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Meeting	Kintore Substation - Community Liaison Group (4)
Date	20 th of April 2022
Time	6.00pm – 8.00pm

Kintore Substation CLG Attendees and Apologies:

Attendees	Position
Andy Henderson (AH)	SSEN Transmission Project Manager
Dav Lynch (DL)	SSEN Community Liaison Manager
Suzanne Mackay	SSEN Transmission Project Manager
Ann Overton (AO)	Garioch Area Manager - Aberdeenshire Council
Janine Cracknell (JC)	SSEN Transmission Stakeholder
Mike Shearer (MS)	Local Resident
Heather Watt (HW)	Inverurie Community Council
Cllr David Keating (DK)	East Garioch Ward - Aberdeenshire Council
Debbie Korver (DK1)	Local Resident
Johan Korver (JK)	Local Resident
Apologies	Position
Alexander Burnett (AB)	MSP for Aberdeenshire West
Moira Moran (MM)	Kintore & District Community Council

Minutes

1.0	Introductions and apologies
1.1	DL welcomed everyone to the Community Liaison Group. Suzanne Mackay was introduced to the CLG and it was explained that Suzanne would be taking over as Project Manager for the Kintore 400kV project and Andy Henderson would be leaving the business. Apologies: Alexander Burnett & Moira Moran
2.0	Approval of previous minutes and matters arising
2.1	Minutes from the first CLG meeting were approved. Proposed by JC and seconded by DK. DL confirmed these minutes would be published on the project website. www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/kintore-400kv-substation/
3.0	Safety Moment
3.1	DL presented the project overview starting with a safety moment and discussed “Fire and smoke alarms: changes to the law” slide. This slide highlights the changes to Scottish law and requirements regarding having smoke alarms fitted to homes. AO highlight that this was very useful reminder.
4.0	Project Overview / Update
4.1	AH provided an overview of the North East and East Coast reinforcements via a new substation at Kintore which involves a phased development of a new substation operating at 400kV. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 to be completed to tie in with the network north of Kintore in October 2023 Phase 2 to be completed for the network south of Kintore energising to 400kV operation in 2026.

5	Project Update – Since last CLG
6.1	<p>AH presented images of the tree damage caused by storm Arwen. He advised the SSENT had sought advice from Future Forestry who advised that all hardwood trees that were left standing could remain in situ and all softwood trees had to be felled due to weaker root structures. AH confirmed that the necessary felling and mulching had been carried out by Future Forestry in March and that replanting of native species would be carried out in 2023 (due to supply chain disruption and a lack of stock caused by the recent storms).</p> <p>MS mentioned that the site is considerably more visible now to members of the Leylodge community. DK1 asked if the residents close to site and been contacted. DL & AH confirmed that regular communication had been made with impacted residents near site.</p>
6.2	<p>AH presented a slide which shows the area of the cut and fill operation and earthworks which is now complete. AH confirmed that crushing would be completed by the end of the week. AH then went on to show the image of the retaining wall which has been successfully completed. AH displayed the image of the 2 Supergrid transformer oil containment bunds. AH explained 1 of the bunds is completed meaning that the large scale concrete pours were nearing completion.</p>
6.3	<p>AH provided a slide showing the building steelwork erection and advised that these works have been accelerated to remove the risk of overall project delay. AH confirmed cladding of the building was expected to conclude in Q2 2022. Internal fit out of the building is planned for Q3 2022 and various works inside the building will continue until 2026.</p> <p>MS asked if the structure that was there currently would be made any bigger or taller.</p> <p>AH confirmed that the building would not get any bigger or taller and the structure in place would be clad in van dyke brown (colour).</p>
5.5	<p>AH displayed the slide of the hard landscaping mounds. It was mentioned to the CLG group that discussions were being held between AH, DL and both DK1 and MS regarding shaping of the mound with SSEN committing to soften the bund elevations to make it look more natural and less engineered. AH clarified that the bunds were larger in scale than originally anticipated due to encountering a shortfall in rock and a surplus of overburden.</p> <p>AH confirmed that landscaping works had stalled until drier weather in Q3 2022.</p> <p>AH confirmed we would undertake surveys to determine impact to phone signal of the revised landscaping bund from local 4g mast at Kintore as well as adjust the slopes of the perimeter bund along the side facing the residents access track so that they look less engineered and more natural.</p>
5.6	<p>AH moved on to show a slide showing a high-level timeline of the programme for both phase 1 and phase 2 and confirmed the activities planned for the next quarter would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cladding of the building roof and walls •Various works internal to the building •Installation of concrete support foundations •Installation of platform drainage pipes and cable ducting •Due to a shortfall in rock within the ground there will be a need to import stone from local quarries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,400 loads of 6F2 and 925 loads of Type 1 • Over a 100-day period May –September (ranging from 20 –40 with an average of 23 deliveries per day).
6.0	Community Queries
6.1	<p>JK raised the question regarding the sticks with the blue markings and what their purpose was.</p>

	Post Meeting note: these identify the planned route of the chain-link fence which will be realigned allowing the more visually intrusive Heras (steel) construction fencing to be removed.
6.2	AO asked if we required the officers name regarding planning consent. AH advised if this was something AO could provide this would be helpful. AO agreed to send this information on to DL.
6.3	DK1 raised the question regarding the movement of the Blackhillock the pylon nearer her property. AH confirmed this was planned for the end of 2023/early 2024. DK1 asked for clarity on when “Phase 1” would be complete. AH confirmed phase 1 would fully energised in July 2023 with phase 2 commencing afterwards. DK1 asked if the SSENT were confident of the project hitting timescale targets. AH confirmed the project is very much on track to achieve timeline targets and has no concerns regarding completion date of 2026. AH confirmed the project is constantly exploring ways to derisk the project by accelerating elements of the work scope.
7.0	AoB
7.1	AH went on to provide an overview of the 132kV Asset replacement project. AH confirmed planning submission had been made on 22/3/2022. Once this application is available on Aberdeenshire council website this reference application will be shared with the CLG group. AH also mentioned potentially setting up a separate CLG for this project nearer the time. AH explained that the planning application was submitted based on feedback received at last year’s public consultation events with option 1 being the preferred option. is based on option 1 as this was the feedback raised at this by locals at last year’s Public consultation events. It was also mentioned that the building submitted in the planning application is smaller that what was presented as part of the consultation event. DL explained we are always keen to help out in the local community and explained SSE’s volunteering programme “Be the Difference Volunteer Day” and encouraged any interested parties to contact him directly. DK asked if information regarding “Be the difference days” could be shared with the CLG group. Action for DL to send this along with meeting minutes. DK1 asked if the slides from todays CLG could be sent out to the group. Action for DL to send presentation to CLG group. DK mentioned the upcoming elections and that this potentially will be his last CLG meeting. DK to keep DL informed of outcome of upcoming elections.
8.0	Date of next CLG
11.1	Wednesday 27 th of July 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Actions.

Number	Action / Update	Owner	Open/Closed
1.	AO to send DL information regarding planning officer name at Aberdeenshire council.	AO	Open
2.	DL to send out presentation with Minutes meeting	DL	Closed