

4<sup>th</sup> July 2023

# Celtic Interconnector Community Forum

## Community Forum Meeting



# Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Minutes to be signed off
- Update on Celtic Interconnector project progress
- Update on Community Benefit Fund
- Next Meeting Dates
- AOB

# Welcome & Introductions

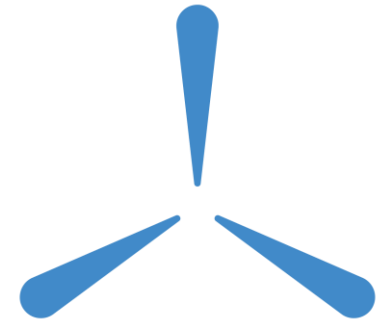


# Minutes to be signed off

# Update on Celtic Interconnector Project Progress

# Project Update

- Initial enabling works contracts to develop project sites will complete during the summer before main construction works progress in the autumn.
- The two engineering, procurement and construction contractors are currently focused on progressing the detailed design and ordering equipment for the Celtic Interconnector since the contracts were signed last November.
- Some manufacturing works have now commenced.
- Work underway with sub-contractors regarding communications requirements.
- Traffic management plans and details will be communicated once confirmed.
- Construction information days to be held towards the end of the summer.



# Community Benefit Fund Now Open.

Phase 1 of the fund opened on **Thursday 29 June** closing date for applications is **Friday 15th September 2023**

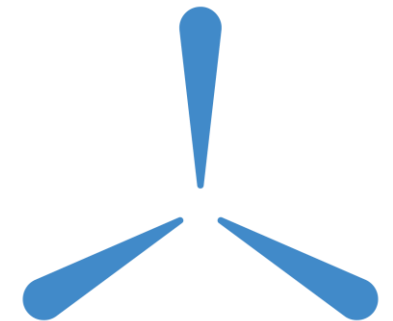
The Fund will be released on a phased basis with:

- 40% at construction phase, 30% mid project and 30% when the project goes live (when the line becomes a part of the electricity grid and electricity runs through it).

The principles at the centre of the Celtic Interconnector Community Benefit Fund strategy are that the fund:

- must support projects that are community-led.
- will leave a positive legacy within communities that host the Celtic Interconnector infrastructure.
- will support projects which align with the Sustainable Development Goals .

The fund is divided into 3 funding streams: **Community, Sustainability and Biodiversity** and an equal balance of funding is available across each stream.



# Update on Community Benefit Fund



# Any Other Business

# Next Meeting Date

# Thank You!



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