

Coylton Community Liaison Group Minutes

Project Coylton Greener Grid Park Construction

Meeting Community Liaison Group

Date 15.00 – 16.00 30 January 2025

Location Online

Attendees Alison Hood (AH), Statkraft - Head of Engagement & Social Value
Kate Brown (KB), Statkraft - Community Liaison Manager
Graeme Hannah (GH), Statkraft - Construction Project Manager
Alex Baird Chair Ochiltree Community Council
Annie Hood Clerk Ochiltree Community Council

Apologies Councillor Drew Filson

Introductions

KB and AH provided a general introduction to the project team and the background to this group being established. Forming a CLG was part of Statkraft's commitment during the development process to keep the local community informed throughout the construction period.

Community Liaison Group

AH explained the purpose of the CLG and asked for feedback on the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) to enable this to be finalised. Discussion and action points for the ToR included:

Membership SK asked if there was anyone else who should join the group. Alex and Annie confirmed that they felt the appropriate stakeholders had been contacted. The only other group that might be interested in joining is the local action group. Alex and Annie agreed to mention it to them.

Chair It was agreed that SK would chair for the time being but this could be reviewed and changed at any time.

Frequency It was agreed meeting would be quarterly which could be increased or decrease if required.

Publication A space on the Coylton project website will host the agendas and minutes, to provide transparency.

Project Overview and Construction Updates

GH gave a brief update on the project and activities so far including completion of the access road, transformer and BESS foundations. He confirmed that project was going well so far and mainly on schedule.

Battery Units:

The delivery is expected to start in April, until mid-2025. SK expect 20/25 BESS units a day which amounts to an extra 4/5 HGV's per day in certain periods. Dates will be shared with the Community Liaison Group by GH.

Transformer Delivery

This delivery is expected in July/August 2025. It is likely the transport will come in via Ayr docks and along the A70 however discussions with authorities are ongoing.

Discussion

Alex Baird asked that SK provide the dates of key deliveries once they are confirmed and to provide updates should dates changed. Noted that they are used to being provided with a calendar of deliveries from nearby wind farm construction projects. SK confirmed they would keep the Community Liaison Group up to date with key dates and any changes.

Alex and Annie confirmed that there has been little to no comments on the project or any problems being reported locally.

Next meeting

Thursday 24th April 2025 – KB to send diary invite and publish on website.



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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Community Liaison Group
3. Project Overview and Construction Update
4. Other Items for Discussion
5. Next Meeting



Project Update

Update Construction

- Transformer foundation complete
- Battery Cube foundations complete
- Access road is complete

Upcoming work

- BESS delivery expected March/April
 - 4/5 rigid flatbed per day
- Transformer delivery
 - late summer - July/August
 - route discussions ongoing
- Good progress, mainly on schedule



Site Images



Communications Update

External Community Communications

- Next postcard planned early February updating on the Community benefit Fund Launch and project progress.

Contact Summary

- Two emails to general inbox relating to lighting on the site – relayed to SPD
- Supplier registration
- No new 0800 phone calls

Community Benefit Fund Update

- Launched December 2024
- Application close April 2025
- Specifically targeting local projects that help accelerate the transition to a low carbon society

Local Suppliers



A variety of goods and services are required through the construction of the project, and many local companies would be suited to get involved.

Register your interest or recommend a supplier at
www.statkraft.co.uk/coylton