

Aberdeen City Council – LOCAL RAUC MEETING, 13th January 2021

TEAMS MEETING

Attendees: Terry Macleod, ACC (TM); Kevin Abercrombie, ACC (KA); Mike Dunn, CityFibre (MD); Andy Hay, SGN (AH); Duncan MacLennan, BT (DM); Darren Pointer, SW (DP); Jim Forbes, CityFibre (JF);, Lindsay Henderson (LH) OSRWC; Phillip Burnett (PB); Karyn Davidson, Vodaphone (KD); Claire Callaghan, Scottish Water (CC).

Apologies: Hazel Moore, BEAR (HM); Gus McIntosh, CityFibre (GM); (CC).; Gordon Russell, SW (GR); Gordon McMillan, GTC (GMM), John Muir, GTC (JM); Carol Davidson (CD) CF. Irvine Ellis, SSE (IE); Julie Greig, SGN (JG); Courtney Mitchell (CM), SW

Agenda

1. Introductions and Welcomes
2. Previous Minutes – KA pointed out that due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, along with the potential for further restrictions to be implemented later today, the proposed date for the completion of the Union Terrace redevelopment had now shifted from the 15th November 2020 until potentially the beginning of 2022.
3. Aberdeen City Council's upcoming programme of events/works. Currently the works department (DLO) are involved with Winter Maintenance duties, with the ongoing Annual Maintenance programme of works being limited to minor works. KA also advised that following an update from the Chief Executive, the existing Spaces for People infrastructure within the city centre is unlikely to be reduced or reviewed until September 2021. This may impact on previously planned works by SW within the Merchant Quarter, due to commence in late March. A meeting regarding these works has been set up for the 15th January. TM has forwarded an invite to DP accordingly.
4. General Updates: KA confirmed that following a meeting with the contractor on the 11th January 2021, it is anticipated that the Haudagain redevelopment project will likely be extended until the end of 2021/ early 2022.
5. SSE – Irvine Ellis was not in attendance, so no update was available.
6. BT: DM forwarded the upcoming programme of works and KA confirmed that at first glance there were no issues with any of the proposed sites identified. TM to forward the programme to all other parties following the meeting.

7. SGN – Andy Hay confirmed that the ongoing works on Broomhill Road were now complete, however, due to a gas escape on South Anderson Drive, there may be the need to install a contraflow system between Broomhill Road and Bridge of Dee. A site meeting is ongoing today to determine what restrictions are required.
8. CF – MD confirmed that the GCU squads were getting back up to speed after the Xmas break and the works would be recommencing accordingly.
9. SW – DP confirmed that the AMEY works on Provost Rust Drive and Manor Avenue were progressing well. CC confirmed that SW were now operating in 'incident mode' due to the 300% increase in bursts reported following the recent and ongoing cold spells. 20 additional squads have been sourced and are assisting with the works programme, which at present is limited to burst repairs only.
10. Vodaphone – KD confirmed that Vodaphone had no planned works at this time.
11. LH confirmed that the new Commissioner, Kevin Hamilton, was now in post.
12. **General Discussion Items:** KA highlighted that the new Aberdeen Harbour project was recommencing following the departure of the original contractor (Dragados) last year. A request has been received to allow major rock deliveries to be undertaken in and along the section of the Coast Road adjacent to the harbour, commencing in March for a period of 12 months. This request would likely be approved, but the subsequent increase in HGV traffic would impact on any planned works in the general area.

13. **AOCB**

CC raised a request for ACC to allow 30/14 material to be used within the footway to allow repairs to be reinstated quicker due to the need to deal with an overwhelming demand on resources. CC would forward an official request which we would respond to accordingly. JF confirmed that whilst he saw no issues with this request, CF would continue to use previously approved materials.

No one had any other issues or queries to raise.

Date of next meeting: 10:00 am on the 14th April 2021 (Teams meeting).