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Meeting	Beaully Community Liaison Group
Date	2 nd November 2022
Time	7pm

Beaully CLG Attendees and Apologies:

Attendees	Position
Cllr David Fraser	Cllr and Chair of CLG
John Stewart	Kilmorack Community Council
Steve Byford	Kilmorack Community Council
Duncan Fraser	Kilmorack Community Council
Bill Fraser	Kiltarlity Community Council
Stuart Mack	Lovat Estates
John Graham	Kilmorack Community Council
Mary Graham	Kilmorack Community Council
Lee Wilson	SSEN Transmission
Simon Hall	SSEN Transmission
Kelly Scott	SSEN Transmission
Simon Johnstone	SSEN Transmission
Matthew McKessick	SSEN Transmission
Sarah Lashley	SSEN Transmission
Colin Railley	BAM Site Agent
Sally Cooper	SSEN Transmission
Apologies	Position
Rob Slaughter	SSEN Transmission
Duncan McCall	SSEN Transmission

Minutes

1.0	Introductions and agenda
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Introductions and Agenda

1. Safety Moment
2. Previous meeting notes, outstanding actions
3. Project updates and noise monitoring
 - i. Beauly 132kV Redevelopment project and Contractor Update
 - ii. Noise
 - iii. CPNI fencing project
 - iv. West of Beauly – Asset Replacement projects
 - v. Pathway to 2030 and Beauly Hub
4. Support for local employment
5. Community experience since last meeting
6. Issues arising - SSEN T
 - Community
8. AOB and next meeting date

First in-person meeting held since before March 2020 at the Lovat Hotel, Beauly

2.0 Safety Moment


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- Winter driving, dangerous road conditions with leaves on the road and darker nights
- Check vehicle – tyres for tread depth and pressure, wiper blades and replace if needed. Have plenty of screenwash and check that oil and water-level is topped-up, inspect bulbs, clean lights, mirrors and windscreens.
- Prepare vehicle safety kit for emergencies to include things like ice scraper, water, blanket, shovel reflective triangle, jump leads, torch, phone charger, first aid kit.

3.0 Previous meeting notes, outstanding actions

3.1 Previous Meeting Notes Outstanding Actions

Number	Action / Update	Owner	Open/Closed
1.	Re-sent link re planting around substation entrance	SC	Closed
2.	Aim to have noise monitor in-situ before the end of Sept 2022	RS	Open
3.	To request that Environmental Health ensure community involvement in the 2023 noise review.	DF	Open
4.	To ensure at next Asset Replacement consultations info is provided to the community as to why their preferred site/s are not on the SSEN T short list and to include an explanation as to the chosen search area.	LW/SC	Open
5.	To create a visual showing current power levels around the main nodes – e.g., Beauly, Spittal, Blackhillock and onwards transmission to what is planned for 'The pathway to 2030' with the aim of helping communities and those non-technical understand SSEN T's obligations. BF kindly offered to assist.	BF/AR	Open
6.	Discussion at next meeting on how to maximise local employment and ensure that local companies are geared up for the work ahead – to include both engineering related positions and supporting roles.	SC	Open
7.	To find out whether there will be any additional fencing?	SH/MMck	Closed

