

Broadford - Community Liaison Group Meeting
SSEN Transmission Skye Reinforcement Project
19th March 2026, Broadford Village Hall

Present: Martyn Ayre (Broadford Community Council), David O'Donnell (Broadford Community Council / SSCC), Sam Crowe (BB Community Liaison), Maren Ebeling (SSEN Community Liaison Manager), Shirley Grant (South Skye Community Campus), Irene Kay (resident Old Corry), Norma Morrison (BSCC), Ian Philp (Head of Strengthening Communities HIE), Lynne Adamson (resident Old Corry), Dan Thomas (Consents and Environment Officer SSEN), Simon Johnson (SSEN)

Apologies: Rhona Coogan (Broadford Community Council), Ben Yoxon (BSCC)

DOD welcomed all and introductions were held round the table.

Minutes:

- Minute of Nov meeting will be reviewed at next meeting
- December minute - Ian Philp proposed and Martin Ayre seconded minute of December meeting
- Circulate approved December minutes to all **Action: NM**

Matters arising:

- Query regarding Ashaig application and if it would be discussed at the June North Planning meeting

Old Corry Substation:

- Work has currently stopped on the substation
- MA contacted THC regarding works not approved being carried out on the borrow pit
- Forestry work going on in agreement with FLS
- Forestry Land Scotland access on right on Old Corry road – concrete foundations going in for welfare facilities for road works
- Slight discrepancy with roads department regarding the plans
- Vegetation work going on to tracks for equipment
- There will be portacabins on both sides of the road
- SSEN have requested that portacabins are in situ for the duration of the substation works
- Annotated map to be sent with information on plans to be attached to the minutes **Action: ME?**
- There is a consented corridor for the placement of the new towers along the transmission route – felt not articulated clearly by SSEN
- Letter drop for Old Corry residents and Broadford and Strath Community Council will be sent next week and will include contact information for whatsapp group **Action: ME**
- No update on path
- SSEN had suggested an alternative route
- Access path currently in place to be kept open – THC access officer highlighted a signage issue which has been rectified
- Potential for cross over directly across A87 **Action: SSEN to investigate with THC and Transport Scotland**
- Signage to be on the Torrin road regarding roadworks on the Old Corry road **Action: ME**

Borrow pit:

- Additional documents submitted to planning last week with more detail

- How biodiversity net gain will be met – **Action: BY to review?**
- Will meet and exceed the biodiversity expectation by filling in the borrow pit and planting native trees
- Waternish replanting compensates for loss of commercial wood
- Waternish raised by community as replanting in Waternish rather than our area

Ashaig workers camp update Balfour Beatty

- No real update
- Double container plans not agreed as yet with the council
- Water supply has gone out to tender
- Request for updated plans **Action: SC will update when agreed with THC – hopefully next meeting**
- Working on various options for second workers camp and will update when information to share

SSEN Transmission Fund:

- Running consultation events in person and online
- Inviting public and relevant groups
- Detailed survey has been shared
- Survey link for the Skye Reinforcement Local Fund can be found [here](#).
- Survey will end on the 11th of April
- Concerns raised regarding membership of the panel decision board and lack of THC involvement – national policy
- Skye and Raasay Community Benefit Fund – Jo Rodgers Funding Officer from SSEN has made contact with HIE / Local Energy Scotland
- Broadford and Strath Community Council feel that it is disappointing that they are excluded from these panels making important decisions for our community
- Jo from SSEN to provide comment on reasons for no THC and THC community councillor involvement **Action: Jo SSEN**

AOB:

- Wifi – SSEN agreed to one off payment for Broadford Hall Wifi, costs to be agreed **Action: ME/SG**
- Core path plan – may be able to use SSEN tracks as longer term paths subject to land owner agreements and water course crossings would need bridges **Action: SSEN to send info on number of bridges needed**
- Meeting to held later on the scheduling of works through Broadford **Action: SSEN to update in due course**

Date of next meeting: 7th May 2026 at 2pm

IK – there has been an issue with delays on the Old Corry Road with no notice. There has been no communication to residents. A communication group for residents is requested – WhatsApp is suggested. **Action: ME to ensure that resident contact group is set up.**

Residents to meet with GE in New Year? **Action: ME to organise**

Lights on site are on overnight and dazzling **Action: ME to see if they can be turned off**

Communication is key and ME is keen to be kept updated.

Community questions requested - ME updates (11/12/25)

Substation:

- Blasting plan – ongoing
- Traffic management plan – ongoing
- Access path - SSEN have contacted David Swanson – Active Travel and Outdoor Access potential to look at a path linking Corry loop to Skinidin. The Community have also contacted David Swanson.
- Looking at various options and segregated footway
- Considering these options.

[Balfour Beatty responses](#)

CLG Terms of Reference:

ME shared updated Terms of Reference.

All to take home and review.

