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Meeting	Lochay Transformer Replacement - Community Liaison Group
Date	29 November 2022
Time	6.00pm – 8.00pm

Lochay Transformer Replacement CLG Attendees and Apologies:

Attendees	Position
Stuart Gray (SG)	SSEN Transmission Project Manager
Louise Anderson (LA)	SSEN Transmission Lead Community Liaison Manager
Cllr Gene Maxwell (GM)	Stirling Council – Trossachs & Teith Ward
Ms Helen Middleton (HM)	Killin Community Council
Ms Frances Inglis (FI)	Killin Community Council
Ms Jacqui Morris (JM)	Local Resident
Ms Eleanor Murray (EM)	National Trust for Scotland
Apologies	Position
Cllr Elaine Watterson (EW)	Stirling Council – Trossachs & Teith Ward
Ms Helen Cole (HC)	National Trust for Scotland

Minutes

1.0	Introductions and apologies
1.1	Everyone present at the meeting introduced themselves to the rest of the group. Apologies were received from Cllr Watterson and Helen Cole.
2.0	Approval of previous minutes and matters arising
2.1	As this is the inaugural meeting for the Lochay transformer replacement CLG there are no previous minutes.
3.0	What is a CLG?
3.1	LA advised that on all SSEN Transmission (SSENT) major projects we wish to work with the community with respect to keeping them informed of works associated with our projects and ensuring that where possible all works are undertaken to minimise impacts on the local community. They create an open forum for engagement and allow us to bring various stakeholders together to discuss key issues and seek to find solutions to any issues that may occur. The Community Liaison Group has been set up to discuss and make the community aware of upcoming and ongoing works and ensure a clear line of communication of resolving any concerns during the project. The CLG has no statutory powers of its own and is established for the purpose of providing a platform for constructive discussion with local residents in relation to continued construction whilst providing regular project updates.
4.0	Terms of Reference
4.1	The Terms of Reference that were shared with the meeting invite were accepted by the CLG members.
5.0	Project Overview / Update
5.1	SG gave the CLG members an overview of the Lochay transformer replacement project and explained that the 132/11kV substation was built to connect the Lochay power station to the 132kV network and the transformers currently installed were installed in 1958 and are now ready to be replaced.

	<p>The new substation will be located to the north of the power station. The project will also consist of constructing a new substation building to house control equipment and 11kV switchgear. The 132/11kV transformers will be located outdoors as will the 132kV switchgear.</p> <p>There will also be changes to the 132kV overhead line (OHL) network. The current tower closest to the power station that is located on SSE Renewables land will be removed and the 132kV OHL will be diverted onto a gantry within the new substation compound.</p> <p>The works will be delivered by our Principal Contractors Global Infrastructure Ltd and Balfour Beatty Power Transmission & Distribution. Global will be undertaking the civils works and will be mobilising in February 2023 with Balfour Beatty mobilising in October 2023.</p>
5.2	<p>SG confirmed that SSENT's planning application was approved by Stirling Council on 10 March 2022 and the determination is associated with a number of planning conditions that SSENT have to discharge before any works can start on the new substation construction. The team are currently working through discharging these which has involved a number of investigations being undertaken at site including ground investigations on the tower in the field across from the site as this is the OHL that will be diverted and archaeological surveys.</p>
5.3	<p>Discussions were held on works coming up on site. SG advised that Global are hopeful to mobilise on 6 February 2023 to start setting up their site compound and welfare and separate to this works will include the diversion of services that run from the power station northwards through the area of ground that the substation platform will be built on, the storm drain that is also located in this area of ground will also be diverted and some of the passing places along the lower road in Glen Lochay that will be used for access to SSENT's site will be upgraded. Earthworks will then commence, and these are expected to be undertaken from late March to end of May 2023.</p> <p>JM asked about the power supply to Murlaganmore as the 33kV supply to this property runs behind the power station and as such JM wants to ensure that there is no interruption to their supply. SG to confirm if their supply is part of the diversion that will be taking place ahead of main construction starting.</p> <p>Questions were asked around the re-surfacing works on the start of the Glen Lochay Road that were undertaken as part of the current SSENT project in Killin that is in construction as there's a gap where the re-surfaced section stops. LA explained she understood that the re-surfacing was only for the section where the road had been opened to install cable ducts ahead of towers being removed but she would confirm this with the separate project team.</p> <p>SG explained that the project team were looking to reduce traffic movements to the site compound by processing material on site therefore the size of area required for the compound area needs to be a larger area. Discussions are ongoing with Boreland Estate for using their land adjacent to where the new substation will be constructed. Planning application for this area was submitted yesterday (28 November 2022) to Stirling Council and a lease is still to be signed with Boreland Estate. This new compound area includes for an area for processing material on site, the project's Traffic Management Plan (TMP) will ensure safety when crossing over from compound to the substation construction site.</p>
5.4	<p>Programme- of works was discussed with key dates highlighted, these included: Global mobilisation to site to be undertaken in February along with them commencing their civils works. Balfour Beatty to mobilise to site in October. Installation of equipment expected in June/July 2024. Commissioning will take place in Autumn 2024, with full energy in October 2024.</p>
6.0	Community Queries
6.1	<p>LA gave an update on recent community donations that the project team have made, in August 2021 the project team made a donation towards Killin Community Council's fundraising efforts for Christmas lights along Main Street in the village and in May of this year the project also made a donation to the Floral Association in Killin to help them with purchasing pollinator-friendly plants.</p> <p>The 'Be the Difference Scheme' which allows the project team to give a day volunteering in the form of skills-based assistance, painting, DIY, gardening and even school visits was explained to the CLG members. If there's anything the CLG members think of that could benefit from this scheme, they were encouraged to contact LA with details.</p> <p>LA also advised of the local supply chain meeting that is being held on 7 December 2022 at McLaren Hall, where the project team will introduce members of the Principal Contractors; Global and Balfour Beatty's project team to local businesses and encourage those that attend to send over information on their business to the Contractor Project Managers for them to follow up.</p>
6.2	<p>For keeping community and interested parties updated on the progression of the project's construction, LA explained that there is a dedicated project website, but that the project team will also look to create a project newsletter that is published in the Killin News which is currently in place for the Killin VISTA team.</p>
6.3	<p>FI enquired into the aesthetics of the substation and how this will look once completed. SG showed examples of the proposed cladding and colours of the substation building. The building itself will be a normal kingspan building but through</p>

