

Aberdeen City Council – LOCAL RAUC MEETING, 11TH July 2019

MARISCHAL COLLEGE, ABERDEEN,

Attendees: Terry Macleod, ACC (TM); Duncan Maclennan, BT (DM); Sandy Mitchell, SGN (SM); Jim Forbes, CityFibre (JF); Kevin Abercrombie, ACC (KA); Irvine Ellis, SSE (IE); Beverley Woolston, SGN (BW); Gordon Russell, SW (GR); Gordon McMillan, GTC (GMM), John Muir, GTC (JM)

Apologies: Karyn Davidson, Vodaphone (KD); Hazel Moore, BEAR (HM); Gus McIntosh, CityFibre (GM); Darren Pointer, SW (DP); Claire Callaghan, Scottish Water (CC).

Agenda

1. Introductions and Welcomes
2. Previous Minutes – no comments.
3. Aberdeen City Council's upcoming programme of events/works. TM issued ACC's programme of works to the group, along with programmes received from Openreach, and SGN. TM also confirmed that there were several large works programmed, or ongoing throughout the school holidays. These included: Parkway – another 5 weeks of closures for SW; Great Northern Road – 6 weeks of one way for SGN works; North Deeside Road – another 10 weeks for SGN. SM confirmed that due to faster than anticipated install, this may be reduced (depending on other utilities encountered). Wellington Road – two weeks of evening closures to allow for resurfacing of carriageway; Kings Gate roundabout – two weeks of resurfacing works upcoming.
4. GTC- JM confirmed that they were looking at removing the existing o/h hv line on Whitestripes Road for the new Grandholm Development. TM suggested a joint site meeting after the meeting today to confirm what would be required.
5. SGN – SM confirmed that SGN were still looking to progress the new gas mains installation on Holburn Street and Garthdee Road. KA suggested that ACC tie onto the back of this as this is a section that has been requiring resurfacing for a while now, but due to access issues to ASDA, and agreed date has never been reached. SM also mentioned that trial holes were required on Bridge Street. KA confirmed that the
6. SSE – IE has no new works to discuss.
7. BT: DM has no major works to discuss.

8. SW – GR confirmed that due to reinstatement issues on Kings Gate, SW would be looking to go back in and address the problems. TM confirmed that this could be tied in with the upcoming closure from the 12th August. GR to pass to DP for confirmation.
9. Cityfibre: no updated programme provided. JF confirmed that this would be forwarded to ACC once GM had it agreed. KA asked if any progress had been made to utilising existing Openreach / Vodafone ducts, o/h lines to speed up the install process. DM confirmed that to date this had only been taken up in Edinburgh, JF stated that this was also the case in Stirling and moving forward, it was hoped it would be rolled out across Aberdeen.

General Discussion Items:

10. CityFibre: JF confirmed that at this stage CF would not be defecting their own works due to outstanding issues with Edinburgh City Council still not being resolved. Once an agreement was in place, this would be introduced across Aberdeen City, with the condition that any issues (in terms of the noticing) would be addressed accordingly.
11. KA confirmed that there was still no confirmed date for the Haudagain redevelopment works and that due to Offshore Europe in early September, no road occupation would be granted until after this had passed. ACC to bring the programming issues up with the contractor (Farrans) in order to ascertain when a works programme would likely be provided. Union Terrace Gardens was due to commence on the 26th August but due to no Symology notice being in place, this would not affect the adopted highway until at least the 11th October (notice now served)

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No one had any issues or queries to raise.

Date of next meeting: 11:00 am on the 10th October 2019, at Marischal College, Aberdeen.