



- RJ McLeod will be carrying out some local road widening to the west of the bridge during w/c 9th November, taking about one week. During that time there will be traffic lights in operation but minimal delays to traffic.
- The Council has delayed the award of the contract for the application of the spray applied coating to the Sockich retaining wall until next spring. Different options are still under consideration.
- The Council will proceed with planting the grass strip above the wall with shrubs during the planting period before the spring.
- Work on the road widening at the Dunmaglass site entrance will start on Monday 9th November. Traffic management (traffic lights) will be required during those works.

5.2 JMu stated that some concerns had been raised locally about the works at the Flichity bridge as some local people had not been aware of the road closure.

5.2 PC asked why the bridge was not replaced instead of having improvements?

5.3 JM stated that improvements were taking place so the bridge can support turbine deliveries and that SSE would not be involved in any plans for replacing the bridge.

## **6. Dunmaglass project update**

6.1 JM stated that construction is progressing well. Reinstatement works and caling works were now complete at the site.

6.2 SS stated that the substation fit out is now underway and will take place over the next 6 months.

6.3 JM stated that turbine deliveries were planned for May 2016.

## **7. Questions**

7.1 JMacP asked if there was any firmer timescales on turbine deliveries at this stage.

7.2 JM stated that the delivery schedule would ultimately be determined by the local police who will manage the escort schedule, but details would be communicated once known. Three deliveries are expected on average per delivery day.

7.3 JMu stated that some concerns had been raised locally in relation to tonnage limits on the local roads.

7.4 SS stated that there are other projects happening locally so not all traffic will be travelling to Dunmaglass.

7.5 JM stated that tonnage is agreed with Highland Council in advance of any works taking place and is included in the project's Traffic Management Plan. JM stated that Dunmaglass was transporting less material than originally calculated due to the use of on site borrow pits – this has heavily reduced the expected number of vehicles using local roads.

7.6 PC asked if community benefit funding is linked to tonnage on local roads.

7.7 JM stated that community benefit is paid on the basis of the MW size of the wind farm site. SSE's policy is £5,000 per MW per annum. PC said he would pass this info back to his community council.

7.8 JMacP asked if the transmission line from Farigaig to Dunmaglass had started construction.

7.9 JM stated that work on the connection has started from the Farigaig end.

## **8. Date and time of next meeting**

8.1 The group agreed that the next meeting should take place in the New Year since work at the site will be slowing down over the winter months. KL to send out an email with possible dates in January, with a view to holding the next meeting in February / March 2016.

## **9. Any other business**

9.1 EU passed on his thanks to SSE for the community fund cheque that was gratefully received.

9.2 JMacP stated that community council elections would take place in November for Strathnairn Community Council and he would be stepping down. JMacP stated that he would like to continue his role as chair on the liaison group should his fellow members approve. Members of the CLG were happy to see JMacP continue as chair of the Dunmaglass CLG.

9.3 KL asked PC if he could keep her updated on the outcome of the Community Council election.