

Carron Valley & District Community Council and Valley Renewables Group  
**COMMUNITY HALL**

Progress Report No 9.

1. The revised road and car park layout has been approved by North Lanarkshire Council as a non-material amendment to the consent. Adjustments have been made to the construction specification to reduce the cost and to provide a clean running surface. A saving of £6,000 has been indicated.
2. The new septic tank was delivered last week and has been installed. There have been further issues with the civil engineer's redesigned levels which have been resolved by the contractor and his own engineer. We shall be pursuing the design team engineer for recompense for the delay and disruption caused by his omissions.
3. The drainage below the floor slab and the floor insulation have been installed, and the floor slab cast. Some of the timber frame has been prefabricated and we should see rapid progress above ground in the next four weeks.
4. The second contract progress meeting was held on Thursday 20th March. The Contractor reported three weeks delay as a result of issues with the drainage layout and levels, and awaiting delivery of the replacement septic tank. There will be a cost for this which will be met from the road and car park savings and contingencies. The Contractor is updating his programme and completion date.
5. We are awaiting the result of our application to CSET (Clacks and Stirling Environment Trust) for funding toward the cost of the solar PV and battery storage. The installation by Ecotech Ltd is priced at £16,003. We have £6,000 already in a 'Call for Projects' grant from Nadaris, and have requested £10,000 from CSET. In the event this is not forthcoming in whole or in part, we would propose to draw the balance of funding from contingencies and the investment fund. **Approval is sought to this action.**
6. A second payment has been made to the Contractor, Candid Construction (Scotland) Ltd.

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