

North Connacht Community Forum

Minutes of Meeting 8 on the 19th of October at 7pm via Zoom

Attending:

Pat Towey and David O Gara (Ballaghaderreen Mens Shed, **Anne Kearney** (Bonnifinglas Graveyard Committee), **Neil Cruise** (MCC), **Tommie Killeen** (Conn Rangers FC), **Susan Heffernan** (Mary Robinson Centre),

Also in attendance –

Bobby McCormack (Development Perspectives and Chairperson of the Forum) / **Eoghan O Sullivan, Jason Kenna and Eoin Brockhert** from EirGrid. **Elaine Barrett and Katie Kearns** (SECAD)

Apologies:

Minutes:

Meeting minutes for meeting 7 needed to be postponed until meeting 9. Meetings, 6, 7 and 8 mins will need to be revisited during meeting 9.

Matters arising.

No matters arising.

Agenda:

Bobby presented the agenda and running order of the evening.

Project Update – Jason Kenna

Jason presented a project update. The slides presented were forwarded to the NC forum on the 27th of October.

Some questions that emerged concerned the updated maps for Swinford. EirGrid agreed to send on maps – please see attached. It should be noted that these maps are only indicative and are subject to further detailed design by ESBN's contractor. NC also asked about the construction timing. No definitive timeline is currently available however an update will be provided in early 2024.

Community Benefit Funds update – SECAD

Elaine and Katie presented some information on the community benefit fund. They will have more updated information available in early 2024. The slides presented were shared on the 27th of October. There were a few questions relating to the three pillars of the fund, the level of inclusion in the fund, issues re literacy and what kinds of data will be used to form the community benefit strategy.

Next steps

- Slides of both presentations to be shared with NC forum
- Maps related to Swinford routing to be shared with NC forum
- SECAD to be in touch around late December re next steps

AOB

No AOB.

Bobby thanked people for attending and the meeting was ended at 8.26pm