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	Function	CLG

Meeting	Greens 400kV Substation Community Liaison Group (1)
Date	14.07.26
Time	7-8:30pm

Greens 400kV Substation CLG Attendees and Apologies:

Attendees	Position
Catherine Cowie	Community Liaison Manager – SSEN Transmission
Liam Barber	Project Manager – SSEN Transmission
Alan Gourlay	Lead Project Manager – SSEN Transmission
Chris McClure	Senior Project Manager - BAM
Maxine Garson	Senior Social Sustainability Manager - BAM
Susan Ejidike	Social Value Specialist – Siemens Energy
Phil Kitt	Resident
Joan Stirling	Resident
Laura McGillivray	Resident
Paul Pocknell	Resident
Finella McLeay	Resident
Shane Morrison	Resident
Tina Hall	Resident
Jane Knowles	Deer Community Council
Kathryn Vincent	Fyvie, Rothienorman and Monquhitter Community Council
Cllr Iain Taylor	Councillor - Turriff and District Ward
Apologies	Position
Cllr Alastair Forsyth	Councillor - Turriff and District Ward
Cllr Anne Stirling	Councillor - Turriff and District Ward

Minutes

1.0	Introductions and apologies
1.1	Everyone in the room made their introductions. CC talked through the agenda for the meeting.
2.0	Agreement of Terms of Reference
2.1	CC presented the Terms of Reference of the CLG.
2.2	Discussion around the invite list to the CLG, conclusion the current members will attend the CLGs and pass information to other residents. If there are other residents that want to join, they should contact CC.
2.3	Agreement that meetings are to be held quarterly with at least two meetings a year held in person, in either Cuminestown or New Deer depending on road accessibility and WiFi.
2.4	Attendance of SSEN Transmission / BAM / Siemens Energy may rotate depending on project progress or agenda points. Members to submit agenda points 7 days in advance. Attendees may also include Greens to New Deer underground cable project team / contractors or other third-party developers where required.
3.0	Project update
3.1	CC provided an overview of Greens 400kV substation project. Substation will be built and energised by 2030.

	• Principle contractor undertaking the works is a joint venture by BAM UK & Ireland and Siemens Energy. • A 3km underground cable will be constructed to connect the existing New Deer substation with the Greens 400kV substation.
3.2	CM provided a three month lookahead of work, primarily around the upcoming PRI. PRI is confirmed for 10 August, residents to be letter dropped in advance. Design of passing places has been in collaboration with Aberdeenshire Council Roads department.
4.0	Community queries
4.1	Signage Extra signage to be added to direct traffic to use the correct routes to site. Ongoing site works / surveys Ecologists are in the area carrying out surveys as part of our pre-construction survey work. All ongoing site works are temporary for set up of compounds, welfare and access routes within site. Vegetation management Due to bird nesting season BAM are restricted with what they can do to manage vegetation on site under CDM regulations. Teams are on site under EcoW supervision carrying out management in targeted areas in agreement with Aberdeenshire Council. Tagging vehicles going to site Request was made to investigate potential to tag vehicles travelling to / from site to make them identifiable to members of the public. UPDATE – Response from BAM Fleet Management is that it won't be possible to do this as BAM private vehicles are on lease agreements, and the lease companies don't allow permanent or temporary signage to be applied to their vehicles. To address concerns, BAM will ensure that every driver goes through site induction and the approved routes to site will be reinforced in this. Residents are encouraged to flag incidents through CC who will report back to BAM. Visibility issues with design of passing places Concern was raised around visibility just before the two bends in the road. UPDATE – BAM visited the area on 15/07/26 and are investigating options to improve visibility.
5.0	Community benefit fund
5.1	CC provided an update on the North Aberdeenshire Community Benefit Fund. Discussion around how local the fund would be, with confirmation given that the fund will be split into local and regional funds. Consultations on the structure of the fund will be held locally later in the year, giving residents and community councils the opportunity to help shape the fund. If required, sessions can also be run to help smaller groups with the skills to apply for the fund. CC to reach out to Formartine Rural Partnership to discuss what development plans are already in place for the area.
6.0	Jobs
6.1	MG shared that BAM currently have several roles advertised in the local area. Residents are encouraged to share and apply. https://www.bamcareers.com/uk/en/search-results
7.0	AoB
7.1	N/A
8.0	Date of next CLG
11.1	6 October 2026

Actions.

Number	Action / Update	Owner	Open/Closed
1.	CM to investigate tag and flag options for all traffic visiting site.	CM	Closed
2.	CM to speak to team about where delivery drivers take their statutory breaks.	CM	Open
3.	AG to investigate plans for temporary welfare site for cable (Swanford).	AG	Open
4.	CM to speak to team about adding extra signage on site (No construction vehicles etc.) and having temporary speed limits for staff	CM	Open

6.	MG to share link to local BAM job advertisements.	MG	Closed
7.	CC & Community Benefit Fund manager (AM) to reach out to Formartine Rural Partnership to discuss Community Benefit Fund design.	CC	Open
8.	LB to look into plans for winter road safety (gritters etc.)	LB	Open