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Meeting	Kintore Substation - Community Liaison Group (10)
Date	2 nd April 2024
Time	6 - 7.30pm

SSEN Transmission attendees:

Attendees	Position
Kevin Hutton (KH)	SSEN Transmission Project Manager (Kintore 400kV Substation)
Cris MacDonald (CM)	SSEN Transmission Project Manager (Kintore 132kV Substation)
Rob Whytock (RW)	SSEN Transmission Community Liaison Manager
Cllr Trevor Mason (TM)	Aberdeenshire Council (<i>East Garioch</i>)
Moira Moran (MM)	Kintore & District Community Council
Mike Shearer (MS)	Local Resident
Theresa Shearer (TS)	Local Resident
Debbie Korver (DK)	Local Resident
Apologies	Position
Alexander Burnett	MSP for Aberdeenshire West
Janine Cracknell	Kintore District Community Council
Ann Overton	Garioch Area Manager
Cllr Jim Gifford	Aberdeenshire Council (East Garioch)
Cllr Dominic Lonchay	Aberdeenshire Council (East Garioch)
Cllr Glen Reid	Aberdeenshire Council (East Garioch)
June Morrison (JM)	Local Resident
Heather Watt (HW)	Inverurie Community Council

Minutes

1.0	Introductions and apologies
1.1	RW opened the Meeting
2.0	Safety Moment
2.1	Food Allergy Safety Moment – KH talked about the dangers of unknown food allergies in the workplace. The rate of food allergies has doubled in the last 20 years and Kevin talked about the importance of being mindful of colleagues, particularly when eating in confined environments such as site offices. RW mentioned that this was particularly relevant as he suffers from a serious nut allergy.
3.0	Project Overview / Update – East Coast 400kV Phases 1 & 2
3.1	CM shared the overhead view of the site and what each component entails and how it is identified KH went on to talk through the slides on the EC400kV project. MS asked a question on the substation schematic about the towers coming in from the south and north KH confirmed this was an indicative view and was for a potential future connection but nothing had been confirmed. DK mentioned this would be concerning. MM asked would any future connection be subject to public consultation. RW confirmed they would. KH has committed that any future diagrams are clearer and better labelled. A – Make sure any future diagrams are clearer and better labelled for future.

	<p>DK – asked when the 2 towers would be installed? KH – October 2024</p> <p>DK – so will this will lay partially erected til then? KH – showed on the plot plan which tower is which. UGC will be started to be installed in the next couple of weeks. The existing tower will come down and the new one will go up. That will be from June onwards. T559 (SW Red one on map) is almost complete. KH – confirmed the partially erected tower will lay at the side of the road by the Korver’s house until October Confirmed 2 down, 2 up on the southern side and 1 down, 1 up on the northern side. DK – can this be stored elsewhere? KH – confirmed this needs to be within a crane length from where it’s being installed. There could be a chance there could be an outage agreed before then. CM – National Grid have a number of constraints they are working with which makes it difficult to do this quickly. KH – this is a double circuit outage so National Grid have to configure the power to go around this outage. A – Rob will keep dialogue with residents open to ensure they know when the outage is happening asap</p> <p>MS – Asked about the progress of the landscaping of the bund. KH - Landscaping will include the reshaping of the bund and planting will be changed from tree planting to meadowland grass. A – share landscaping plan with Korvers/Shearers</p> <p>KH – shared that SSENT have an obligation to OFGEM to have construction complete by March 2026 and Energised for October 2026</p> <p>TM – How many pylons are going up? Lots of concern in the local area about these. KH – we are replacing what is currently there in the area. DK – 2 new pylons will be closer to our house than the 2 existing ones – I wanted to raise that. MM – It’s really important that we have a long term overall picture for the area for the next 5/10 years. MS – there’s a lot more interest in the projects due to the increasing industrialisation of the area It would be good to have a more joined up meeting with all the projects – there’s not the big picture that residents are getting. Substation development and transmission lines all falls under the SSEN Transmission business so should be an easy ask to arrange. A – Rob to speak with Distribution & Delivery Colleagues to attempt to arrange a special CLG to give an overview of SSENT projects in the Kintore area.</p>
4.0	Project update - Kintore 132kV - Asset Replacement Project
4.1	<p>Cris gave an overview of the slide deck for the 132kV asset replacement project.</p> <p>DK – Commented that the visualisation in the presentation [<i>of the GIS hall</i>] is massive in comparison to what this is showing. CM – confirmed that the building shown is the same as what was consented through planning. MS – commented that it looks horrible, there’s no screening so it sticks out like a sore thumb</p> <p>DK – asked what will happen to the site compound where staff are parking? CM – confirms this will be where the tree screening will go from 2026 MM – Mentioned that it says single storey in the planning and this doesn’t look like a single storey building. CM – confirmed that the planning states 2 storey in the approval.</p> <p>DK – commented that the 3d visualisation looks different RW – zoomed in on image and pointed out the lower aspect of the building is blending into the fence due to similar colours</p> <p>CM – informed the group that the 1st Transformer is due to be delivered in June/July</p>
5.0	Community Queries
5.1	<p>MM – Asked about the possibility of having a Defibrillator at Leylodge KH – Confirmed there are some on site that are the property of our main contractor. KH to check if there could be one moved to the security cabin at the site entrance so that the public could use in emergency A – Kevin to speak to the Contractor Omexom to investigate.</p>

