

Skye Reinforcement Project

Glengarry Community Liaison Group

Meeting Minutes

Meeting title	Skye Reinforcement - Glengarry CLG – Meeting 1
Date / Time / Location	25 March 2026, 7pm, Glengarry Hall

Attendees	
Maren Ebeling	SSEN Transmission, CLM
Matthew Ross	SSEN Transmission, Civil Project Engineer
Kevin Sutherland	Glengarry Community Council & Resident
Ken Brown	Glengarry Community Council & Resident & Member of GCLLG
Kenneth Knott (online)	Business representative (Black Sheep)
Daisy Laarveld	Resident Kinloch Hourn and Business Rep
Luke Church	Resident & Member of GCLLG
David Durney	Resident
Minutes by Maren Ebeling, SSENT	

Agenda:

1. *Welcome and introductions*
2. *Purpose of the CLG*
3. *Proposed terms of reference (including chair arrangements, meeting frequency)*
4. *Project Overview/Update*
5. *Community queries*
6. *AOB*
7. *Next steps (next meeting, actions)*
8. *Close*

1. Welcome and introduction

Maren welcomed all attendees to the inaugural meeting of the Skye Reinforcement Glengarry Community Liaison Group (CLG). Introductions were made.

2. Purpose of CLG

Maren explained the purpose of the CLG as outlined in the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) highlighting that whilst the CLG is in place for SSEN Transmission to provide project updates and provide a platform to discuss issue around construction impacts and how these can be minimised wherever possible - it is hoped that the CLG will also be a platform to identify opportunities for joint working and community benefit. Maren also outlined that in addition to the CLG it has been agreed with the Glengarry Community Council that SSEN Transmission would hold public engagement events (minimum of two per calendar year).

3. Proposed terms of reference

As part of the discussions on the draft ToR it was agreed that:

- The group will be shared by community representatives. The proposal was made and agreed for Kenneth Knott and Kevin Sutherland to be co-chairs, with Maren providing administrative support including agreement on agendas and invitees.
- A quarterly meeting schedule is acceptable whilst more frequent meetings can be called as and when required.
- Online attendance should be made possible for those not able to attend in person.
- The CLG can form subgroups to deal with specific issues, these subgroups would feed back to the main group.

4. Project Overview/Update

Maren provided a project update confirming timings and next steps of current road works as communicated to the wider community. Maren outlined how Balfour Beatty (Overhead line contractor) is currently developing their works programme as well as Traffic Management Plans and that information on these will be shared with the group and the wider community as soon as these are finalised. It was also agreed that the contractors will attend future CLG meetings as required to present on the suggested approach.

During the course of the project update, the following issues were discussed/raised/agreed by the group:

- The group requested a glossary of terms which Maren agreed to – terminology of ‘Borrow Pit’ vs ‘Quarry’ was used as an example. Maren highlighted that SSEN Transmission and their contractors will be unlikely to change their terminology but agreed that the glossary will help ‘translate’/clarify communications

- Going forward the group requested clearer explanations of contractual relationships in aid of clear communication.
- The group highlighted that SSEN Transmission will be required to satisfy all outstanding planning conditions prior to commencement of works.
- It was highlighted that SSEN Transmission are required under Section 37 conditions to consult on Traffic Management Plans ahead of construction start. Maren and Matt explained that this will happen once Construction Management Plans (CTMPs) become available. The group requested full documentation of the CTMPs once they become available. Maren to confirm what can be shared. Luke explained that the Glengarry Community Led Liaison group is looking at cumulative CTMPs across all proposed and confirmed projects in the area and that a specific matrix has been developed to aid this undertaking. Luke has agreed to share that matrix with SSEN Transmission and Matt agreed to consider how SSEN Transmission can support that work by providing requested details where possible.
- The group agreed that building trust would be important going forward. Community representatives noted that this may include requests for information that could be considered confidential and encouraged SSEN Transmission to share information where possible. Maren advised that any sharing of official documentation would need to be considered on a case-by-case basis, and that data protection requirements, legislation and commercial confidentiality may limit what can be shared. She confirmed that SSEN Transmission remains committed to open and honest communication.

5. Community Queries

Most queries and questions were covered during the project overview.

Discussions around the current ongoing roadworks and ongoing disruption on the C1144/U1207 led to the agreement that a 'traffic log' would be kept capturing a clear ongoing picture of traffic impacts and issues resulting from SSEN Transmissions project activity in the area. It was agreed for that traffic log to be reviewed as a standing item on the agenda going forward and be used to consider solutions where possible and required.

Another issue highlighted by the group was the impact of future construction and current road works on leisure visitors to the area. The group reminded of the popularity of the Glen to walkers, outdoor enthusiasts and general visitors and the crucial role these groups play to local businesses. The impact of future works on the OHL replacement line on popular walking routes was also highlighted. Maren confirmed that SSEN Transmission are aware of this issue and have so far gone to some extent to accommodate visitors/events wherever possible. Maren also highlighted that where the OHL replacement works impact on walking routes appropriate signage, communications and diversions will be in place wherever possible.

6. AOB

AOBs where covered as part of the above agenda items

7. Next Meeting

It was agreed for the chair(s) and SSEN Transmission CLM (Maren) to agree on next meeting date which should take place within the next 2 months as and when further information becomes available.

Action Log		
Start collating a glossary of terms	Maren Ebeling	ongoing
Share Glengarry Community Led Liaison CTMP matrix with SSEN T	Luke Church	No date agreed
Create traffic log, to be kept updated going forward	Ken Brown/Maren Ebeling	By next meeting
Confirm SSEN Transmission position on sharing CTMP documentation	Maren Ebeling	By next meeting

Traffic Log		
<i>to be populated going forward</i>		

Glossary		
<i>To be populated going forward</i>		