

**Broadford - Community Liaison Group Meeting**  
**SSEN Transmission Skye Reinforcement Project**

06 November 2025  
Broadford Village Hall

**Present:** Lynne Adamson (resident Old Corry), Martyn Ayre (Broadford Community Council), Margaret Clark (Balfour Beatty Senior Manager - Planning) - attending online, Sam Crowe, Rhona Coogan (Broadford Community Council), Shirley Grant (South Skye Community Campus), David O'Donnell (Broadford Community Council / SSCC), Maren Ebeling (SSEN Community Liaison Manager), Haleem Mohammed (SSEN Project Manager Broadford Substation), Melissa Macdougall (BSCC), Ben Yoxon (BSCC), Norma Morrison (BSCC).

**Apologies:** Irene Kay (resident Old Corry), Phoebe Williams (Balfour Beatty Community Relations & Communications Officer), John Finlayson (Councillor, Highland Council)

RC welcomed all and introductions were held round the table.

**Minutes:**

Minute of 9.10.25 meeting approved.

All confirmed happy for any DRAFT minutes to be circulated prior to next meeting.

**Matters arising:**

[Balfour Beatty responses](#)

Awaiting responses:

Substation - 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.  
\*community have made contact with David Swanson
- 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.

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.
- 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.

Other:

- ME to make contact with Breakish Grazings Clerk. **Action: unclear if this happened?**
- Community to make contact with business representative. **Action: unclear if this happened?**

**Terms of Reference:**

ME shared a [DRAFT Terms of Reference](#) which was reviewed by the group.

Points to be considered and amended:

- 2. Members – Broadford and Strath Community Council, Broadford and Strath Community Company, South Skye Community Campus, SSEN and Contractors, HIE happy to be a member – group will confirm at a later date.
- 4. Meetings – discussion about frequency, going to be held monthly initially.
- 6. Community Council will chair the meeting, issue meeting documents and setting the agenda
- 7. Copies of minutes to be shared in the library and online via SSEN and community social media pages, SSEN transmission webpage – link?

**Action: ME will update Terms of Reference.**

#### **Sodexo Workers Camp:**

- Torrinn road Sodexo Workers Camp planning application has been removed (28<sup>th</sup> October 2025) and is no longer being considered.
- Thanks given to SSEN for the removal of this application.
- SSEN noted that lessons have been learnt from the Torrinn camp going forward. MA offered support to SSEN going forward.

#### **Ashaig workers camp update (Balfour Beatty)**

MA raised that consultation was flawed.

Only 10 out of 29 statutory consultees have responded.

- Transport Scotland – agreed entrance – works starting in New Year
- Scottish Water approved – bore hole and waste water treatment plant
- Contaminated land – no contamination / gassing on site
- HC Flood risk management – objection – need revised plan and SUDs ponds need to be enlarged to reflect flood risk.
- Historic Scotland – no objection
- Nature Scotland – objected - required additional studies including otters
- Woodland not in such good condition as it was 30 years ago – trees to be planted and deer fences put up round workers camp
- Habitat appraisal
- Transport document shared by BB
- Access officer – Group requested support to ensure cycle / beach path is considered in any planning decisions
- HC felt that the workers camp would have a negative visual impact
- SEPA have put in a holding objection due to illegal works that have carried out
- Noise assessment – additional report to be carried out

170 public comments – [summary of objections shared by BB](#)

SSEN have 1000 house target over North of Scotland

Transport plan has to reflect the village at peak – community raised huge figures of vehicles going through village

BB will sit round table with Morgan Sindall to discuss traffic management with start of new school –

#### **Action: Balfour Beatty / HC / Morgan Sindall**

Query about Restoration plans for site – BB will do as requested by HC

Land at Breakish is owned by a Landowner with two tenants – private individual and common grazing – Balfour Beatty will be renting the land.

Community Council will be issuing an objection to the site with a few notable points raising community concerns.

South Skye Community Campus – Door not closed on gym and SSEN Transmission may be able to support as Balfour Beatty have now removed their original offer of siting the gym within the community. The reason for this being timescales however community have carried out a lot of work to date and happy to work with planners and partners to progress.

**Funding:**

- Discussion round SSEN funding however the current funding themes do not fit with community needs.
- Offer of support from BB with writing funding bids however writing bids not the issue.
- Local Place and Development Plans highlighted as a good starting point for basing funding themes – more community input needed.
- Meeting to be organised between community and SSEN community fund **Action: ME**

**Broadford Substation:**

- Stage 1 compound completed
- Cabins and ancillary building in place
- Tree felling to take place prior before restrictions apply again next year – bird nesting.
- BSCC met with SSEN representative to discuss volunteer support to remove non-native sitka from the community owned forest when tree felling is going on. **Action: ME to update**
- Works starting early 2026
- Replanting planned and community highlighted the [local tree nursery](#) to ensure tree provenance and to support biodiversity
- Rebuilding road – 6m road with improved drainage but just for 350m
- Important to include a footpath alongside the new bellmouth that is being created. **Action: ME also has a potential plan to be disclosed**
- No update on borrow pit planning application

**SSEN Transmission Fund:**

- Confirmation of £10 million funding – £5 million for local fund and £5 million for regional fund. Detail likely to be announced in 2026
- Discussion over how funds will be distributed – Project Area Wide Fund may be looked at
- SSEN have appointed a new funding manager – Joanna Rogers previously Glengarry Community Woodland Association

**A.O.B.**

Broadband –potential for SSEN to provide broadband for SSCC (Broadford Village Hall). **Action: ME**  
HIE – currently involved with other CLG groups and happy to be involved going forward.

**Date of next meeting:**

11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 @2pm