establish now, in 2023 the temporary towers will be removed. Later in March, BB will commence piling foundation works for the temporary towers and these works will continue through April with the temporary towers then erected in May. Some scaffolding will go up over Schiehallion Road to allow BB to install conductors. They will then leave site in June and return in 2023.</p> <p>BB construction traffic and those removing the felled timber are the only construction traffic using Schiehallion Road, substation traffic is using the B846.</p>
4.3	<p>Upcoming works for the substation itself were discussed with GM advising through March works will continue clearing the site of trees and putting in initial welfare. There has been a slight change in the programme around drilling and blasting activities with this being delayed until April and SBAM will excavate rock mechanically as the ground is more favorable than first thought.</p> <p>JD asked where on site the rock processing would be done, GM confirmed this will occur at the main compound area near to the substation platform.</p> <p>April will also see the start of the platform formation and main compound areas, with May seeing the start of the permanent access road back to the B846 being formed. Permanent drainage ponds will be formed in June along with the completion of the drill and blasting works.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Errochty GSP Introduction</b>
5.1	<p>SK gave a brief overview to the CLG members of an upcoming project currently in Development. SSEN Distribution (SSEND) have applied to SSENT to increase the power capacity at Tummel Bridge Grid Supply Point (GSP). This means SSENT need to install larger transformers and upgrade the associated electrical plant. There is insufficient space to meet modern safety and security of supply standards at the existing location beside Tummel Bridge power station, therefore the proposed solution is to construct a new Grid Supply Point at the nearby Errochty switching station, to be called Errochty GSP.</p> <p>The corresponding increase in capacity on the local distribution network will allow restrictions on the quantity of renewable energy being exported from the local area to be lifted.</p>
5.2	<p>Main elements of the works at Errochty GSP will comprise of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension of the existing compound at Errochty switching station, to the west.</li> <li>• Civil works and formation of concrete bases for new equipment.</li> <li>• Installation of two new grid transformers, HV switchgear, busbars and underground earth tape.</li> <li>• Construction of a new switch room to house SSEND's switchgear. SSEND will install new cables between Tummel Bridge GSP and the new Errochty GSP.</li> <li>• The fence around the site will be upgraded to modern standards whilst the project is underway.</li> </ul>
5.3	<p>Public consultations are being held for the Errochty GSP project both in person and virtually. The first event will be held on 20 April between 2-7pm at Kynachan Hall and then an online virtual consultation will be held on 21 April between 4-7pm.</p>
5.4	<p>SP raised questions on the fence around the Errochty site as he had read it was to be 4 metres tall, it was understood this could have been in documentation relating to Kinardochoy rather than Errochty. LA advised the Errochty project has its own</p>

	dedicated website ( <a href="https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/errochty-gsp/">https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/errochty-gsp/</a> ) which will be updated with information specific to the progress of the project. SP was also encouraged to attend the public consultations in April.
5.5	SP asked about SSEND works around installing cables between Tummel Bridge GSP and the new Errochty GSP and if these would be as underground cables (UGC) or OHL. SK explained SSENT wouldn't be able to comment on SSEND works, LA went on to explain that the email SP had sent out with the CLG had been sent to SSEND for them to respond direct and LA would chase this on behalf of SP as he hadn't received a response.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Community Queries</b>
6.1	<p>JM raised concerns with construction traffic on the road at key times for the school buses and vehicles being held up. GM to reinforce message on site for BB and SBAM to avoid key times like school start and finish.</p> <p><i>Post meeting note: JM sent LA photos of her commute on Friday 4 March which was shared with GM to highlight with site teams.</i></p> <p>JM also spoke about large potholes that have recently formed as you come into Aberfeldy. GM confirmed the road is surveyed every month and reports taken, anything attributed to SSENT works will be fixed.</p>
6.2	JD highlighted the upcoming Etape Caledonia closed road cycle race, which is taking place on 15 May. LA advised SSENT had reached out to the organisers as one of the routes goes right past SSENT construction site and as such SSENT wanted to highlight to the organisers that in this area in the lead up to the race there will be significant traffic movements by HGVs etc. LA also confirmed SSENT have made both Principal Contractors aware of the event and advised them against any weekend working on 14 and 15 May, however, SSENT are aware competitors travel to the area days in advance to cycle the route in the way of training ahead of race day and so the organisers have been asked to highlight SSENT works to all of those that have signed up to take part in the race.
6.3	<p>Discussions were held on the upcoming road closure in Aberfeldy. JD provided all attendees with an update that Mon-Fri over Wades Bridge closure will be for 2 weeks (14-30 March) works through Weem will now be via traffic lights from 21-30 March apart from 4 days, Thur, Fri, Mon, Tues. P&amp;K Council are in discussions with the road officer and there are no concrete plans yet, but JD will communicate when known.</p> <p><i>Post meeting note: P&amp;K Council have confirmed to SSENT their preference would be for deliveries associated with SSENT's project to use the B846 from Tummel Bridge during the period of 21 March until 5 April 2022 and use a suitable location to turn south of the C450 and travel back to the B846 for the duration of the works at Weem.</i></p> <p><i>Following this confirmation from P&amp;K Council, BB will use the B846 Tummel Bridge for deliveries during the road closure. Tippers will drive beyond the Scheihallion road junction to a safer location to turn. They envisage the following delivery vehicles will use the Tummel Bridge approach:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Around 7 to 8 No. of 20T tippers running circa 4 to 5 trips per day.</i></li> <li>• <i>Couple of low loaders (TBC)</i></li> <li>• <i>Couple of HVG curtain siders (TBC)</i></li> </ul> <p><i>SBAM do not envisage having any major deliveries during the road closure (their road construction materials are generally site won). They may have an occasional fuel tanker or water/waste tanker delivery vehicle, but they plan to co-ordinate these for hours when the road is open.</i></p>
6.4	<p>IB raised concerns surrounding noise pollution from the SSENT site, and advised he'd received complaints from his business's guests on the relentless noise and that he was disturbed that peak levels of construction activities had not been reached. IB went on to explain that the working hours of the site were making things for his business very unpleasant and feels anything after 5pm is unacceptable as noise travels over the loch. GM explained that SSENT have working hours as part of the planning consent, and SSENT were aware that there always was going to be an impact from the project, but that the project team would investigate the level of construction noise and any measures that can be implemented to reduce the noise IB is experiencing. IB confirmed he's looking for suggestions from SSENT to mitigate the noise his property and business is experiencing.</p> <p>IB also requested that SBAM don't park their vehicles on the horizon of the hill at night, recently when vehicles are not being used, they're parked on the hill, and IB enquired if they can be moved. GM confirmed he will instruct SBAM not to park their vehicles at the end of each day on the horizon on the hill, part of the phase the project has come through is the road alignment up to the site, as SBAM form their main compound earth bunding will go up which will provide screening.</p> <p><i>Post meeting note: SSENT are accelerating the formation of the southern screening bund in the construction programme to provide additional visual screening and noise reduction from the works. SBAM will also review the positioning of the material processing equipment to maximise the noise shielding using the site topography.</i></p>
6.5	SP raised concerns pertaining to noise on SSE Renewables (SSER) projects in the area. Noise from the aqueduct which is concurrent with the construction noise from SSENT Kinardochy project. SP advised that SSER have been carrying out tree felling along the aqueduct and refurbishing of the pipes down to Tummel Bridge power station and there's been a large amount of noise from tree felling and noise from power washing of the pipes from the aqueduct. Also, SP commented that

