

20/03/26

# Celtic Interconnector Community Forum

Community Forum Meeting  
24 March 2026



# Agenda

- Welcome
- Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising
- Project Update
- Sustainable Energy Communities, Séan Sweeney SEAI Mentor, Munster
- Newton Court SEC, Group Solar Scheme, Oliver Deasy.
- Q&A
- AOB

# Minutes to be signed off

# Project Update - Spring 2026

- Cable Works
  - All joint bays reinstated on N25 and traffic management removed.
  - HVDC Jointing continuing on local roads
  - Programme of permanent road reinstatement is underway by CCC appointed sub contractor.
- Onshore cable works due to complete mid year 2026.
- At Converter, commissioning of building services and systems is ongoing.
- Cable laying & burial campaigns at sea have recommenced 26<sup>th</sup> March..



# Sustainable Energy Communities.

Séan Sweeney SEAI Mentor, Munster



# Newton Court SEC, Grange, Cork Group Solar Scheme



# Any Other Business

# Next Meeting Dates:

- March
- June
- September
- December

# Thank You!



*Irish Rural Link*  
*Nasc Tuáithe na hÉireann*

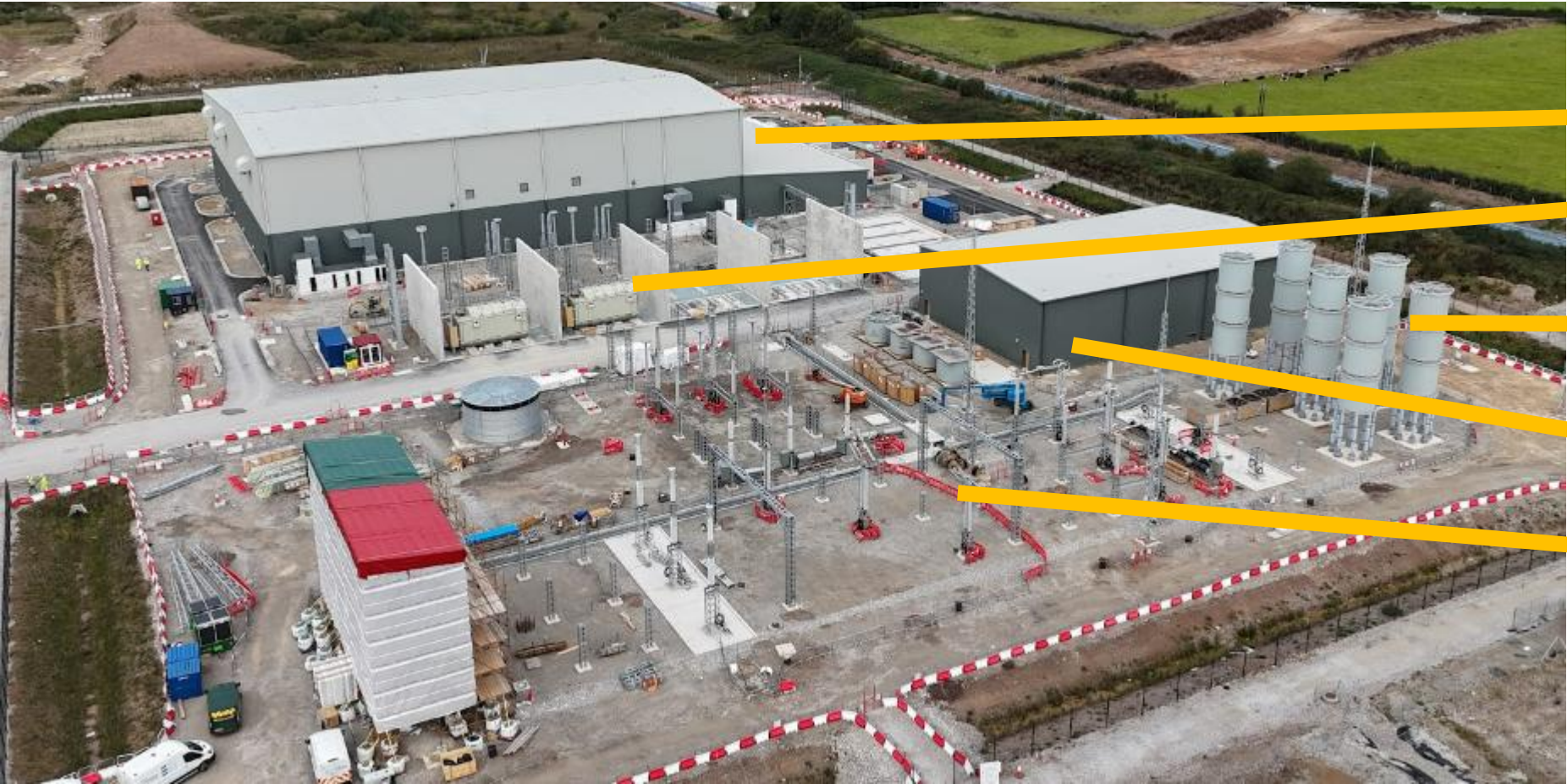
# Gogganstown



Existing ESB  
substation

Celtic Interconnector;  
Gogganstown 400 kV  
Substation

# Converter Station



Converter Hall

Transformer Bays

Shunt Reactors

Spares Building

AC Switchyard

# HVAC / HVDC Cable



# Landfall



# Marine Cable Installation Operations



**Cable laying** has been completed on seabed for first section (85km of 500km route)

**Cable burial** vessels are onsite and commencing the burial of cable

**Rock protection** where the cable crosses other existing cables or where sufficient cable burial not achieved to be added once buried

**Post lay survey** of the route will be conducted before the cable route is opened to fishing again

**Guard vessels** are operating on the route to advise marine users of the temporary closure of the route

## Update on Community Benefit Fund

- **€2.4 million fund**
- **70%** of the fund has now been awarded equaling **+€1.6 million** and **82** projects.
- Phase 1 fund was **40%** of total - 29 projects, awarded €838,987
- Phase 2 fund was **30%** of total - 53 projects, awarded €821,265.50
- Phase 2 saw an ask of €4.6 million, with double the number of applications.

### Phase 2 - funding streams

- Community Stream: €240,000
- Sustainability Stream: €236,437.50
- Biodiversity Stream: €344,828

Funds have to be drawn down within 12 months of award date.

# Visit of French Mayors June 2025

