

Tay Area LRAUC Meeting  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Present:

Jim Watson – Perth & Kinross Council (Network) (JW)	Owen Harte – Virgin Media (OH)
Mike Law (Chair) – Dundee City Council (ML)	Andy Johnstone - NEOS (AJ)
Colin Heggie - Amey North East (CH)	Peter Morton (Minutes) – Angus Council (PM)
Darren Pointer – Scottish Water (DP)	David Nicol – Perth & Kinross Council (Network) (DN)
Julie Greig - SGN (JG)	Fiona McInnes – Scottish Water (FM)
Euan Lamont – Perth & Kinross Council (Structures) (EL)	Alexandra Whytlock - Scottish & Southern Energy Networks (AW)
Ian Dalrymple – BT Openreach (ID)	Craig Muir – Scottish & Southern Energy Networks (CM)
Elaine Paterson – BEAR Scotland NW (EP)	
Jordan McDonald – City Fibre (JMc)	

Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and PM on minutes.

Future rotations are itemised at the foot of the minute.

Chair went over previous minutes from meeting in December 2023, minutes agreed.

## **2. Utility Works**

### 2.1 SGN

- Confirmed future projects are registered in SRWR and there are no additional schemes not already under discussions with the relevant Roads Authorities.

### 2.2 Openreach

- Advised all planned works are on register, with regards to R100 programme they are currently mostly in PKC area moving to Dunkeld

in Q2/3 which will include Angus. presence in all 7 exchange areas in Dundee

### 2.3 SSEN

- CM noted everything fault and customer driven currently besides job at West Pitkerro (4 weeks work). Averaging a sub-station a week for next year however nothing other than that to note.

### 2.4 Scottish Water

- FM confirmed all CSD work is registered in SRWR
- With regards to Dundee works at Nethergate, diversion in place for pedestrians albeit is being ignored, engaging with Contraflow to see what else can be done and as a last option a walkway around works may be included. ML to be advised on outcome. Suggested ML come out as footway collapsing at Ogilvy Way, ML advised that not road not on list of public roads and ownership unknown. DP noted that they may need to extend their works to make it safe. ML queried anticipated duration DP advised a week to 10 days. DP noted pipe had been camerad but need to get down to investigate further understanding of collapse.
- In PKC works at Tay Street & Shore Road. Tay Street should be in a position for Tayside Contracts to come week of 14 April for resurfacing works. Shore Road works continuing until the end of the year. Glasgow Road ongoing acknowledgment of proximity to Broxden Roundabout
- Everything else on the register

### 2.5 Vodafone

- No representative. No programme.

### 2.6 Virgin Media

- OH highlighted plans to go into Auchterarder for PKC and Brechin and Kirriemuir for Angus. recognised that Openreach to be in Brechin for Q3 and will make his build team aware of it.
- Planning looking at smaller infill projects and these will be notified via the register as and when aware.

### 2.7 Network Rail

- With regards to register nothing in Dundee area, some maintenance works throughout PKC and Angus

### 2.8 Neos

- Nothing to note this meeting.

### 2.9 City Fibre

- Works in Dundee highlighted (50/50 between remedial and small digging) however nothing major enough to be highlighted.

### 3.0 Energetics

- No representative. No programme.

### 3.1 EE

- No representative. No programme.

### 3.2 ES Pipelines

- No representative. No programme.

### 3.3 Last Mile

- No representative. No programme.

### 3.4 GTC

- No representative. No programme.

## **Local Authorities and Transport Scotland Updates**

### 3.1 Dundee City Council

- ML noted he had no programme provided to him so nothing to table unfortunately, will see if he can get a copy to enclose with minutes.

### 3.2 Angus Council

- Current programmes being identified and once finalised will be put forward and available otherwise will also be on the register Programme to be enclosed with minutes.

### 3.3 Perth & Kinross Council

- Programme nearly finalised and works will already be appearing on register.

### 3.4 BEAR Scotland

- Advised that all upcoming works are on SRWR and nothing major to table at this time.