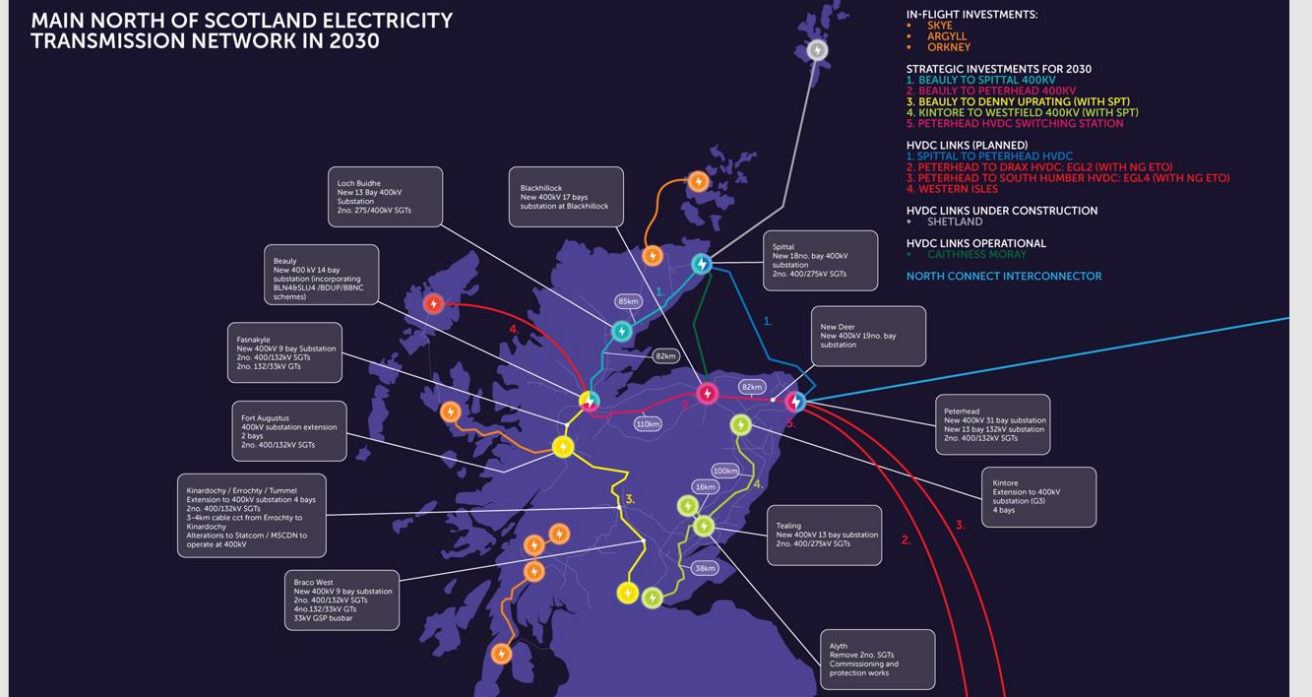
	Updates are provided at the relevant stages of this presentation
4.0	Project Updates and Noise Monitoring
4.1	<h2>Beauly 132kV Redevelopment Project and Contractor Update</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial mobilisation started for Principal Contractor. • Progressing well with supply of information to THC to discharge pre-development planning conditions. • Enabling works taking place between October and December 2022. • Main works starting from December 2022. • Licensed badger mitigation work and fencing improvements completed. • 2 bat roost trees felled under licence. • Post excavation analysis and reporting to start for hut circle.
4.2	Colin Railley, Site Agent for BAM provided an update to explain that enabling works are being carried out from now until Xmas. The platform is being prepared ready for the GIS construction, there will be some tree felling. It was suggested that Aigas Community Forest could use the wood which would be a local benefit and reduce the distance of travel. This was noted.
4.3	SSEN Transmission (Transmission) explained the speed reductions sign permissions/quotes are still with The Council, these will be for 40mph and will extend from the junction of the A862/A831 as far as the deer sign and will be located both sides of the road. Transmission have agreed to pay for these and there needs to be an agreed transfer of ownership of these on project completion.
4.4	Transmission informed that road improvement works will start week of 14 th November, the community councils and CLG have already been informed of these works and a notification confirming dates will be distributed. The works are for a duration of 8 days with traffic lights in operation and includes a full road closure overnight on 17 th /18 th November. The community discussed the BT box located at the quarry entrance leaking water which has been happening for years with the potential for icing in the colder winter months, this was noted.
4.5	Regarding the round houses – the Community said there`s a lot of local interest and its proving difficult finding information about the archaeology dig and the findings, Transmission agreed to send a copy of the report from WSP which will also be in the public record.
5.0	Noise Monitoring Update
5.1	<h2>Noise Monitoring Update</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We're in the process of securing a 4G supplier to install a 4G platform to allow automatic updates to be sent through (within the substation) • Order with Bureau Veritas to install the noise monitoring equipment • Aiming to have platform and monitoring equipment in situ by end of November 
5.2	Transmission apologised for the delay in the setting up of the monitor, and if the 4G reception is good enough it will make it easier to monitor any changes in any noise providing real time updates. A couple of members of the community said they still hear noise, this is usually at night, after midnight and around 4-5am when it is quiet with low traffic noise and when the weather is calm. Transmission reminded them of the use of keeping times of when this occurs. The community questioned the effect on noise with all the power being `pushed through` for 2030 and Beauly – Denny The Community

	were informed that noise base lines will be recorded and there won't be additional transformers for the 400kV compound, the line is 400kV one side and 275kV the other, the voltage will be turned off, so no modifications are required. Transmission will share the scope of works.
6.0	CPNI Fencing Project
6.1	<h2 style="text-align: center;">CPNI Fencing Project</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to supplier problems the project will now run into the New Year unfortunately. • We anticipate having to work the odd weekend to try to recover the programme but these works will be installation only with no heavy construction noise. • We hope to be able to open the boundary footpath in the New Year. • The bat, owl and bird boxes are now at site along with the pine martin box. These will be installed in the next month. 
6.2	The Community were informed that the footpaths around the substation will remain closed throughout the Redevelopment project and the Community reiterated the improved appearance with the green fence instead of galvanised. The Community asked about the fencing for the Hydro power stations to which it was explained that this comes under SSER (Renewables) a separate business, the Community enquired about the possibility of SSER representative/s attending the meeting – Transmission will invite them to the next meeting.
7.0	West of Beaulay – Asset Replacement Projects
7.1	<h2 style="text-align: center;">West of Beaulay – Asset Replacement Projects</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Consultations to be held 31st October & 1st November • Flood mitigation at Aigas to be detailed to satisfy SEPA and THC for planning • Contractor to be engaged shortly in order to help with design and continuity for these projects.
7.2	Transmission explained that the Culligran and Deanie proposed sites are more straightforward with stakeholders accepting the proposed solutions The Community suggested changing the name of the Aigas project to `Teanassie`, it was explained that it is called Aigas to align with the name of the `Aigas Hydro power station` and flood risk assessments need to be carried out on the preferred site.
7.3	The Community complimented the quality of the visuals used at the recent consultation event adding that they would like to see visuals in the Cannich to Beaulay direction next time. They commented on the height of the building, and the preferred colour is green. Transmission explained that a civil design will be carried out with the aim of `lowering` it to reduce visual impact.
	Kilmorack – Transmission informed of the site visit to assess the electrical losses and the need to increase the number of cables which affects electrical losses the further away from the power station it goes – with only 4 or 5 cables per phase that fit onto the switchgear. The Community enquired as to there being a possible noise issue to which Transmission responded that noise mitigation is part of the pre-application, with the community preference is for the site to be located up the hill. The Community are pleased to see this additional site being considered rather than driving on with the original `preferred` site. Construction time for these projects is estimated at approx. 20 months though it was explained the programme of works would not be clear until a contractor is appointed. A Community member complimented project team members for the

