

LT14 Western Isles mainland cable East Community Liaison Group terms of reference



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1. Background

We, SSEN Transmission operating under license as Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc, are developing the Western Isles HVDC Link, including the mainland underground cable route between Dundonnell and Beaully. This terms of reference relates to the western section of the mainland cable route. The mainland cable works form part of a wider project to strengthen the electricity transmission network and support the connection of renewable generation from the Western Isles. **The establishment of a CLG is a voluntary action undertaken by SSEN Transmission.**

1 The Community Liaison Group (CLG)

The CLG has no statutory powers of its own. The CLG is a forum to allow the community and SSEN Transmission (the developer) to work together to facilitate the construction of the project whilst taking into consideration the opinion of the local community.

It is expected that the Community Council members on the CLG will take a community-wide view of the CLG discussions and can highlight to the developer the range of opinions that might be held in the community. There is a requirement to consider the balance of views across the community and make some determination on what issues are of a level of importance that need to be taken to the Community Council and what issues can be agreed at the CLG.

The CLG is established to provide a platform for constructive discussion with community representatives in relation to the western section of the Western Isles HVDC Mainland Cable Project, including project updates, community feedback, upcoming works and matters that may affect communities in the west of the mainland cable route.

2 Our Aim

We will inform the CLG of the various stages and elements of the western section of the Western Isles HVDC Mainland Cable Project, including planned construction activity, traffic and access arrangements where relevant, environmental considerations, community feedback and forthcoming engagement activity.

Members of the CLG will become knowledgeable about local issues relating to the project and how these matters are being considered and responded to by SSEN Transmission and its delivery partners.

3 Meetings

The inaugural Cable East CLG meeting is due to take place on Wednesday 12th August 2026, 7:00pm, @ Contin Community Hall, Dundonnell. Future meetings will be held as required, with the timing and frequency to be discussed and agreed with CLG members.

4 Code of Conduct

At SSEN Transmission, we work collaboratively with a wide range of people, each with their own unique views, concerns, interests and experiences. We facilitate feedback in a professional manner, and our Code of Conduct sets out the behaviors you can expect from our team and those we can expect from our stakeholders.

Meetings are an important forum to exchange views, collaborate, discuss key issues and update one another. All participants are entitled to expect that everyone will speak and act with courtesy, consider differences, and behave with mutual respect at all times. In instances where meeting participants do not act in this manner, they may be asked to leave the meeting, or the meeting may be brought to a close.

If any participant would like to record the call, meeting or event this request must be made in writing to the organisers, before it begins.

5 The Group

The Chair of the meeting will be agreed at the inaugural meeting.

SSEN Transmission is responsible for agreeing a suggested agenda with the chair, distributing the agenda and ensuring that draft minutes are sent to the CLG for approval.

The CLG will include representatives from each of the following groups:

- SSEN Transmission Project Team
- The Highland Council Local Ward Councillors
- Local Community Council representatives and community representatives from areas in the west of the mainland cable route

Representatives are subject to change in relation to topics of discussion. SSEN Transmission will endeavour to ensure that the most appropriate representatives are available in relation to agenda items. Where appropriate, representatives from relevant contractors and delivery partners will also be asked to attend CLG meetings.

There is the opportunity to review membership and/or rotate attendance for invitees, to help keep the group manageable while supporting fair representation across communities in the west section of the route.

Non-invitees may attend CLG meetings by agreement; however they will be required to declare an agenda item in advance to both the Chair and Community Liaison Manager.

6 Communications

Minutes of the meeting will be published on the SSEN Transmission Western Isles HVDC Link project webpage, following approval by members of the CLG. CLG members will also be encouraged to share approved minutes through Community Council webpages where appropriate.

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