### 3.5 AMEY North East

- CH advised the following:
- Major works starting at junction 11 Barnhill (junction just North of Friarton Bridge) and be totally closed for resurfacing from 19:00 Friday 15 March until 06:00 on Monday 18 March so no access from Perth direction to Dundee via the A90. Diversion will be in place as agreed
- Contraflow works on A9 at Auchterarder from 14 March for two weeks (overnight works)
- On 15 March a 3 to 4 hour closure overnight at Junction 9 on M90 (diversion off/on slips)
- Nothing else to note from Amey

### 3.6 Tay Road Bridge

- Note passed from AH highlighting that works currently on the bridge will have contraflow in place until the end of September as per programme.

## 4 Major Roadworks 2024-25

- Note that budgets still awaiting confirmation after which works may be identified.
- DC noted on behalf of Angus the Places for Everyone scheme about to commence by Balfour Beatty on behalf of Angus Council impacting the Burnside Drive area from mid March until July 2025 (pedestrianisation and cycle lane upgrade/creation). This will have an impact on anyone who wishes to undertake works in the area. Contact Angus if any proposed works to ensure collaboration.
- Nothing to note beyond this currently

## 5 Local and Seasonal Events

- PKC no major events confirmed yet however discussions ongoing around Etape Caledonia for early/mid May
- Noted the Womens Major Golf Tournament in St.Andrews on 18 August which will likely effect surrounding routes leading from Dundee and Perth

## 6 SRWR/Aurora

- JG noted work with Iain Ross at Symology to produce a good quality report for clusters so each local authority can obtain the same data for discussion. It's with Symology just now and depending on feedback it should allow for easier reporting especially with Commissioners reports. It should allow for the selection of LAs in clusters and it will produce the relevant information across boundaries saving time (eg. sample inspections & over runs).

## 7 Reinstatements

- JG provided a reminder to make inspectors aware of allowances around material use for footway reinstatements (30/14) as some can be used now without pre-agreements. Few comments received on site from inspectors that they will fail the works for wrong material use but providing it is laid at correct depths it's an acceptable material now
- DP highlighted some issues encountered with above and while acceptable it is very dependent on available depths.

## 8 Inspections

- JG highlighted a few instances where holes have not been plugged properly and have been put through as reinstatement failures and wanted to note that these are not excavations as per SROR and cannot be considered a failure. Requesting that all inspectors to give the local depot a call in such instances in future to resolve. If any come through as failures in future they will be declined.
- JG also highlighted concern around LA's not actioning the declined list of inspections. High number of inspections which have been input incorrectly with LA's insisting on a joint inspection although no joint inspection is required. request for LA's to go back and review these.
- JF noted that City Fibres build is coming to a halt and will make contact with respective contacts when required for upcoming sample inspections.
- Noted that D1 inspections recorded where there hasn't been a joint inspection and should be a D2 or D3 and request that correct inspection type is noted. Suggestion that this is due to the inspection app and the pre-selection of D1 however it should be cancelled and 17 working days later a D2 recorded as per code of practice.
- ML queried defective apparatus and when a undertaker denies it, asking if it is possible for them to clarify, if it is being declined re ownership, or non-acceptance of the defect. Scottish Water advised

that they always put a comment in to highlight the reason and this can be found in the notice history.

## 9 Safety

- Highlighting of steel plates and experience of some contractors using their own rather than hiring and, in some instances, they have had no anti-skid. Highlight to all on call for awareness, JG noted to make contact if anyone else experiencing similar issues.

## 10 AOCB

- ML raised on behalf of RMP team the presence of asbestos in SW manholes. SW aware and chased up and discussions going on with other teams internally to identify escalation process with more info to follow. Suggestion from experience is that it is a matter for specific areas in Dundee.

## Next meeting

12 June 2024 10am by Teams - PKC to chair, Dundee on minutes.

## Future Meetings

- 10 Sept 2024 10am by Teams – Angus to Chair, PKC on minutes.
- 10 Dec 2024 10am by Teams – Dundee to Chair, Angus on minutes.
- 11 Mar 2025 10am by Teams – PKC to Chair, Dundee on minutes.
- 10 Jun 2025 10am by Teams – Angus to Chair, PKC on minutes.