



SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND CONNECTIONS PROJECT

COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

6.00 PM – 28th November 2017

PROJECT SITE OFFICE – NEW CUMNOCK

ATTENDANCE

Councillor Jim McMahon (JMC), Robert Laurie (RL), Eric Bennett (EB), Ian Howat (IH), Jerry Mulders (JM), Christine Morris (EAC) (CM), Brendan Tinney (BT), Karen MacGregor (KM), Francisco Gomez (FM), Robert Russell (RR)

APOLOGIES

Colin Wylie (SPEN), Councillor Walter Young.

WELCOME

Karen MacGregor (KM) opened the meeting thanking everyone for their attendance

Confirmation Minutes

Minutes from August meeting agreed.

PROJECT UPDATE / DISCUSSION

A verbal construction update regarding the Project was provided by Francisco.

	Route C	Route D
Preliminary	100%	100%
Civil Works	45%	94%
Tower Works	22%	75%
Wiring	12%	40%

1. JM asked for clarification on terminology that SPEN use on web site around completion. Website states that B and C will be completed Jan 18

KM – Dates on web site reflect energisation of the works rather than all works complete. Restoration works will run into Summer/Autumn 2018. Defining what 'completed works' means to different people is important. i.e. construction v restoration. KM agreed to update web site to reflect the difference between electrical works complete and remedial work. Action KM

2. JM – What are expected levels of stone movements? June minutes state that this will be provided in a Traffic Management plan (TMP) to the council.

BT – The reason the stone movement haven't been shown to date is because we could not be clear how much would be retained at site by landowners and for re-use and also because it has not been decided where stone will go to. A TMP showing this can be provided to the council prior to stone movements on public roads in EAC.
ACTION BT

3. JM – There is still stone at site for route A. Some stone under towers has not been removed

CM – A lot of the stone referenced by JM is tied to individual landowner consents and discussion would be more appropriate out with the CLG meeting between CM and JM to arrange (Aftercare and listed date on condition).

4. JM – Date and details for New Cumnock substation landscaping to begin and end? Are there plans to extend the footprint of the substation?

BT – Specific details regarding landscaping of this site are being handled by a colleague not at the meeting, BT will provide the info in an update. ACTION BT. KM responded that there were no immediate plans to extend the substation.

5. JM – Compliance Monitoring Report – concerns over soil stripping, soil storage seems to be a consistent issue since the project started.

CM – WA route was a learning experience for most involved in the project but mitigation has improved. BT – We feel that things have improved on an ongoing basis re mitigation. We have environmental oversight from IF ECoWs, Bowland Ecology independent ECoW and every contractor has their own ECoW. Noticeable improvement. RR – The project team are proactive in mitigating environmental problems and know the areas to focus on. They also communicate with the other developers in the area and have regular meetings with them. JM stated that he looked forward to improvement in subsequent reports.

6. JM – Residents from Burnton asked if workers can be reminded to drive safely going home. Bad driving noticed.

RR- This can be reported and action taken (Tool box Talks etc.)to remind staff to drive safely. ACTION RR

7. JM – Three vans turned up at JM's house this week. One had his postcode as the substation address. Can they be reminded of the new substation postcode?

KM/RR – Will again advise site to instruct all deliveries to follow the new postcode. ACTION KM/RR

8. JM – Floodlights were on all night one night last week. Light glow noticeable from JM's house.

BT – Having been made aware of this by the council, we have spoken to site staff to remind them to turn off floodlights on leaving the substation site. KM – There is an emergency contact to call if this happens again and we can arrange for the lights to be turned off.

9. RL – How much traffic is likely to be generated by landscaping and any extension to New Cumnock substation? BT – This will be covered in the update from point 4.

10. JM – Can a site visit be arranged to allow the community council to see the route?

RR – Offered to facilitate a drive through. Will speak to PM's and arrange direct with JM. ACTION RR

AOB - There was no other business raised.

Date of next meeting - KM thanked everyone for their participation and explained that the date of the next meeting would be circulated in due course.