

Aberdeen City Council – LOCAL RAUC MEETING, 14th July 2021

TEAMS MEETING

Attendees: Kevin Abercrombie, ACC (KA); Duncan MacLennan, BT (DM); Irvine Ellis, SSE (IE); Craig McQueen, SW (CMcQ). Jim Forbes, CityFibre (JF) Phillip Burnett, SGN (PB); Clare Callaghan, SW (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); Julie Greig, SGN (JG); Courtney Mitchell (CM), Darren Pointer, SW (DP); Karyn Davidson, Vodaphone (KD); Terry Macleod, ACC (TM); Lindsay Henderson (LH) OSRWC

Agenda

1. Introductions and Welcomes.

Aberdeen City Council's upcoming programme of events/works. KA ran through list of ongoing and upcoming works, including the following:

Tullos resurfacing programme major contract due out mid Aug 21

Union Terrace Gardens – ongoing, anticipated end date 14th November 2021

Winter Embargo 14th November 2021 to 9th January 2022

South College Street – dual carriageway project as part of Berryden Corridor, commences end Aug 21. Exact start date/ duration to be confirmed once information is available.

Haudagain – ongoing restrictions on A92 and A96 until end Oct 21. Ongoing delays due to material shortages.

Spaces for People infrastructure: Union Street closed section is unlikely to reopen this year to facilitate the Christmas period. The outer restrictions are to be removed once confirmation is given by the Scottish Government in early Aug. 21.

Events: Tour of Britain, Sunday 12th Sept – no works across large sections of city – restriction have been uploaded onto Aurora

Scottish Seniors Open golf at Royal Aberdeen – 9th to 11th September. No major restrictions proposed at this time. If any, these will be limited to the A956, King Street.

Former BHS on Union Street / Aberdeen Indoor Market, the Green: Demolition late Aug for 12 weeks – restrictions in Merchant Quarter

Aberdeen Harbour Expansion – ongoing – no completion date confirmed.

SW Merchant Quarter – now pushed back to early 2022 – any pre-works in surrounding area needs to be done before Xmas embargo 15th Nov.

Offshore Europe 2022 – Feb 22 – major restrictions on all routes around Dyce

2. SW – CMCQ confirmed that there were no major works upcoming, and the existing works on Manor Drive and Manor Avenue were proceeding in conjunction with the Haudagain Redevelopment project. CMCQ to check with Darren Pointer with regards to the proposed start dates for the Merchant Quarter works in early 2022.
3. SSE – Irvine Ellis confirmed that all works were on the system, and nothing significant was planned at this time.
4. 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 as most seemed to relate to cable pulling works for the superfast broadband rollout. JF requested a copy of the programme along with the minutes.
5. SGN – PB confirmed that upcoming works at Slains Crescent and in the Jesmond area were coming up soon. Other works being carried out by Warton's on Countesswells Avenue had still to be confirmed as discussions were ongoing with ACC's surfacing team.
6. CityFibre: JF confirmed that works were ongoing and any issues would continue to be picked up at the weekly meetings. JF also mentioned to everyone the opportunity for duct/trench sharing to minimise disruption. KA confirmed that at present, ACC's own fibre project was continuing to work with GCU to offset multiple digs at the same location.
7. Commissioner's Office: no-one in attendance to provide any updates.
8. Issue as highlighted – BT and SW appear to be ignoring or rejecting our defects for certain works and then raising new notices which leaves duplicates on the system and as they sometimes don't match up (in terms of exact location) our inspectors are unsure as to whether this is a new defect, or wrongly entered existing one. Examples have been forwarded to both DM and CC for further investigation.
9. **General Discussion Items:** CC highlighted the fact that no requests from ACC had been received for replacement ironworks during the ongoing resurfacing programme. KA to check and confirm the current status. CC also mentioned that as of the 1st of August 2021, IDVerde would be replacing KEIR for reinstatement and ironwork schemes.

10. **AOCB**

No one had any other issues or queries to raise.

Date of next meeting: 10:00 am on the 13th of October 2021 (Team's meeting).