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Meeting	Lochay Transformer Replacement -	
	Community Liaison Group	
Date	18 March 2025	
Time	3.00pm – 4.30pm	

# **Lochay Transformer Replacement CLG Attendees and Apologies:**

Attendees	Position
Stuart Gray (SG)	SSEN Transmission Project Manager
Louise Anderson (LA)	SSEN Transmission Lead Community Liaison Manager
Robert Hamilton (RH)	Global Project Manager
Michael McDonald (MM)	Balfour Beatty Site Engineer
Michael Edwards (ME)	Balfour Beatty Project Manager
Mr Stewart Inglis (SI)	Killin Community Council
Ms Frances Inglis (FI)	Killin Community Council
Apologies	Position
Ms Helen Cole (HC)	National Trust for Scotland
Ms Eleanor Murray (EM)	National Trust for Scotland
Ms Jacqui Morris (JM)	Local Resident
Michael Donnelly (MD)	SSEN Transmission Site Supervisor

## Minutes

1.0	Introductions and apologies		
1.1	LA introduced Michael Edwards from Balfour Beatty to all attendees.		
	Apologies were received from Eleanor Murray, Helen Cole, Jacqui Moris and Michael Donnelly.		
2.0	Approval of previous minutes and matters arising		
2.1	There were no matters arising and the previous minutes were accepted as a true record of the November meeting.		
	FI proposed and SI second.		
3.0	Open Actions		
3.1	Action 3 – As concerns raised on height of wall to proximity of being underneath the OHL, it is now confirmed that there is		
	no intention of increasing the height of the wall. This may change once we've fully built the site and may be re-looked at.		
	Action is now closed.		
4.0	Project Update		
4.1	SG gave an update on works to date and activities coming up on site.		
	Foundations for new wall have been installed and all structures erected. The road within the substation has also been		
	formed. Thought to have an expanse of space until construction commenced, working around 11kV ducts, multicore ducts,		
	fibre ducts etc in the ground. Bit behind where we hoped to be, but progress is being made.		
	Pictures of the internal switch room shared, and more photos of internal works will be shared at future CLGs as fit out		
	continues.		
4.2	Works coming up consist of Global leaving in April/early part of May 2025 with Balfour Beatty beginning their fit out in May		
	2025.		
	First transformer delivery for a June 2025 delivery, exact date/timing still to be confirmed. The transformer is no longer		
	coming over the Falls of Dochart Bridge and will now come via Kenmore and the A827.		

We will be installing a temporary bridge over the penstock. Hoping bulk of our work will be completed before SSER start their refurbishment of the Lochay Power Station but will be a crossover of works in the area including when the cable drum deliveries come to site.

An update on the programme was provided with full energy being pushed out to November 2026. Civil works will run up to September 2025 and mechanical and electrical works will run out to 2026. Stage 1 commissioning has now moved out to 2026 with OHL works being conducted between June-September 2026. OHL works pushed programme out further than we expected.

Tower (Twr) 2 was always being replaced but as explained at the last meeting the foundations weren't up to standard, and for Twr 3 assuming the same problems. Balfour Beatty have carried out investigative works and they are looking for the best position for moving Twr 3, the tower will still be in the line as the other towers but possibly closer to the road.

Stage 2 commissioning Aug 2025-Oct 2026.

### 5.0 Community Queries

5.1 FI highlighted comments had been made about construction vehicles not adhering to the 20mph zone in the village. LA confirmed this will be highlighted to both Contractors and raised with all site operatives to be mindful of the speed limits in the village and these are to be followed.

#### 6.0 AoB

6.1 NTR

#### 7.0 Date of next CLG

7.1 June 2025 – Exact date TBC.

#### Actions.

Number	Action / Update	Owner	Open/Closed
3.	SG to confirm total length of the stone cladding.	SG	Closed
	CLG 2 note - SG confirmed the cladding will be half of the long wall (25m) as well as full width of gable end closest to the road (5m) Cladding on the free-standing wall TBC. JM queried the height of the hall which SG confirmed will be 1.2m high, with the safety fence to be 2.4m. SG explained that Stirling Council have dictated the height, but SSENT will discuss with Civil engineers about increasing height of wall to 2.4m to tie in with fence.		
	CLG 3 note: SG confirmed that the wall will be 1.8m not 1.2m as advised at the last CLG. SG explained that he had discussed increasing the height with the project team and it could be done but SSENT would be required to speak to Stirling Council as they've agreed 1.8 and would also have to speak to SSENT operations to ensure they don't have issues. SG advised that SSENT's preference is for a landscape bund, but Stirling Council's preference was for a wall. CLG members agreed their preference would be a bund instead of an increase to the wall. SG to speak to Council and Operations.		
	CLG 4 note: SG updated the CLG that this action remains ongoing and SSENT has not approached Stirling Council yet, SSENT would prefer a bund, and we have approached our consultant who did planning drawings so we can give Council as much information as possible.		
	CLG 5 note: Following discussion, it is felt that a bund could not be built safely as the area is not wide enough to get the height required. We therefore are looking at increasing the wall height to 2.4 metres and will have to take this back to Stirling Council as it would be a material change to our planning conditions. This action remains open.		
	CLG 6 note: Stirling Council have been approached by SSENT regarding increasing the wall height to 2.4 metres and have advised that this would require a new planning application to be submitted. Internal discussions remain ongoing on the best way to proceed. Consideration must be		

	given regarding the top of the wall and distance to the overhead line for safety. RH confirm this distance needs to be 6 metres minimum.		
	CLG 7 note: As concerns raised on height of wall to proximity of being underneath the OHL, there is no intention of increasing the height of the wall. This may change once we've fully built the site and may be relooked at. Action is now closed.		
10.	All site operatives to be reminded of their speed when travelling through the village and should be adhering to the 20mph zone.	SG/RH/MM/ME	Open