	<p>discussions with Stirling Council some of the building will be cladded. The gable end closest to the road will be cladded, along with the long length closest to the power station. It is proposed to be an alternating mixture of the stone cladding and the Kingspan building. Stirling Council's preference for the building is bottle green, but SSENT's preference is olive green. All CLG members concurred that their preference would also be olive green, and GM voiced that if the project team needed support in having this agreed he would be happy to provide this.</p> <p>GM also enquired into the total length of the stone cladding which SG advise he would confirm for him.</p>
6.4	JM asked about the height of the wall around the substation, which SG confirmed would be 1.2 metres and that the security palisade fence would be 2.4 metres. JM enquired why the wall would not be the same height as the fence - SG advised that as well as the wall there would be landscaping put in place to help with screening and the landscaping plan would be shared. JM also asked about the tree removal required for the project to be constructed and SG will confirm what trees will be removed.
6.5	SSENT to liaise with National Trust for Scotland regarding surveys for the Moirlanich Longhouse and ensuring traffic movements won't disturb the house especially when the transformers are delivered in February/March 2024.
6.6	SG advised that surveys have been undertaken for the transformers being delivered in 2024 and no issues had been raised on the route which includes over the Dochart Bridge, but SSENT will look to carry out an update on the surveys to ensure this is still the case. GM asked what the weight of the transformers will be, and SG advised he will confirm the accurate weight.
7.0	AoB
7.1	Discussions around arranging for visits to the site for the CLG and primary school were held. Enquiries on visiting the power station too were raised of which LA said she would pass across to SSE Renewables to investigate opportunities for this to occur.
8.0	Date of next CLG
11.1	February 2023 – Exact date TBC.

Actions.

Number	Action / Update	Owner	Open/Closed
1.	SG to confirm for JM if 33kV supply to Murlaganmore will be diverted.	SG	Open
2.	LA to speak to SSENT Killin VISTA Principal Contractor regarding the re-surfacing of Glen Lochay Road.	LA	Open
3.	SG to confirm total length of the stone cladding	SG	Open
4.	SG to share landscaping plan and confirm tree removal.	SG	Open
5.	SG to liaise with SSENT civils team regarding surveys for Moirlanich Longhouse.	SG	Open
6.	SG to confirm exact weight of transformers.	SG	Open
7.	LA to pass across suggestion of visits to Lochay Power Station for interested members of the public and Killin Primary School.	LA	Open