	<p>MS – Stated his signal booster isn't working as it's disrupting the televisions in the household. Mike is going to investigate with another aerial.</p> <p>DK – Stated it's working great. 4 bars of 4G and the TV reception is better. We're happier than we've ever been.</p> <p>DK – Will pass on details of the installer they used to MS.</p> <p>KH – Confirmed we would cover the installation cost similar to DK.</p> <p>CM – suggested the next CLG could have face to face and include a site visit next time.</p> <p>A – RW to coordinate setting up</p> <p>MS – Enquired about a Battery storage site at the east of the substation. It's through planning but SSENT asked them to move it so that there was a 35m buffer from the OHL.</p> <p>CM – Confirmed we have operational guidelines as this is critical national infrastructure [OHL], there is guidance to keep this buffer clear for operational maintenance of the equipment.</p> <p>KH – has shared the National Grid guidelines with everyone on the call.</p> <p>MS – Asked what's the operational life on the 275kV OHL? Is this due to be replaced anytime soon? Was it built at the same time as the 132kV?</p> <p>KH – Confirmed no plans that we're aware of to change this.</p> <p>MM – Meeting a few weeks ago with the Scottish Gov planning about all the different projects, 5x Battery storage, Hydrogen facility etc. Nobody has the big picture and no one is prepared to bring all these projects together and get something for the community. Leylodge is not a big place and is going to be engulfed with all of this. It's really important we get everyone around the table. We don't want to wait until July to get an update on this.</p> <p>I'm waiting to hear back from the Head of Planning at Aberdeenshire Council about what the overview is. I've been told some of the Developers are not willing to work with others to get involved with the Community.</p> <p>CM – Asked who ensures that the Community Liaison for all these multiple companies is coordinated? –</p> <p>MM – No one – this is why we are trying to speak to Head Of Planning at the Council</p> <p>MS – Wanted to highlight to everyone to take a note of APP2023-1017 which is a 300mW battery energy storage in Kintore (application) – This is planned to go on midmill industrial estate.</p> <p>RW – closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and that he would take the actions away.</p>
6.0	AOB
6.1	None
7.0	Date of next CLG
7.1	RW will be in touch in the to arrange next CLG in July – mindful of School Holidays and major leave period

Actions.

Number	Action / Update	Owner	Open/Closed
1.	<i>KH to ensure all diagrams in future are better labelled</i>	Kevin Hutton	Open
2.	<i>RW ensure dialogue with residents is kept open around outage and tower works</i>	Rob Whytock	Open
3.	<i>RW to share the landscaping plan with the Korvers & Shearers</i>	Rob Whytock	Open
4.	<i>RW to speak with Distribution & Delivery Colleagues to attempt to arrange a special CLG to give an overview of SSENT projects in the Kintore area.</i>	Rob Whytock	Open
5.	<i>KH to speak to the Contractor Omexom to investigate if we can move a defib to security cabin at site entrance.</i>	Kevin Hutton	Open
6.	<i>RW to coordinate setting up a site visit and face to face meeting for the next CLG</i>	Rob Whytock	Open

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