

Co-Ord Meeting
Tuesday 12th December 2023

Present:

Jim Watson – Perth & Kinross Council (Network) (JW)	Owen Harte – Virgin Media (OH)
Mike Law (Minutes) – Dundee City Council (ML)	Andy Johnstone - NEOS (AJ)
Colin Heggie - Amey North East (CH)	Peter Morton (Chair) – 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

PM welcomed everyone to the meeting as chair and ML on minutes.

Future rotations are itemised at the foot of the minute.

PM went over previous minutes from meeting in August 2023, minutes agreed.

2. Utility Works

2.1 SGN

- JG 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

- ID noted all works are registered in SRWR. ID will provide a programme for inclusion with the minute.

2.3 SSEN

- CM highlighted a future scheme for Dundee. 250m of work in the West Pitkerro Industrial Estate. This would be a continuation on from a previous scheme.

2.4 Scottish Water

- FM confirmed all CSD work is registered in SRWR
- DP noted ongoing works in Tay Street and Shore Road (PKC). Work in Tay Street will stop over the festive period and resume in the New Year. Shore Road traffic management will be pulled in during the holidays and restored in the New Year.
- DP raised an issue for Scottish Water in Glenogrill Road, Tannadice. As a result of storm Babet damage a Scottish Water main has been badly exposed. Scottish Water require access to carry out a repair but have had no response from Angus Council. DP and PM to liaise after this meeting.

2.5 Vodafone

- No representative. No programme.

2.6 Virgin Media

- OH highlighted two planned projects both starting Q1 2024-25. For Perth & Kinross Council a scheme in Auchterarder. For Angus Council schemes in Brechin and Kirriemuir. All three projects are hybrid style with reduced excavation and reinstatement.

2.7 Network Rail

- No representative. No programme.

2.8 Neos

- No representative. No programme.

2.9 City Fibre

- JMc indicated all works are registered in SRWR.

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 highlighted several major DCC works planned for Dundee in 2024 as follows:
 - Strathmartine Road (Canning Street – Hilltown) – footway works - temporary traffic lights and south bound road closure – 3 Jan 24 for 5 weeks
 - Barrack Street – footway reconstruction – closure – 4 Jan 24 – 4 weeks
 - Strathern Road (at Fairfield Road) – speed table and build out installation – closure – 5 Feb 24 – 3 weeks
 - Baldove Road- (at Balunie Drive) – pedestrian crossing refurb – closure – 19 Feb 24 – 4 weeks
 - Lochee Road (at Dudhope Terrace) – pedestrian crossing refurb – closure – 11 Mar 24 – 6 weeks
 - Lochee Road (at Polepark Road) – pedestrian crossing refurb – TM TBC – 11 Mar 24 – 6 weeks
 - South Marketgait - carriageway resurface – closure – 20 Mar 24 – 5 days
 - Monifieth Road (at Panmure Street) – installation of pedestrian crossing – temporary traffic lights – 15 Apr 24 – 10 weeks
 - Dalhousie Road (at Bridge Street) – installation of pedestrian crossing – temporary traffic lights – 24 Jun 24 – 10 weeks

3.2 Angus Council

- Programme to be enclosed with minutes.

3.3 Perth & Kinross Council

- Programme issued with meeting invite.

3.4 BEAR Scotland

- EP advised that all upcoming works are on SRWR.

3.5 AMEY North East

- CH advised the following:
 - Angus Council:
 - Finavon Bridge contraflow still in operation post Storm Babet
 - Brechin by-pass concrete repairs still to be planned
 - Dundee City Council:
 - A90 Kingsway SSEN crossing at A923 Coupar Angus Road flyover still under discussion. Second meeting planned on 15 December to discuss options.
 - Perth & Kinross Council:
 - Surfacing scheme proposed for A9 at Auchterarder. Date TBC.
 - VRS and landscaping work proposed on A90 at Glenfarg. TM proposed to be south bound contraflow. Date TBC.

3.6 Tay Road Bridge

- CH noted an overnight closure planned for 15 Dec 24. This will complete the Tay Road Bridge works that have been ongoing for the last 6 months.

4 Major Roadworks 2023-24

- Nothing to minute.

5 Local and Seasonal Events

- PKC enclosed with minute

6 SRWR/Aurora

- JW asked for utility companies to be thorough with their noticing as there have been numerous occasions where TM is given as “works on footway only” when this is not the case.

- JG highlighted that for escapes the initial TM noted may then alter as work progresses and an error correction is needed from the Road Authority.

7 Reinstatements

- JW raised the issue of wrong closed chips used in reinstatements as no longer being classed as a failure. Discussion took place with an assertion that the chips were purely for aesthetic purpose and served no benefit structurally to the life of a reinstatement. FM noted that this matter could have been raised during the consultation process and the SROR working group consisted of 5 no. Road Authority representatives and no concerns were raised at the time.

8 Inspections

- JW noted an issue with historical defective apparatus failures still in the system. Debate took place as to whether the 300mm fillet around the iron work should be classed as being part of the iron work or the reinstatement. JW felt as the correct depth of reinstatement could not be provided due to the iron work construction it should. FM and ID however noted that it had been previously accepted that the fillet is part of the carriageway and not iron work.
- FM confirmed that Scottish Water are working their way through existing iron work defects and closing any outstanding defects that have subsequently been repaired either under different notices or subsumed by Road Authority surfacing schemes.
- FM further confirmed that Scottish Water and The Fire Service continue to liaise regards ownership of defective fire hydrants.
- JMc raised an issue over Cat A failures issued by Dundee City Council. The sites were failed for securing barriers with tape rather than clips or another method commensurate with the barrier type. Debate took place with the consensus reached that there is no clear and unambiguous direction within the Code of Practice. City Fibre and Dundee City Council will continue the matter.
- JG asked that Road Authorities monitor their sample inspection quarterly totals. Due to a miscalculation of annual inspection units at the start of the year some authorities have already completed the agreed inspections totals. JG noted that the inspections should be equally distributed, as much as possible, throughout the year.
- JG requested that Roads Authorities continue to monitor their declined inspections on the SRWR dashboard. SGN have declined

inspections which are then not cleared from the system or attributed to the correct undertaker responsible.

JW reminded JG, that utilities have to follow the Insp Code of Practice, as Insp's can't just be declined without a joint site visit, they must contact the RA within 5 days, and the visit should take place within 10 days of the initial visit.

9 Safety

- JW noted an issue a recent issue with an SGN site where a steel plate became loose, exposing the excavation and sitting proud of the adjacent surface. JG acknowledged the error and assured JW that the matter had been taken very seriously within SGN. Tool box talks had been had with their operatives. Additional stress testing had also gone into the thunderbolt screw fixings to ensure compliance.

10 AOCB

- All three Roads Authorities confirmed their annual Christmas Embargo is now in place and all affected roads are in the SRWR.

Next meeting

12 Mar 2024 10am by Teams - PKC to chair, Angus on minutes.

Future Meetings

- 11 June 2024 10am by Teams – Dundee to chair, PKC on minutes.
- 10 Sept 2024 10am by Teams – Angus to chair, Dundee on minutes.
- 10 Dec 2024 10am by Teams – PKC to chair, Angus on minutes.