

Broadford - Community Liaison Group Meeting

9th October 2025

Broadford Village Hall

Present: Lynne Adamson (resident Old Corry), Irene Kay (resident Old Corry), Martyn Ayre (resident), Margaret Clark (Balfour Beatty Senior Manager - Planning) - attending online, Phoebe Williams (Balfour Beatty Community Relations & Communications Officer), John Finlayson (Councillor, Highland Council) – attending online, Rhona Coogan (Broadford Community Council), Shirley Grant (South Skye Community Campus), David O'Donnell (Broadford Community Council / SSCC), Maren Ebeling (SEEN Community Liaison Manager), Haleem Mohammed (SEEN Project Manager Broadford Substation), Melissa Macdougall (BSCC), Ben Yoxon (BSCC), Norma Morrison (BSCC).

Apologies: None

RC welcomed all and introductions were held round the table.

Ashaig workers camp update (Balfour Beatty)

- [Planning application](#) live on 29th September.
- Proposal includes: accommodation for 450 workers, offices, welfare, car parking, storage, yard for work vehicles
- Going through consultation period – due to expire on 29th October
- Ecological impact assessment (EIA) not required – HC decision.
- Additional information needed due to proximity SSSI site:
 - Reports needed on otters and protected trees.
- Engaged with Transport Scotland re access to site – looking positive.
- Looking for service connections and engaging drainage specialist.
- Investigating private water supply.
- SSCC were delighted with the offer of a gym for the campus by BB, concern raised about withdrawal of offer due to timescales. Community working with HC to meet timescales – huge benefit to community if gym to be sited on SSCC.

Community questions raised:

Have Balfour Beatty liaised with the new primary school project due to be starting in the new year?

What consultation has there been with Highland Council / Morgan Sindall?

How will fuelling of the vehicles / machinery be serviced?

Query over storage / maintenance plans not originally included in the original consultation?

Query over Balfour Beatty using airstrip for storage?

Actions:

Answers to the above queries.

Community to continue to work with HC / BB to secure gym on SSCC site.

Community requested:

- Copy of transport management plan
- Anticipated transport figures
- Condensed copy of Environmental Impact Assessment – for all planning applications related to the OHL.
- Copy of otter / tree surveys and reports - for all planning applications related to the OHL.

Broadford Substation update (SEEN T)

- Waiting for planning conditions to be satisfied.

- Road can progress.
- Corry road needs stripped and reconstructed from junction and for 350 metres including the replacement of cattle grid (section 51).
- Road will be widened with drainage improved.
- Access on road will be available 24 / 7 whilst works are being carried out.
- Tree felling will begin this year (outwith bird nesting season).
- Felled trees will be left on site
- Cabins will be placed on site for welfare purposes.
- New quarry being developed.

Questions and issues raised:

When will works be carried out?

Highlighted importance of access to loop paths - Skinidin / Corry loops.

Access is biggest concern to Corry residents.

Concern over noise impact on community owned campsite "Camping Skye" – **Camping Skye supports the work of BSCC.**

Actions:

Answer to above question.

Community requested:

- Blasting plan.
- Traffic management plan.
- SSEN / HC / Community to make contact with David Swanson – Active Travel, Skye, to highlight development – potential to look at access path linking Corry loop to Skinidin.
- Info on how volunteer time and experience can be accessed * BSCC have contacted SSEN to support with tree felling in community forest – awaiting confirmation of support.

CLG Terms of Reference:

- SSEN have a generic Terms of Reference for the group – to be reviewed, adapted and adopted by the CLG.
- Minutes will be published on the Skye Reinforcement website, local social media pages, COOP noticeboard and in library.
- Membership
 - HIE representative to be included going forward.
 - Business and Crofting representation to be looked at.
 - Breakish Grazing Clerk liaising with SSEN / BB and feeding back to the crofting community.
 - CLG info to be shared with Breakish Grazings Clerk to share.
- SSEN will have additional interaction with the community and happy for community to make contact directly.
- CLG meetings will be held monthly initially.

Actions:

- ME to send DRAFT Terms of Reference to all in the CLG group.
- HIE to be invited. Action RC
- ME to make contact with Breakish Grazings Clerk.
- Community to make contact with business representative.

A.O.B.

- Torrin workers camp – Sodexo still have a live planning application.

- Sodexo actively looking for an alternative site outwith the Broadford and Strath area.
- Positive development so far but until there is a more formal agreement the above planning application will not be withdrawn.
- SSEN will update at next meeting.
- Noted that the community funding criteria has been updated by Government and the OHL will be considered for additional funding.
- Cohesive working of the three CLGs encouraged by JF.
- HC organising a meeting with Malcolm Macleod and SSEN.

Actions:

Community requested:

- List of areas / spaces being used by SSEN and their contractors in the Broadford and Strath area. This includes office space / storage / ancillary use not included in the acknowledged planning applications at Corry / Ashaig and Torrin road.
- Copy of biodiversity requirements for each project
- Clarity on available community funds – recognition needed of rurality.
- Excel sheet with community legacy / funding distributed to date on current and historic SSEN projects.
- [Local Place Plan](#) / [Skye and Raasay Future Plan](#) to be considered when looking at funding priorities – current criteria of SSEN Transmission community fund does not fit with community priorities. Community legacy essential.

It was noted numerous times the huge impact that the discussed developments will have on Broadford as the gateway to the rest of Skye.

Date of next meeting:

6th November at 3pm

Additional queries raised by CLG members following on from the meeting:

Balfour Beatty:

What impact will work camp bore hole have on neighbouring homes / businesses

SSEN:

What mitigation will there be to reduce impact on nesting birds when trees felled at Corry?

What will the noise implications be for the community owned campsite Camping Skye when the natural noise barrier (trees) are felled?