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Celtic Interconnector Community Forum

Community Forum Meeting
09 September 2025



Agenda

- Welcome
- Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising
- Project Update
- Community Fund Update
- Mayors Visit
- AOB

Welcome & Introductions

Minutes to be signed off

Update on Celtic Interconnector Project Progress

Project Update - Summer 2025

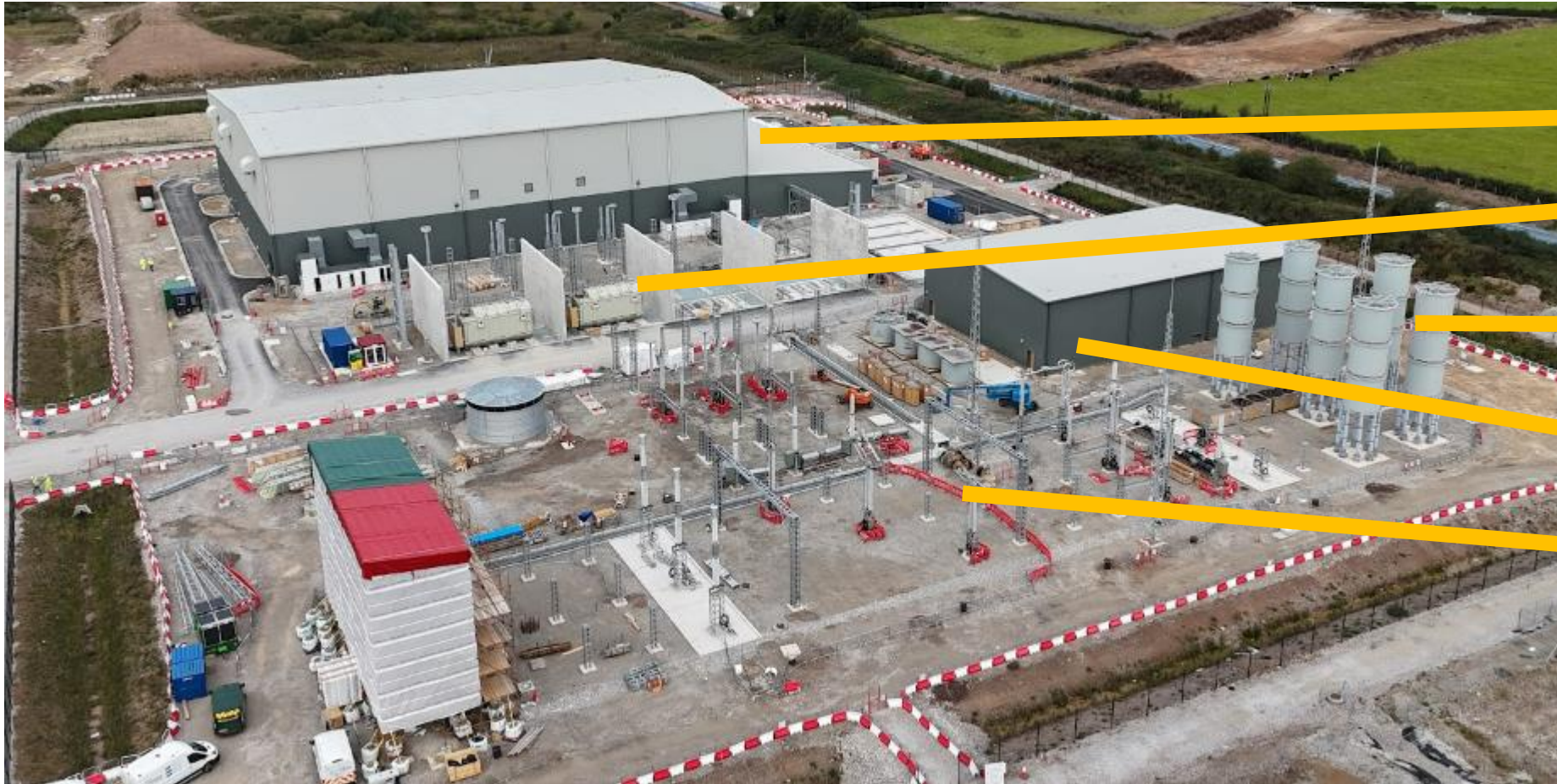
- Project completion date moves out to early 2028 due to changes in cable manufacturing schedule, resulting in additional marine cable laying campaigns.
- As a result, phase 3 of Community Benefit Fund will now be opening in 2028.
- At Gogganstown, good progress made with connection to Knockraha substation.
- On the roads with HVAC (Knockraha to Ballyadam) works are completed & road re-instated.
- Key achievement was HDD drill under railway line, which was successfully completed.
- On the roads with HVDC (Ballyadam to Youghal) cable pulling underway. Permanent Road re-instatement to commence in October
- At landfall, Claycastle beach, works are now completed – monitoring natural backfilling.
- Cable laying & burial campaigns at sea are underway.



Gogganstown



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



Any Other Business

Next Meeting Date

Thank You!



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