

## Aberdeenshire Council

### Local RAUC Meeting

**20 November 2019 - Skype**

Present:	Philip Leiper	PL	Aberdeenshire Council
	Alistair Millar	AM	Aberdeenshire Council
	Ken Hood	KH	Aberdeenshire Council
	Adam Smith	AS	Aberdeenshire Council
	Anne Buchan	AB	Aberdeenshire Council
	Wendy McLaren	AB	Aberdeenshire Council
	Elizabeth Ross	ER	Aberdeenshire Council
	Kathleen Easton	KE	Aberdeenshire Council
	Lisa Mair	LM	Aberdeenshire Council
	Mike Brownley	MB	Aberdeenshire Council
	Robert Taylor	RT	Aberdeenshire Council
	Duncan MacLennan	DMacL	Open Reach
	Darren Pointer	DP	Scottish Water NRSW north Scotland
	Iain Campbell	IC	AWPR [Network Manager]
	Courtney Mitchell	CM	Scottish Water
	Irvine Ellis		SSE
Apologies	Claire Callaghan	CC	Scottish Water [via Skype]
	Ross Anderson		Aberdeenshire Council
	David Armitage		Aberdeenshire Council

ITEM		ACTION
2	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	
	Minutes of 24 May 2019	
	Bill Copland added to attendance list.	
3	<b>Matters arising</b>	
	<p>Scottish Water issues passed to Claire Callaghan</p> <p>Reminder to Senior Engineers to send Revenue Programme to Scottish Water.</p> <p>Iain Campbell – trunk road surfacing to take place at the end of the winter.</p> <p>Marr reported that TM for OpenReach was inappropriate – issue addressed.</p> <p>BT poles in front of barriers on A950 still not addressed. Duncan MacLennan advised discussions are ongoing with BT. [other locations also discussed].</p> <p>Outstanding OpenReach defects dealt with.</p> <p>Scottish Water FH lid defects reported by David Vesco - dealt with.</p>	
4	<b>Minutes of NoSRAUC meetings</b>	

	No feedback.	
5	<b>Major Works by Roads Authority</b>	
	Changes to surface dressing work next year.	
	David Armitage, Roads Policy and Asset Manager has indicated that we will adopt a new method for surface dressing works. Input potential schemes for 30 <sup>th</sup> May as soon as programme has been decided [before it goes to committee]. Once we reach the 7 day notice period we will change the status to work notice. A 3 month notice is not required for surface dressing.  This means that surface dressing work will be entered as standard instead of major.	
6	<b>Major Works by Utilities</b>	
	Scottish Water and OpenReach have provided details of planned major works.	
	Darren Pointer discussed proposed major work due to start next year, possibly into 2021. Delays due to land transfer issues. Blairrythan Terrace across old A90 B999 past Balmedie Tippetty to old church at Foveran.	
	Iain Campbell - was aware of SW works	
	Scottish Gas not present.	
	SSE unable to dial in.	
7	<b>Scottish Road Works Register</b>	
	Email update from David Armitage.	
	Meeting with Policy Manager and Commissioner has taken place to discuss the measures we have taken to address issues with SRWR.	
8	<b>Performance Monitoring</b>	
	<b>Q1</b> 10 no Potential PTN offences and 41 warnings.  Early and Late starts still relatively high.  Inspections have met targets.  Closed notices are higher than should be.  AB and DA to discuss at TA meeting on 3 December.	
	<b>Q2</b> 45 no Potential FPM offences and 29 warnings.	
9	<b>AOCB</b>	

	Viafix for small BT works possibly being trialled. DMcL confirmed. To be treated as a first permanent reinstatement by their direct labour teams.	
	Traffic Management is the responsibility of the owner not the TM company taken in to erect signage, etc. Any issues to be directed to the utility or contractor on site.	
	Reminder to all that "Diversion" signs should only be at the start and end of works – all other signs should be "diverted traffic".	
	<p>Email re issues: What is the hierarchy of inspections by utilities?</p> <p><b>OpenReach</b> staff are duty bound to report any defective apparatus they spot, A10 24 process in place to record defects.</p> <p>Engineers are audited so if a defect is reported where work has just been carried out, the engineer is disciplined for not reporting it.</p> <p>They have raised 2,500 notices in Aberdeenshire – they are on the register. Currently only have 5 open notices from local authority. OpenReach enter 3 times the number of defects than the local authority.</p> <p><b>Scottish Water</b> staff are also duty bound to report any defective apparatus they spot. Any defects reported by the local authority or members of the public are inspected, and while on site the inspector will log any other defects in the area.</p> <p>RT [Marr inspector] reported that he has noticed an improvement in defects addressed.</p> <p>MB [Buchan inspector] also reported improvements but said there are still issues with outstanding defects.</p> <p>KH [Garioch inspector] is happy with OpenReach – Dave Collie is very proactive. Ken would like to get a Scottish Water local contact so he can discuss issues with someone directly.</p>	
	Philip will discuss the various priorities with each utility / authority to try and establish a standard that we all agree on.	PL
	DMcL said when we report defects we need to provide more information to determine high risk defects, including photos where available.	
	Scottish Water defects get a reference and post code. Would it be possible to give their inspectors the symology reference when passing on the details to provided traceability and consistency. CM advised that this can be included in the information passed to their inspectors.	
	<p>DMcL asked for clarification regarding sample A inspections. KH explained that reinstatements are sometimes not done until a few days after the initial work is completed so they are not necessarily on site to inspect the reinstatement. DMcL asked if we report these inspections as aborted if no one is on site. ER said that Garioch do.</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Council inspectors need clarification re reporting abortive inspections.</p> <p>KH advised that he has only witnessed a KN inspector on site, not Scottish Water or OpenReach.</p>	
	Re daily lists, sometimes start and end dates are open. This should change with the new application.	

	KH reports that Scottish Water defect at Rosehill is still outstanding. Scottish Water have reported that they have no apparatus at that location, so KH feels no one has actually been on site. CM asked KH to send the information so that it can be checked. She reports that these defects should be reported to local inspectors to check on site, instead of just checking asset database. CM added at the end of the meeting that someone is looking into it.	
	OpenReach do not reject defects based on asset database but DMcL asks that we report any issues to him regarding rejecting ownership  Issue in Garioch discussed. Asked that contact made directly with DMcL if issues are not resolved.	
	KH raised an issue at a reservoir where water is coming from a new field access. KH will send an email and DP will investigate.	
	AS asked CM to ensure that the defect discussed is made clear to site staff that the issue is below ground. CM confirmed.	
10	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
	21 May 2020 Skype	
	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2020 Skype	