Substation update:

- Offices set up
- Trees being felled
- Roadworks and Quarry are still in planning (3 separate planning applications)
- ME pressing for traffic management plans – no update
- ME raised issue of community council resources in terms of planning applications **Action: RC to email ME regarding volunteer fatigue**
- Social Value Charter have staff to support with the value of applications coming through the HC.
- Online map of proposed projects

Ashaig workers camp update Balfour Beatty (MC)

- HC overwhelmed with applications and will not meet determination date – new date 11 March
- Statutory consultees have still not all responded.
- THC have asked Balfour Beatty to reduce footprint of village by double stacking accommodation units – recent request.
- No plan yet and there will be an opportunity for all to re comment.
- Will squeeze the units up towards the sawmill.
- Foul drainage needs will be the same
- Storm capacity might be reduced (1 in 200-year events).
- MC highlighted that an objection was made about the change from consultation to planning and felt that maybe MC had not conveyed properly – not trying to get away with things. Re word it.

- BB contacted BY directly regarding otters.
- Pre action letter received by MA and Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland approx. 3 weeks ago – screening process was faulty and based on inaccurate information from Balfour Beatty. HC to review screening process again.

SSEN Funding

- Welcome to Joanna Rogers – SSEN Community Funding (). Contacting the generic email address will ensure someone from the team picks it up if Jo is out of office.
- Priority is developing local funds
- Local fund for the transmission line
- Second local fund to be set up by SSEN
- Fund based on Government guidance – <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/electricity-transmission-network-infrastructure-community-funds>
- ~~Fixed fund just over 10 million.~~ Based on the government guidance, the total amount of community benefit funding generated by the Skye Reinforcement project is £10.91 million. In line with SSEN Transmission's governance for community benefit funding, half of this - £5.46m – will be dedicated to a new Skye Reinforcement Local Fund for communities located from Fort Augustus to Ardmor, throughout the whole project area. The other half will be made available via the SSEN Transmission's Regional Community Benefit Fund for the north of Scotland transmission area, which communities along the Skye to Fort Augustus line can also apply to.
- Decision making panels made up of local representatives will be set up – not sure how it will work thinking about 3 different Highland areas like THC / HIE. More information to follow.
- There will be public consultation events.
- Looking at the SARF and Local Place Plans
- Meeting with Jo at SLCVO who are working on the SARF and supporting community groups across Skye and Lochalsh
- Starting point of consultation will be those communities who were consulted in planning
- Community Engagement Plan – would like feedback on how to deal with this
- Fund proposal to feed into
- Fund live by mid-summer but need a rigorous process
- There was an original consultation on the Regional Fund in 2023 however this is a more detailed consultation focused on the Skye Reinforcement line only, in line with the new Government Guidance
- Create a wish list
- Keep in touch with any needs that ~~will suit the project~~ the project team themselves might be able to deliver (ie, support with paths etc) as community benefit funding is not the only way to deliver benefit to local communities.
- SSEN seeking input from THC and HIE on community engagement/funding plans
- Local Place Plan / Skye and Raasay Future Plan will be considered when looking at funding priorities. The regional community benefit fund was not designed to meet the specific needs of communities along the Skye Reinforcement project route, instead it focuses on projects that have a strategic, transformational impact, with a reach that is wider than one community, or have the potential for wider future impact through replication. The Skye Reinforcement Local Fund will be focused on the needs of communities along the route. Community legacy essential.

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Volunteering

(ME) All volunteering requests to be submitted via: skye.reinforcement@sse.com or log volunteering opportunities on our website:

[Volunteering in Local Communities - SSEN Transmission \(information\)](#)

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=gw87leYcw0WCyR2EficiOf60fvr5O8Zlqjfgc_zqIgzUN09CN1VOQVI2OEJVQIq0NjITINPWDQyVS4u&route=shorturl (volunteering request form)

Tree felling has been discussed.

Community Benefit Info:

List SSEN T **community benefit** recipients is available here:

[Regional community projects we're funding - SSEN Transmission](#)

General CB information:

[Community Benefit Fund - SSEN Transmission](#)

For Balfour Beatty Volunteering contact Sam Crowe (sam.crowe@balfourbeatty.com)

- Send volunteer wish list to both ME and SC.
- Communities need to create wish list – contact all groups
- Various support – finance / HR / VAT advice?
- Keen to support social enterprises

A.O.B.

- Broadband –potential for SSEN to provide broadband for SSCC (Broadford Village Hall).
Action: SG
- Police in discussion with Balfour Beatty regarding Ashaig. **Action: RC to invite police to meeting**
- Transport Scotland not providing accurate data on the cumulative impact
- Discussion about storage / use of the airstrip - THC have committed lease to wind turbine storage.
- Environmental Health raising light / noise issue re the airstrip issue – could this issue is included in the CLG group?
- Community Councils are working together to look at developer funding – Glengarry
- BB have contacted Morgan Sindall and made contact
- Type 1 cumulative – what is known to be happening
- Type 2 cumulative – what is coming down the line?
- Important that contractors are aware of the local issues and how these projects will impact us.
- Still looking at additional worker camp sites (rather than Torrin road).
- SSEN want to leave as much legacy as possible.

Date of next meeting: 12th February 2026 @2pm