

## Aberdeenshire Council

### Local RAUC Meeting

**09:30 21 May 2020 - Skype**

Present:	Philip Leiper	PL	Aberdeenshire Council
	David Armitage	DA	Aberdeenshire Council
	Alistair Millar	AM	Aberdeenshire Council
	Sarah Cooper	SC	Aberdeenshire Council
	David Vesco	DV	Aberdeenshire Council
	George Greig	GG	Aberdeenshire Council
	James MacKay	JMc	Aberdeenshire Council
	Robert Taylor	RT	Aberdeenshire Council
	Paul Wilson	PW	Aberdeenshire Council
	Jennifer Mitchell	JM	Aberdeenshire Council
	Anne Buchan	AB	Aberdeenshire Council
	Duncan MacLennan	DMacL	Open Reach
	Darren Pointer	DP	Scottish Water
	Iain Campbell	IC	AWPR
	Courtney Mitchell	CM	Scottish Water
	Claire Callaghan	CC	Scottish Water [via Skype]
Apologies	Karen McFarlane		KNN
	Iain Frew		KNN
	Andrew Wilson		KNN
	Wendy McLaren		Aberdeenshire Council
	Nitha Babu		Aberdeenshire Council

ITEM		ACTION
4	<p><b>NoSRAUC meeting</b></p> <p>David Armitage recently attended this meeting but had no specific comments to make. If anyone has any queries, please contact him.</p>	
3	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>Statement on Thursday from First Minister will determine our staged return to work and easing of lockdown. We are preparing for this by proposing town centre traffic management to ensure space for people.</p> <p>This will include restrictions for carriageway widths, road closures, one way systems to aid in widening pedestrian paths.</p> <p>We also need to consider safe distancing for pedestrians at work sites.</p> <p>None of the utilities or council area teams reported any issues with work being carried out during the lockdown.</p> <p>TA access to all areas in Scottish Road Work Register has been enabled.</p> <p>Updated contact list to be reissued.</p> <p>Darren Pointer discussed proposed Scottish Water work. He is liaising with the appropriate areas.</p> <p>Duncan MacLennan asked everyone to call or email him to discuss any of the proposed OpenReach work.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>All</p>

We should all be looking at road closures to see if we can carry out work at the same time. Try to be more aware of others' work.

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David Armitage advised everyone that we need to ensure that work in town centres does not impact on the social distancing requirements.

There is planned work in Banff and in Ellon but due consideration will be given to reasons for work and the timing of it.

PL showed a Scottish Water defect example. Discussed the process of reporting to the appropriate authority. Aberdeenshire Council defect reporting system generates an automated email to the appropriate authority to provide details, including photos of the defect. This is copied to the appropriate Council area who input the defect in the SRWR.

There were issues previously where the defects were being sent by email but not recorded on the SRWR. It is important that urgent defects are followed up with a phone call to bring it to the attention of the authority.

TAs confirmed that photos of the defect are added to the SRWR. DA suggested that the form could be added to the SRWR also.

Darren Pointer advised that providing all available information including photos will be beneficial in reducing site visits where the form contains all necessary information.

Courtney Mitchell said that the new report was well received.

## 2 **Minutes of previous meeting**

Duncan McLennan commented on the BT poles in front of barriers on A952. It is priority work so will be carried out as soon as they can.

## 5 **Major Works – Roads Authority**

All planned works are in the SRWR. No issues at present. Some of the work is likely to be postponed or cancelled. SRWR will be updated as appropriate.

AB to request all areas RMP main lists and sent to Darren & Claire [Scottish Water].

AB

## 6 **Major Works – Utilities**

All planned works are still being planned.

Programmes have been received from OpenReach and Scottish Water.

## 7 **Scottish Road Works Register**

Philip discussed the guidance from the Scottish Road Works Commissioner to ensure everyone was aware of it and understood.

Permits: private individuals may be allowed a skip permit if location is appropriate, i.e. not in a town centre or busy route.

Private contractors are not permitted to work if it is not a critical activity. They are permitted to work for a utility under the COVID-19 guidance. We may need to request clarification on TM plans or how they will provide for pedestrians.

Philip asked everyone to be mindful of distancing when approaching work sites.

## 8 **Performance Monitoring**

SRWC reports showed no issues.

**Covid-19 measures – social distancing**

Plans are being made to prepare for opening town centres in Aberdeenshire. This will result in restrictions of some planned road works and consideration must be given to any proposed works.

Roads will be narrowed, realigned, closed, one way systems introduced to enable wider footway access. Additional street furniture will be required. Hand sanitisers will be located in strategic positions.

Additional traffic sensitive routes may be created to protect the spaces for pedestrians.

We may need to carry out inspections with a view to roads needing to be viewed to a footway specification, e.g. raised ironwork, potholes.

GG reported an issue with utilities not carrying out appropriate TM for pedestrians, i.e. social distancing for members of the public. PL asked for a common sense approach.

If members of the public can avoid personnel, then they should. But if there are difficulties due to visibility or width, then it should be highlighted with the appropriate utility. DA said pedestrian barriers should be avoided where social distancing cannot be achieved.

**Scottish Road Work Register**

The new Aurora did not go ahead on 6<sup>th</sup> April as planned but is likely to be in July. DA asked everyone to ensure they have carried out the online training.

DA asked that utilities ensure their operatives carry out training as well.

There were reported issues with training not being recorded when interrupted so that operatives had to carry out the training again. This issue has been fixed, so if anyone is experiencing any problems they should let DA know.

**Date of next meeting**

19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 Skype

**Attachments:**

BT Aberdeenshire programme of Works 18052020

Scottish Water Live Sites April 2020

Scottish Water notices 21/05/2020

Aberdeenshire Council contact list

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