

09/12/25

Celtic Interconnector Community Forum

Community Forum Meeting
09 December 2025



Agenda

- Welcome
- Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising
- Project Update
- Christmas Holidays
- Forum meetings 2026 - Agenda Ideas.
- IRL Update
- AOB

Minutes to be signed off

Project Update - Summer 2025

- Connection completed between Knockraha substation and Gogganstown.
- Ballyadam Converter station is substantially completed.
- On the HVAC cable route (Knockraha to Ballyadam) works are completed & road re-instatement almost complete.
- On the HVDC cable route (Ballyadam to Youghal) 70% of the cable pulling is complete.
- Cable jointing continues ; currently 41% complete
- Programme of permanent road reinstatement is underway by CCC appointed sub contractor.
- Programme of hedgerow re-instatement on third party lands impacted by construction commenced in December 2025
- Cable laying & burial campaigns at sea are stopped for Winter.
- 6 guard vessels are in situ for the Winter months.



Christmas Holidays

- NEXANS/Sorensen roadworks will finish from evening of 19.12.2025, returning on 05.01.2026 (CIF Holidays).
- Sorensen will have traffic management maintenance crew on site during holidays.
- Same `closure dates for Siemens at Ballyadam site.



Forum Meetings 2026 - Agenda ideas ?

Newton Court SEC -

Newton Court in Grange, Douglas a residential estate of 74 houses began its journey to be a sustainable Energy Community in 2024.

In collaboration with SEAI it progressed plans to be a 'Solar Meitheal.

It has now completed a group solar scheme on 25 houses with benefits of economies of scale to the cost of the scheme.



French Connection ? -

Morgane Quentric Bowman, Maire de Ploudiry - leading her community involvement with The Collectif Forêt-Bois du Pays de Brest, (Forest Collective of Brest, France)whose ambition is to accelerate the reduction of emissions and support the development of natural carbon sinks.



Other ideas welcome !

Any Other Business

Next Meeting Dates:

- March
- June
- September
- December

Thank You!



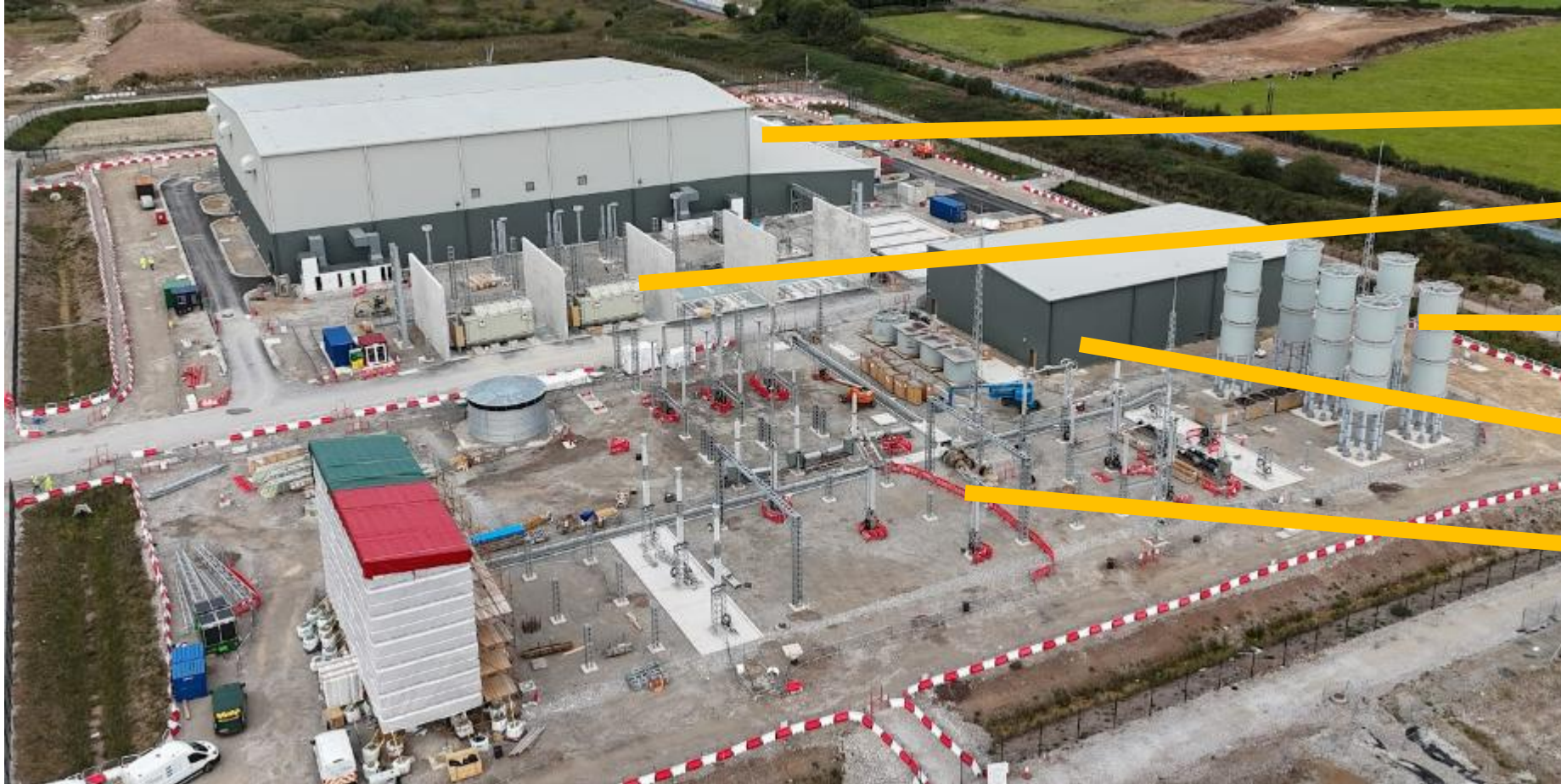
Irish Rural Link
Nasc Tuáithe na hÉireann



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