	since the pipes down to the power station have been cleaned, they're creating a real eye sore from his property. LA advised that she would pass his concerns over to Alan Greenwood who is the Stakeholder Manager for SSER and request SSER liaise with SP direct.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>AoB</b>
7.1	Nothing to report.
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Date of next CLG</b>
8.1	May 2022. 6.00pm – 8.00pm – Exact date TBC.

Actions.

Number	Action / Update	Owner	Open/Closed
3.	SSENT to have SiemensBAM liaise with Lochs & Glens buses to better understand their transport routes in the local area.  <i>CLG 2 Note: Siemens BAM (SBAM) have reached out to Lochs and Glens requesting a point of contact to liaise with for the project. To date no response received back but will follow up again with them. This action is now closed.</i>	GM	Closed
5.	AG/DG to share SSER TMP at a future CLG meeting.	AG/DG	Open
6.	Detailed programme to be produced by SSER to highlight noisiest periods for residents.	AG/DG	Open
7.	SSENT to investigate community support opportunities.  <i>CLG 2 Note: SBAM have STEM ambassadors in their site team and will be engaging with local schools to deliver some STEM activities. Community opportunities will be an ongoing part of the project for both SBAM and SSEN Transmission. SSE have a 'Be the Difference Scheme' which allows the project team to give a day volunteering in the form of skills-based assistance, painting, DIY, gardening including school visits. Currently the scheme is suspended due to COVID, but if there's anything the CLG members think of that could benefit from this scheme, contact LA with details. Further updates will be provided at future CLGs, and this action will remain open.</i>	GM/LA	Open
8.	SSER to look into road improvements on the road into the hall from the main road.	AG/DG	Open
9.	GM to reiterate to SBAM and BB to avoid school start and finishing times to ensure not holding up traffic.	GM	Open
10.	GM to instruct SBAM not to park their vehicles at the end of each day on top of the hill in line with IB property as this is creating an eyesore for his business and guests.	GM	Open
11.	GM to have project team investigate the level of construction noise and any measures that can be implemented to reduce impact on IB property.  <i>CLG2 post meeting Note: SSENT are accelerating the formation of the southern screening bund in the construction programme to provide additional visual screening and noise reduction from the works. SBAM will also review the positioning of the material processing equipment to maximise the noise shielding using the site topography.</i>	GM	Closed
12.	LA to pass SP's concerns on SSER works at power station over to SSER to address direct.  <i>CLG 2 post meeting note: Alan Greenwood emailed on 4 March and confirmation received that contact had been made directly with SP. Action is now closed.</i>	LA	Closed
13.	LA to contact SSEND again for SP following his email of 22 February and questions surrounding SSEND works in the area.	LA	Open