

 Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks TRANSMISSION	Document reference	6 th CLG for Cg Substations
	Revision	FINAL
	Function	CLG

Meeting	Crossaig (Cg) Community Liaison Group
Date	29 April 2025
Time	13:00-15:00pm
Location	On Site at Crossaig Substation

SSEN Transmission attendees:

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

Minutes

1.0	Site Induction, Welcome, Introductions and Apologies
1.1	Attendees were welcomed on site and asked to sign-in before receiving a health & safety brief. - IH was introduced to the group
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: - The decision to split the Crossaig and Craig Murrail CLG meetings to ensure meetings were relevant for attendees, making the most of everyone's time, while avoiding any confusing crossovers - An update on the Argyll and Bute Community Benefit Fund in line with new government guidance which sets out recommended levels of benefit for new overhead lines (£200,000 per km), substations, converter and switching stations (£530,000) - Community Funds for Transmission Infrastructure: Guidance SSENT are planning to consult on the fund with key stakeholders and communities over the summer aiming to launch this financial year- Community Benefit Fund - SSEN Transmission - SSENT's Local Authority Liaison team have secured agreement from A&B Council to support the delivery of energy network training for elected members and officers, already been delivered in other areas such as Highland & Aberdeenshire Councils. Does not relate to any live planning or projects. Subject to dates being finalised and agreed with Ofgem, Energy Consents Unit and NESO who also participate - We have been invited to participate in the regular Argyll & Bute Renewables Alliance (ABRA) meetings that bring together industry and council officials to coordinate discussions - We have been delivering sessions with planning officials from across Scotland, including A&B in respect of national security issues - Pictures were shared on the schools STEM event- MAK STEM Fest that the project sponsored in Campbelltown
3.2	Regarding community benefit the cost of Wi-Fi for local halls was discussed. There are 5 in East Kintyre alone and it costs around £75 per month. This was noted as an expense which, if covered, would be highly beneficial. MS noted that the fund is being managed by a central team rather than projects.

	MP and IB discussed their experience of some 25 years managing Wind Farm benefit funds, it was agreed they would make a valuable contribution to the fund consultation, and both expressed a keenness to be part of that.
4.0	Crossaig Substation
4.1	AA gave an update on progress at Cg substation. - Feb -Apr Timelapse video of construction progress was shown alongside pictures of the drainage formation on site, the extension platform on the original substation, compound establishment, and the Crossaig North Platform
4.2	Site security and safety was discussed considering the recent power cuts in Europe and incidents in the UK. AA mentioned some of the strict protocols SSENT are required to adhere to alongside measures to prevent theft such as CCTV and sensors. It was agreed SK's contact would be shared in case members had to contact site in an emergency and for contact to be made with local Fire and Rescue to see if more can be done to mitigate against potential incidents.
5.0	Site Environmental Considerations
5.1	Ian Hulbert, SSENT's Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) gave an overview of his role and experience, presenting some of the key project environmental considerations to the group. - He explained his role as an ECoW was to provide; • Quality assurance to ensure compliance with all environment-related planning and regulatory consents/permits, requirements and guidance • Quality assurance to ensure the Project Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) is being fully implemented • Identification of good environmental practice and areas requiring improvement/urgent action by the main contractor and any sub-contractors • Advice to SSEN project team on site environmental matters, including silt pollution management, water quality, biodiversity and sustainability • Liaison with local staff of environmental regulators (SEPA and NatureScot), if requested with the clients He also presented some of the key considerations specific to the Crossaig project • At the substation- water management and silt, importation of stone and other materials, peat management, site cleanliness and environmental management of plant. • On the Cross Kintyre Haul Road- management of silt alongside roads, silt fences, stone dams, management of dust, traffic Management, spreading water And gave an overview of 2 critical species being protected during our works- Greenland White Fronted Geese and Red-throated Divers. Traffic management was highlighted as critical for their protection, alongside ongoing monitoring.
6.0	Community Queries
6.1	In addition to the above it was noted that - Traffic signage is still standing - Achtnabreac forestry lorries are carrying around 20-50 lorries a day which could impact the project
7.0	Next Meeting & AOB
7.1	Next meeting to take place on Tue 29 th July 2025 at 1pm online
7.2	The group then walked to the substation viewing point to see the progress first hand and had the chance to ask the team questions.

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