

 <p>TRANSMISSION</p>	Document reference	8 th CLG for Cg Substations
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	Function	CLG

Meeting	Crossaig (Cg) Community Liaison Group
Date	16 Oct 2025
Time	13:00-14:30pm
Location	Online via Teams

SSEN Transmission attendees:

Attendees	Position
Martha Smart (MS)	SSEN Transmission Community Liaison Manager
Ali Awada (AA)	SSENT Delivery Project Manager
Stephen Kennedy (SK)	SSENT Contracts Supervisor
Ian Brodie (IB)	East Kintyre Community Council Representative
Margaret Pratt (MP)	West Kintyre Community Council Representative
Cllr Dougie McFadzean (DM)	Argyll and Bute Council: Kintyre and the Islands
Apologies	Position
Innes Mackintosh (IM)	BAM Nuttall Limited Social Sustainability Manager
Cllr Anne Horn (AH)	Argyll and Bute Council: Kintyre and the Islands

Minutes

1.0	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies
1.1	Attendees were welcomed and apologies shared. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A safety moment was shared around taking care in high winds and tying things down to prevent them from blowing away and causing damage or harm.
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SSEN Transmission's SMART Stem event at the end of November in Dunoon Academy . - Pathway to 2030 webinar – Building a Lasting Legacy Webinar Invitation - https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/events/2025/pathway-to-2030-building-a-lasting-legacy-webinar-invitation/. - An update on the Argyll and Kintyre 275kV Local Fund: gathering all feedback before sharing a fund proposal with key community representatives. Finalised fund details will then become available on the website by end October 2025 (extension).
3.2	Members shared feedback about their attendance at the Community Benefit Fund consultation events, this included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Their disappointment, that aside from Tarbert, the rest of the Kintyre peninsula was seemingly overlooked to host events in the first instance, though it was welcomed that further events were later added. - The messaging of the format of the events was confusing, the “drop-ins” were more like presentations so anyone coming in later missed key information, and it did not feel like an open space to have causal discussion. - Confusion on West Kintyre eligibility. - Lack of consultation on how the fund will be administered and disappointment that community councilors are not able to sit on panels due to their perceived conflict despite that these are often the people with the most experience. IB and MP both have over 25 years' experience managing community funds. There was a feeling that taking part in the consultation was pointless as they were restricted from contributing.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highlighted that despite direct impact on Campbeltown, especially from construction, they are not included in the fund. <p>MS highlighted that the restriction on community councilors not being part of the decision making was directly from the government guidance, aimed at ensuring there was clear split from planning decisions. However, she emphasised that community cllrs could still be consulted on the fund and that she would pass this feedback on and encourage the fund manager to speak with them.</p>
4.0	Crossaig Substation
4.1	<p>AA gave an update on progress at Cg substation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peat restoration works complete - Transformer bunds complete - GIS Buildings erected and almost complete - CKHR upgrades and widening ongoing - Key upcoming works in 2026 will be the electrical works
4.2	<p>DM queried if the haul road could be used by the public after construction was complete. IB mentioned that Carradale CC have previously enquired about this and that the primary landowners, FLS, were not supportive of such a move, which is further complicated by numerous landowners who would need to agree. The site team also noted that it would not be suitable for cars, as its current condition is most suited to heavy vehicles. Ongoing access would also be needed for the wind farms and it is quite a busy road.</p>
6.0	Community Queries
6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IB raised issues with site lighting on a Sat night north of the B842 near Ravensbay. The site team agreed to look into this. - A potential "open day" was discussed as a way for local people to see the progress on site. However, the site team raised that this would not be possible due to health and safety though they are happy to share any progress images and perhaps in the future a select group could be welcomed to site by invite. - MP also asked if SSE staff were out doing soil tests as part of the Whitehouse BESS project. MS to follow up with PM to ask. - Discussion held around other upcoming consultations;/projects including ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) moving forward in the development of the MachairWind project located Northwest of Islay and West of Colonsay and that they have a dedicated community manager.
7.0	Next Meeting & AOB
7.1	Next meeting to take place on online 22 Jan 2026

Actions.

Number	Action / Update	Owner	Open/Closed
1.	<i>Site Visit to be arranged for later in the year</i>	MS	Closed
2.	<i>Further Discussion around collaboration between SSENT, ABC & Developers to consider cumulative impact</i>	MS/DM	Ongoing
3.	<i>SK contact details to be shared</i>	MS	Closed
4.	<i>Information on Whitehouse BESS</i>	MS	Closed