good level of question answering at the consultation and willingness to ask a colleague if unable anyone was unable to answer - these comments have been passed onto the Team.

8.0 Pathway to 2030

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It was agreed to send out the map as an attachment with the Meeting Notes.

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Pathway to 2030

• **Upcoming OHL Consultation:**

Beaulieu – Loch Buidhe – Spittal 400 kV OHL

Initial public consultation, which will aim to present both the corridor and considered routes programmed for early 2023.

Beaulieu – Blackhillock – New Deer – Peterhead 400 kV OHL

Following initial public consultation, we have programmed for route consultation in Spring 2023.

Hub Requirements

We aim to share shortlisted site options considered for the new Beaulieu 400 kV AC switching station and Western Isles HVDC Converter during these events, consulting on the preferred option.

8.3

Transmission will be consulting on the Beaulieu-Spittal 400kV project early next year, and confirmed there will be further updates with regards to the proposed new Beaulieu substation during this consultation.

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Beaulieu – Blackhillock – New Deer – Peterhead 400kV

- Across the 8 events (Beaulieu, Inverness, Forres, Elgin, Turiff, Keith, New Deer, Peterhead) we had 356 people attend
- Feedback period closed on 28th Oct, with 72 feedback forms received, more are anticipated through post in coming days
- Over 25,000 properties were posted an invitation. All properties were from within the potential corridors
- Lots of follow up questions asked and further engagement with attendees within the consultation period

	<p>Over 70 feedback forms had been received following the Beauly –New Deer - Blackhillock-Peterhead (BBNP) consultation events. The project team are now looking at routes in the preferred corridor. The community commented that some residences had not received notification of these events and were alarmed at the project, Transmission explained that this has been taken up with the mailing company. It was also agreed that other groups on Facebook in these areas are contacted to maximise exposure as not all are linked with or see community council updates.</p> <p>The Community went on to comment that the link to the information re the BBNPproject is very informative – this will be shared with the meeting notes.</p>
9	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Supporting local employment</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring local employment opportunities around our projects • Recent Meet the Buyer event • Poster advertising local positions on the noticeboards Wester Balblair and Beauly • HIE portal - open for business • Planning school's engagement and Careers events
9.1	<p>Transmission shared information about the recent Meet the Buyer events and the Community said they would be interested to know which local companies BAM used for the Redevelopment project.</p> <p>Transmission went on to add the future supply chain is being lined up in preparation for Pathway to 2030. Transmission have a comprehensive Graduate and Apprenticeship programme supporting the pipeline of the future workforce and also Contractors are lining up sub-contractors etc . Transmission explained the Framework process and securing contractors – some are 3 or 4 tiers down and are required to be on the Framework, adding that Transmission are engaging contractors earlier in the process due to the volume of work to be delivered. The Chair reinforced that the aim should be to use local for money to stay in the Highlands.</p> <p>Future plans for school engagement were also discussed– to include Beauly, Teanassie and Cannich primary schools initially. The Community suggested that HIE might be able to assist from the other side of things.</p>
10	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Community Experience Since Last Meeting</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Beauly Community to comment</p>
	<p>Community complemented the quality of consultation materials, in particular the 3D modelling and stated that the CLG meetings will be even more important with projects `ramping` up.</p>

11	<h1 style="color: #0056b3;">Any Other Business?</h1> <h2 style="color: #0056b3;">Proposed date of next meeting</h2>
	<p>It was proposed that the next meeting in February will be hybrid – Teams/In-person. Transmission will enquire about speakers/microphone to see how possible this can be and will report back.</p>

Actions.

Number	Action / Update	Owner	Open/Closed
1.	<i>Copy of Archaeology Report to be sent to Bill Fraser, it will be a while before this is available</i>	SH	OPEN
2.	<i>Scope of Works for Beaulieu - Denny</i>	SH	OPEN
3.	Invite to SSER to attend the next meeting	LW	OPEN
4.	Noise – in regard to increased volume pushed down the lines with Pathway to 2030	RS	OPEN
5.	Share link for Beaulieu – Blackhillock project and attach Pathway 2030 map and enquire about running a hybrid meeting in Feb 2023	SC	OPEN