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<b>Meeting</b>	Lochay Transformer Replacement - Community Liaison Group
<b>Date</b>	19 November 2024
<b>Time</b>	3.00pm – 4.30pm

**Lochay Transformer Replacement CLG Attendees and Apologies:**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Position</b>
Stuart Gray (SG)	SSEN Transmission Project Manager
Louise Anderson (LA)	SSEN Transmission Lead Community Liaison Manager
Michael Donnelly (MD)	SSEN Transmission Site Supervisor
Robert Hamilton (RH)	Global Project Manager
Michael McDonald (MM)	Balfour Beatty Site Engineer
Ms Frances Inglis (FI)	Killin Community Council
Mr Stewart Inglis (SI)	Killin Community Council
Ms Jacqui Morris (JM)	Local Resident
<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Position</b>
Ms Helen Cole (HC)	National Trust for Scotland
Ms Eleanor Murray (EM)	National Trust for Scotland

**Minutes**

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Introductions and apologies</b>
1.1	LA introduced Michael McDonald from Balfour Beatty to all attendees.  Apologies were received from Eleanor Murray and Helen Cole.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Approval of previous minutes and matters arising</b>
2.1	There were no matters arising and the previous minutes were accepted as a true record of the July meeting. FI proposed and SI second.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Open Actions</b>
3.1	Action 3 – SG confirmed that SSENT have approached Stirling Council regarding increasing the wall height to 2.4 metres and have been advised that this would require a new planning application to be submitted. Internal discussions remain ongoing on the best way to proceed. Consideration must be given regarding the top of the wall and distance to the overhead line for safety. RH confirmed this distance needs to be 6 metres minimum. This action remains open.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Project Update</b>
4.1	SG gave an update on works to date and activities coming up on site.  External walls of the control building are complete, and structures erected within the site. Transformer bunds remain outstanding for completion, but these are expected to be complete late January/February 2025.  Substation platform is being brought up to its final height with cable trenches and below ground earthing and drainage being installed.
4.2	Works coming up consist of the perimeter fence being installed and access road completed in January 2025. In February 2025 it is anticipated that the civil works will be completed and the internal fit out of the control building will commence in March 2025.  Full energy is now expected in August 2026, but looking to bring this forward where it can be. The reason for the slippage in the programme is down to having to unexpectedly change the switchgear required at a relatively late stage, the OHL

	foundations and towers not being as the drawing specifications the project team had, which is resulting in tower (Twr) 2 and potentially Twr 3 having to be moved. A fire also broke out in one of the factories in Germany where we are sourcing the post insulators.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Community Queries</b>
5.1	FI and SI confirmed that no concerns on site works had been raised to the Community Council.
5.2	JM asked if the wall height is not increased to 2.4m how tall would the perimeter fence be, SG confirmed this to be 1.8m.
5.3	JM enquired if the height of the gantry is the tallest structure that will be erected and how the overhead line (OHL) will connect to this. RH confirmed the gantry was the tallest structure and MM advised that Twr 1 which ultimately will be removed currently carries both 132kV and 33kV lines. The 33kV line will be transferred to wood pole and the 132kV will land on the gantry.
5.4	JM enquired around the movement of Twrs 2 and 3 and would these be new Twrs being built. SG explained they would be replacements with temporary ones installed to keep security of supply to the glen and Lochay Power Station. This work wouldn't take place until 2026, and it was agreed that any outages for Murlaganmore JM would be contacted.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>AoB</b>
6.1	NTR
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Date of next CLG</b>
7.1	March 2025 – Exact date TBC.

Actions.

Number	Action / Update	Owner	Open/Closed
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 hight of the hall 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.</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 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.</i></p> <p><i>CLG 4 note: SG updated the CLG that this action remains ongoing and SSENT has not approached Stirling Council yet, SSENT would prefer a bund, and we have approached our consultant who did planning drawings so we can give Council as much information as possible.</i></p> <p><i>CLG 5 note: Following discussion, it is felt that a bund could not be built safely as the area is not wide enough to get the height required. We therefore are looking at increasing the wall height to 2.4 metres and will have to take this back to Stirling Council as it would be a material change to our planning conditions. This action remains open.</i></p> <p><i>CLG 6 note: Stirling Council have been approached by SSENT regarding increasing the wall height to 2.4 metres and have advised that this would require a new planning application to be submitted. Internal discussions remain ongoing on the best way to proceed. Consideration must be given regarding the top of the wall and distance to the overhead line for safety. RH confirm this distance needs to be 6 metres minimum.</i></p>	SG	Open