

Aberdeenshire Council

Local RAUC Meeting

09:30 20 May 2021 – Skype

Present:	Philip Leiper	Roads & Landscape Service Manager	Aberdeenshire Council
	Alistair Millar	Senior Roads Engineer Banff & Buchan	Aberdeenshire Council
	David Vesco	Senior Roads Engineer Buchan	Aberdeenshire Council
	Julie Elder	Senior Roads Engineer Garioch	Aberdeenshire Council
	Ross Anderson	Senior Roads Engineer Kincardine & Mearns	Aberdeenshire Council
	Sarah Cooper	TA Buchan	Aberdeenshire Council
	Paul Wilson	TA Formartine	Aberdeenshire Council
	Juliette Cumming	TA Marr	Aberdeenshire Council
	Wendy McLaren	Senior Roads Engineer Marr	Aberdeenshire Council
	Kathryn Sparrow	Engineer Formartine	Aberdeenshire Council
	Kevin Davidson	Roads Inspector Buchan	Aberdeenshire Council
	Anne Buchan	Senior Roads Engineer Formartine	Aberdeenshire Council
	Duncan MacLennan	Street Works Consultant, N Scot	Open Reach
	Darren Pointer	NRSW Area Supervisor	Scottish Water
	Ralph Newlands		BEAR
	Kelly Bibby		Street Works
	Antony Thorpe		ARL
	Irvine Ellis	Reinstatement Manger	SSE
	Emma West	Scottish Water [noticing]	Scottish Water
	Sean Mangan	Operations Supervisor	National Grid
	Phil Burnett		SGN
	Lewis Stacey		Street Works
	Ryan Newman		BEAR
Apologies:	Claire Callaghan		Scottish Water
	Karen McFarlane		KNN
	Iain Frew		KNN
	Andrew Wilson		KNN
	Karen O'Reilly	Noticing Manager	KN
	Scott Walker		Aberdeenshire Council
	Brian Strachan		Aberdeenshire Council
	David Armitage		Aberdeenshire Council
	Neil Henderson		Aberdeenshire Council
	Bill Copland		Aberdeenshire Council
	Ken Hood		Aberdeenshire Council
	Andrew Hay		SGN
	Nitha Babu	Gazetteer Custodian	Aberdeenshire Council

ITEM		ACTION
2	Minutes of previous meeting Agreed. Issues with Aurora seem to be resolved.	
3	Matters Arising None.	
4	NoSRAUC meeting Minutes will be distributed	PL
5	Major Works – Roads Authority Aberdeenshire Council annual works programme has been distributed [by each administrative area]. We have a lot of work to carry out this year, so some will be going to tender. Will need a lot of coordination with other authorities.	
6	Major Works – Utilities Updated programme from Scottish Water. There are issues with a site in Marr – discussed with Wendy McLaren. It's on the A93 and work expected to go on right through August. TM needs to stay up over weekends. Concerns over tourism. Darren to check and see when they are due to be off the road and will advise. <i>Update</i> - They are currently working 12 hours shifts including weekends to try and complete work as soon as possible. Another issue with a site in Rothienorman re closure. Darren will ask the TM contractor to reapply with correct information.	DP
7	Major Works – BEAR / ARL Ryan Newman: 5 th July for 3-4 weeks contraflow will be in effect in Stonehaven. Ralph Newlands: Drainage schemes due to start. Filter drain replacement, so no major disruption. Antony Thorpe: Blackdog – Tippetty next week – cyclic maintenance. Balmedie June / July resurfacing southbound – details to be confirmed.	
8	Scottish Road Works Register Aberdeenshire Council Spaces for People All measures have been removed except for Ellon. These will be removed on the 31 st May. 20mph to remain until the end of the TTO at the end of the year. Give Way to remain on Station Road at Greens permanently.	

K&M have left some measures at the beachfront, to be reviewed before the end of the TTO in December.

Daily whereabouts – accuracy for sample “A”s

Inspectors have regularly gone to BT sites to carry out inspections but no work is ongoing – either already completed or not yet started.

Duncan McLennan had asked us for examples so they can identify the culprits and discuss with those concerns. He advised that all personnel have mobile devices so they can start and complete work on site on Aurora.

Darren Pointer advised they are having technical issues with mobile devices – being investigated.

Irvine Ellis: No issues but still in discussion regarding devices to log start and completion on site.

Phil Burnett: All risk assessments are video RA and live updates are logged on site. Philip Leiper would like to know more about their video site assessments.

Sites without relevant permits and signage issues

Philip mentioned issues with a Scottish Water site in the Buchan area. Important to ensure work is legal and appropriate permits are on site.

Sites should be cleared as soon as reasonably can be, understanding that sometimes another contractor needs to come back to carry out reinstatement, then another to remove signage.

Alistair advised that he had no response to his emails regarding the site in Buchan. Darren asked Alistair to forward details and he would escalate. Emma West also asked for it to be sent to her so she can investigate.

NEOS [SSE Enterprise] motor signage and quality

Have been issues with their site including regarding quality of finish on site, being dealt with locally.

Defective apparatus – communication meetings

Recently a Scottish Water defect was closed off without any update or feedback. This has been dealt with but would like confirmation when something is rejected or closed off so we know the reason and can carry out a follow up inspection.

Sometimes when a defect is notified and accepted, another adjacent defect is not dealt with on the same visit. We are advised that it was because it wasn't reported, but we ask that other authorities carry out due diligence and check their own apparatus when on site for other defects.

Concerns that Aberdeenshire Council are the only ones carrying out inspections for other utilities.

Duncan McLennan advised that they have a large number of defective apparatus and have a process in place for engineers to raise defects. Duncan suggested that we check their defects in Aurora and can see that many have been raised by their own engineers.

Anne to ask TAs to check their areas.

	Emma advised they are changing the defect process. She will discuss with Courtney and Claire re our concerns and feedback.	EW
	Phill Burnett feel that they are dealing with our defects – don't have any outstanding in Aberdeenshire. Anne has one and will contact Phil directly.	AB
	Irvine has no issues and believes that issues are dealt with right away.	
	Darren reminded us that if we need manhole cover or other replacements, just to let them know and they can supply.	SREs
	Tour of Britain	
	With restrictions easing the Tour of Britain will likely go ahead. The route is in the SRWR so we are asked to check and ensure that any defects on the route are dealt with. Need to confirm that the route is as safe as we can make it.	SREs
9	Performance Monitoring	
	Q4 update – number of issues [nearly 25%].	
	This figure is a concern so Philip asked that we try and keep this figure lower. Will be discussed at TA meeting.	AB
	Sample inspections 2020-2021 – Commissioner happy.	
	Need cooperation from contractors and utilities to ensure they are on site as per SRWR.	
10	AOCB	
	SGN Depot restructure	
	Details have been distributed to all. Doesn't affect North East.	
	SRWC – material suitable for footway reinstatements [30/14 HRA]	
	This has been approved as a suitable reinstatement for footways.	
	Scottish Water TM Contractor changes	
	New contractor KN Network and Contraflow. Previous issues with KNN have been resolved. Darren asked if there are any issues identified we feed back directly to him.	
11	Date of next meeting 18/11/2021 09:30	