Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks TRANSMISSION	Document reference	11 th CLG for Cg Substations
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	Function	CLG

Meeting	Crossaig (Cg) Community Liaison Group
Date	11 Aug 2026
Time	11:00-13:00pm
Location	On site at Crossaig

SSEN Transmission attendees:

Attendees	Position
Martha Smart (MS)	SSEN Transmission Community Liaison Manager
Ali Awada (AA)	SSENT Delivery Project Manager (Crossaig)
Rachel Glen (RG)	SSENT Assistant Delivery Project Manager
Stephen Kennedy (SK)	SSENT Delivery Project Manager (High C, H Filter, Tangy WFC)
Ian Brodie (IB)	East Kintyre Community Council Representative
Margaret Pratt (MP)	West Kintyre Community Council Representative
Paul Crone (PC)	Tarbert & Skipness Community Council Representative
Rupert James (RJ)	Tarbert & Skipness Community Council Representative
Cllr Anne Horn (AH)	Argyll and Bute Council: Kintyre and the Islands
Cllr Dougie McFadzean (DM)	Argyll and Bute Council: Kintyre and the Islands
Apologies	**Position**
Innes Mackintosh (IM)	BAM Nuttall Limited Social Sustainability Manager

Minutes

1.0	**Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**
1.1	Attendees were welcomed, introductions and apologies shared. - A safety moment was shared with the group around SSENT Summer Campaign and keeping safe on site and while travelling during hot weather.
2.0	**Previous Minutes**
2.1	Previous minutes were agreed.
3.0	**Community Engagement Update**
3.1	MS gave an update on some of the recent community engagement activities and any important notifications. These included: - SSENT Festival of the Sea headline sponsor for Oban's Clipper Race 2026 stopover events. - 6 Community leaders appointed to Argyll Local Investment Forum who will make decisions on the Community Benefit Fund (CBF) awards.
3.2	Questions were raised around: - How many applications to the CBF were submitted? And when will the awards be announced? MS was not sure. - Transparency of the matrix/process which the forum will use to make decisions and what kind of oversight there is from SSENT? MS mentioned the themes of the fund and that a senior representative from SSENT will sit on the forum but also said she **would invite Linsay Chalmers, Community Investment Manager** (community.benefit@sse.com), who is an on the ground resource for Argyll communities looking to apply for funding, **to our next CLG to introduce herself and take any further questions** Clarification was provided that there would be additional rounds of funding- the current total lifetime value of the Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Local Fund is £3,268,000. This is split between a large project fund and micro-grants, with funding released in phases over five years from 2026. £593,600 will be released in each funding round of the large project fund. £60,000 will be released in each funding round in the form of micro-grants. For more information view the dedicated website- Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Local Fund - SSEN Transmission

4.0	**Crossaig Substation**
4.1	RG gave an update on progress at Cg substation: - Structures & installation equipment being installed by Siemens - Buildings cleaned before GIS equipment is installed - Palisade fencing works are in progress - Drainage works between both substations ongoing - Skidways / SGT accessories delivered - - Preparation for Transformers arriving to site ongoing - Lighting columns & CCTV installed - Drainage works nearing completion
4.2	A discussion was held around safety, how the site would be monitored once complete, and in the event of a fire or site shutdown what the response would be. Focus was paid to the anxieties that communities have around safety in relation to new energy infrastructure and the impact on already stretched local provisions. - The SSENT team explained how resilience is built into the design of sites and into the wider system to both protect against issues but also to contain them should they arise. - **MS agreed more could be done collaboratively to help communicate to communities the robust safety considerations and measures in place, agreed she would take this away to see what more could be done**.
4.3	Project completion dates for Crossaig were confirmed: main works are due to finish at the end of 2027 with minimal works taking place in 28/29.
4.4	An update on the transformer delivery plan was also shared: - Transformers due to be delivered to site in August - Both Transformers being transported by Self-Propelled Modular Transporter (SPMT vehicle) from Campbeltown Port - SGT 1 – 13/08 - SGT 2 – expected 26/08 - Installation & commissioning activities will be ongoing over the next 4-5 months Drone video of SGT 1 journey to site was shared with the group.
5.0	**High Constellation Wind Farm**
5.1	SK shared an update on Constellation WFC: - Reiterated the scope; Windfarm connection for private developer Baywa who are expected to start work late 26, 5 km of underground cable and extra switchgear installed within Crossaig Substation. - Current program expected dates: projected start date of Spring 27 and projected completion date of Q1 2029. - Early works ongoing, upgrade of existing on-site track and further GI works Sept/Oct 2026. - Project access point – Cour windfarm track adjoining the A83 at Gartnagrenoch, nr Whitehouse. - It was confirmed at no HGVs are permitted to use the B road as per previous project restrictions
5.2	An update was requested on the Harmonic Filter project, update to be added to the slides for next meeting: - Application has been submitted to ABC. Project need was explained- in simple terms, the filter is needed to help smooth out electrical disturbance on the network. Monitoring has shown higher than expected levels of harmonic distortion at Crossaig substation which can affect how efficiently and reliably equipment operates. The proposed filter is therefore needed to help keep the electricity system running safely and reliably. Alternating Current Harmonic Filter - Crossaig North 275 / 132 kV Substation - SSEN Transmission
6.0	**Community Queries**
6.1	- Community reps shared that a new bike pump track was to be opened at Tayinloan. - MP thanked BAM team for helping to fix some snags with the new shed. IB Requested update on Carradale Substation extension and Tangy IV Wind Farm and Cnoc Buidhe Wind Farm Shared Use 132kV Connection Project; - S37 Planning application submission has been delayed, now expected early next year, stakeholders will be updated. - Will passing places into Carradale be upgraded and what about the bell mouth at Brackley Cemetery? There will be road condition assessments and a series of upgrades where required. - MP shared that Cnoc Buidhe Wind Farm is deemed likely to go to PLI.
7.0	**Next Meeting & AOB**
7.1	Next meeting to take place online 16th Nov.

Actions.

Number	Action / Update	Owner	Open/Closed
1.	*Site Visit to be arranged for later in the year*	MS	Closed

2.	*Further Discussion around collaboration between SSENT, ABC & Developers to consider cumulative impact*	MS/DM	Ongoing
3.	*SK contact details to be shared*	MS	Closed
4.	*Information on Whitehouse BESS*	MS	Closed
5.	*Contact Tarbert & Skipness Trust regarding CLG*	MS	Closed
6.	*Invite Linsay Chalmers (Community Investment Manager) to our next CLG*	MS	Open
7.	*Look into what more can be done to reassure local communities on safety and local resources*	MS	Open