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Meeting	Lochay Transformer Replacement - Community Liaison Group
Date	9 November 2023
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
Ms Frances Inglis (FI)	Killin Community Council
Ms Jacqui Morris (JM)	Local Resident
Mr Stewart Inglis (SI)	Killin Community Council
Apologies	Position
Cllr Elaine Watterson (EW)	Stirling Council – Trossachs & Teith Ward
Ms Helen Cole (HC)	National Trust for Scotland
Ms Eleanor Murray (EM)	National Trust for Scotland

Minutes

1.0	Introductions and apologies
1.1	Stewart Inglis (SI) for Killin Community Council was introduced, SI will now replace Charlie Grant as a representative of the Community Council and future CLG meetings. Apologies were received from Cllr Watterson, Eleanor Murray, and Helen Cole.
2.0	Approval of previous minutes and matters arising
2.1	There were no matters arising and the previous minutes were accepted as a true record of the November meeting. JM proposed and FI second.
3.0	Open Actions
3.1	Action 1 – SG confirmed he still has not had a response from SSEN Distribution but has a meeting on site with them on Tuesday 14 November, so will gain confirmation then and relay this back to JM, JM has pictures of the pole in question that she believes supply Murlaganmore Cottage and will share these with SG. This action remains open.
3.2	Action 3 – SG confirmed that the wall will be 1.8m not 1.2m as advised at the last CLG. SG explained that he had discussed increasing the height with the project team and it could be done but SSENT would be required to speak to Stirling Council as they've agreed 1.8 and would also have to speak to SSENT operations to ensure they don't have issues. SG advised that SSENT's preference is for a landscape bund, but Stirling Council's preference was for a wall. CLG members agreed their preference would be a bund instead of an increase to the wall. SG to speak to Council and Operations. This action remains open
3.3	Action 4 – The more detailed screening and planting plan was shared when minutes circulated on 26 July. This action is now closed.
3.4	Action 7 – LA has spoken to contact at SSER who in turn spoke to PM for works at power station, happy to attend a future CLG to provide an update when in a position to do so. This action is closed.
3.5	Action 8 – Road wasn't closed, just made certain areas wider. Most of heavy vehicle movements now complete until transformer delivered. This action is now closed.
4.0	Project Overview / Update
4.1	SG gave an update on works to date and activities coming up on site. In July at the last meeting, the site compound had just mobilised, SG advised that the diversion of the storm drain that ran through the area of ground where the substation platform will be located is completed. At the same time of the storm

	<p>drain diversion works, Balfour Beatty completed the tower foundation upgrades works that were required at the tower within Borland Estates field.</p> <p>The bulk of the earth works, and rock breaking are also complete and material from the rock breaking has been used for the gabion baskets which have started to be installed which has meant less import of stone to site. The installation of the gabion baskets is anticipated to be complete by the end of the year.</p>
4.2	An update was given on upcoming works, SG explained that there is the potential that the works expected to start in February 2024 on the substation building may be delayed as the project team are still currently working on the design for getting the cables in, so the work on the primary plant bases that was anticipated to commence in April 2024, may start in February instead.
4.3	The CLG members asked if to date the project remains on programme and SG confirmed that the rock breaking had added a couple of extra weeks onto the current programme, but SSENT are confident that this will be caught up.
4.4	SG went on to talk about the programme. Balfour Beatty are expected back on site in May/June 2024 and looking to be fully energised by September 2025. Global will have completed main civil works this winter.
5.0	Community Queries
5.1	SI asked if the recent spate of bad weather and rain had affected the site. SG advised that the storm drain is working effectively and that the silt buster installed cleans any runoff from site
5.2	FI enquired into the new equipment being installed and how they will stand out. SG explained that the structures are aluminium and will be galvanised. The transformers will be grey, and the building colour will be green to blend into surrounding area.
5.3	JM asked about the larger trees near the site being removed. SG confirmed that the trees that were to be removed have been, so no further felling required.
5.4	JM advised that family had been at Murlaganmore Cottage over 17-19 October and heard a generator on all night. SG to look into what was causing the noise during this period but confirmed the generator will eventually be removed once DNO supply connected.
6.0	AoB
6.1	NTR
7.0	Date of next CLG
7.1	Feb/Mar 2024 – Exact date TBC.

Actions.

Number	Action / Update	Owner	Open/Closed
1.	<p>SG to confirm for JM if 33kV supply to Murlaganmore will be diverted.</p> <p><i>CLG 2 note: SG confirmed he has raised this with SHEPD but hasn't had confirmation to date, another meeting is scheduled for 7 August and SG will chase for confirmation. JM highlighted that the property will be occupied last week in September and early October so imperative supply is not off during this time. This action remains open.</i></p> <p><i>CLG3 note: SG confirmed he still has not had a response from SSEN Distribution but has a meeting on site with them on Tuesday 14 November, so will gain confirmation then and relay this back to JM, JM has pictures of the pole in question that she believes supply Murlaganmore Cottage and will share these with SG. This action remains open.</i></p>	SG	Open
3.	<p>SG to confirm total length of the stone cladding.</p> <p><i>CLG 2 note - SG confirmed the cladding will be half of the long wall (25m) as well as full width of gable end closest to the road (5m) Cladding on the free-standing wall TBC. JM queried the height of the wall which SG confirmed will be 1.2m high, with the safety fence to be 2.4m. SG explained that Stirling Council have dictated the height, but SSENT will discuss with Civil engineers about increasing height of wall to 2.4m to tie in with fence. This action remains open.</i></p> <p><i>CLG 3 note: SG confirmed that the wall will be 1.8m not 1.2m as advised at the last CLG. SG explained that he had discussed increasing the height with the project team and it could be done but SSENT would be required to speak to Stirling Council as they've agreed 1.8 and would also have to speak to SSENT operations to ensure they don't have issues. SG advised that SSENT's preference is for a landscape bund, but Stirling Council's</i></p>	SG	Open

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4.	<p>SG to share landscaping plan and confirm tree removal.</p> <p><i>CLG 2 note - SG shared landscaping plan which showed what has been removed tree wise and what has been agreed by Stirling Council for planting. SG to confirm what the definition of woodland planting and shrub planting are. This action remains open.</i></p> <p><i>CLG 3 note: The more detailed screening and planting plan was shared when minutes circulated on 26 July. This action is now closed.</i></p>	SG	Closed
7.	<p>LA to pass across suggestion of visits to Lochay Power Station for interested members of the public and Killin Primary School.</p> <p><i>CLG 2 note - SSER had advised they couldn't accommodate a site visit to the power station but could offer a visit to Pitlochry Dam. LA advised would contact SSER to invite them to next CLG to update on upcoming works at power station. This action remains open.</i></p> <p><i>CLG 3 note: A has spoken to contact at SSER who in turn spoke to PM for works at power station, happy to attend a future CLG to provide an update when in a position to do so. This action is closed.</i></p>	LA	Closed
8.	<p>SG to confirm if the lower access road being used to site will have to be closed while passing places are installed in August.</p> <p><i>CLG 3 note: Road wasn't closed, just made certain areas wider. Most of heavy vehicle movements now complete until transformer delivered. This action is now closed.</i></p>	SG	Closed
9.	SG to investigate why generator running 24hrs between 17-19 October 2023.	SG	Open