

Aberdeen City Council – LOCAL RAUC MEETING, 20th October 2020

TEAMS MEETING

Attendees: Terry Macleod, ACC (TM); Kevin Abercrombie, ACC (KA); Irvine Ellis, SSE (IE); Mike Dunn, CityFibre (MD); Andy Hay, SGN (AH); Duncan MacLennan, BT (DM); Darren Pointer, SW (DP), Jim Forbes, CityFibre (JF), Julie Greig, SGN (JG); Courtney Mitchell (CM), SW; Lindsay Henderson (LH) OSRWC, Phillip Burnett (PB).

Apologies: Karyn Davidson, Vodaphone (KD); Hazel Moore, BEAR (HM); Gus McIntosh, CityFibre (GM); Claire Callaghan, Scottish Water (CC).; Gordon Russell, SW (GR); Gordon McMillan, GTC (GMM), John Muir, GTC (JM); Carol Davidson (CD) CF.

Agenda

1. Introductions and Welcomes
2. Previous Minutes – KA pointed out that due to the ongoing restrictions, the proposed date for the completion of the Union Terrace redevelopment had now shifted from the 15th November 2020 until the end of September 2021.
3. Aberdeen City Council's upcoming programme of events/works. Due to the ongoing issues with both the Spaces for People projects and associated infrastructure, ACC were continuing to undertake their annual resurfacing programme as and where possible, but at a reduced capacity. At present there is no programme of works available, but all upcoming works have been served the relevant noticing and any potential conflicts will be discussed and worked through with any affected utility.
4. General Updates: KA confirmed that the Christmas Embargo would be introduced as usual, even without the usual Christmas events taking place within the city centre. KA advised that whilst the embargo would restrict some works, every effort would be made to accommodate works wherever possible. The Haudagain redevelopment project was ongoing and would require a double contraflow on both the A92 and A96, commencing on the 7th November for appx. 3 months. KA advised that due to the potential disruption on the diversion routes, no works should be programmed for Great Northern Road, Provost Rust Drive and Mugiemoos Road until further notice. KA to update on exact timescales once these had been provided by Farrans. KA advised that the c128c (Cults to Kingswells Road) was now closed and would remain closed until next Spring. Works on the diversion route (North Deeside Road, Springfield Road and Queens Road) would require to be discussed in advance of any approval being given.

5. SSE – no major works to discuss. The cabling project between Ashgrove Road and Cummings Park had been undertaken and was nearly complete.
6. BT: DM forwarded the upcoming programme of works and KA confirmed that there were no issues with any of the proposed sites identified. DM requested clarification that the embargo dates had been advertised, KA to check, but did confirm that the dates would be from the 16th November until the 4th January 2021.
7. SGN – TM confirmed that the ongoing works on Broomhill Road would not be impacted by the Christmas Embargo. JG asked if an early start date for the Windmill Brae / Bridge Street works could be provided. KA to check with Spaces for People team in order to determine if some of the restrictions can be removed in order to facilitate the proposed works, which are due to commence in mid Jan 2021. JG mentioned that SGN were having issues receiving early start requests from ACC. Both KA and TM confirmed that the Roadworks Co-ordination folder was checked daily and at present no request had been made.
8. CF – MD confirmed that ongoing issues with rogue squads had caused problems across the city, but CityFibre have taken swift action and removed 10 squads. At present there are 15 squads working in Hazlehead, Mastrick and Sheddocksley and this would be the main areas of focus until the end of the calendar year.
9. SW – DP confirmed that the Merchant Quarter project would commence on the 25th Jan for appx 6 months. Whilst no closures were planned, major restrictions would require to be implemented. DP also asked for an update with regards to the reinstatement of the cobbled central reserve area. KA to check and get back to DP.
10. TM raised an issue with CM with regards to KEIR infrastructure being in place well after the works had been carried out. CM was having a meeting with KEIR later and would confirm.
11. LH confirmed that at present there was no Commissioner in post and the new one would be starting on the 25th October. His name is Kevin Hamilton, ex Glasgow City Council.
12. **General Discussion Items:** KA reiterated that due to pressure from utility companies to carry out works within the city centre, he would liaise with the Spaces for People team in order to see if some of the restrictions could be eased/removed to allow the works to proceed.

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No one had any other issues or queries to raise.

Date of next meeting: 10:00 am on the 13th January 2021 (Teams meeting).