

**WEST of SCOTLAND LOCAL RAUC AUTHORITIES & UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

**(LRAUC)**

ROADS MAIN MEETING MINUTES

Held at:- Dunoon Pier Timber Building, Dunoon  
5th February 2018 at 10.30am

Item	Note	Action
1	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>FS opened meeting and welcomed all.</p> <p>The following were in attendance:</p> <p><b>Fraser Smith (FS): Argyll and Bute Council (ABC) : Chair</b> Jillian Geddes (JG): Renfrewshire Council (RC) Robert Mackay: East Renfrewshire (ER) Lesley Craig: Renfrewshire Council (RC) Clare Gordon (CG): Scotland Transerve (ST)</p> <p>Stephen Scanlon(SS): BT Openreach (BT) Jim Cornish (JC): Scottish Power (SP) Ian Fleming (IF): Scottish Power (SP) Owen Harte (OH): Virgin Media (VM) Gordon Michie (GM) : Scottish Water (SW) Allan MacKechnie (AMack) : SSE Paula Hunter (PH): SSE</p>	All
2	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p><b>William Doyle (WD): Petroineos (Pet)</b> <b>Ronnie Murray (RM) : Petroineos (Pet)</b> <b>Edward McElhinney: Police Scotland</b> <b>Phil Boylan (PB): Scottish Water (SW)</b> <b>Sharron Worthington (SW): West Dunbartonshire Council (WDC)</b> <b>Kevin Burns (KB): Inverclyde Council (IC)</b> <b>Claire Gardiner (CG): Transport Scotland</b></p>	All
3	<p><b>Adoption of previous minutes</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Local RAUC Roads Main Meeting held on the 06.11.2017 were agreed as read.</p>	All



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7	<p><b>Performance</b></p> <p><b>RA's:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East Ren: Gazetteer submissions and attendance table see item 9.SRWR</li> </ul> <p><b>Openreach:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABC: Islay – Some works attend however, still seeing ongoing poor practice. Kintyre - 2187661,2219893,2206725,2102535,2310561,1638815,2116498, 2333476, 2333705,2333716,2191231,2075821 as Excel doc. For action. D/A Ralston Rd, St John St.Woodlands drive all in Campbeltown.</li> <li>• ST : Issues with BT Contact Ctr</li> <li>• Ren: Planned works changing to 2 hour notices.</li> </ul> <p><b>Scottish Water:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABC: A83 Tarbert closure – Ongoing following meeting in Perth with Bear. ABC: Defective apparatus Islay, 6+ months. 2238823, 2264480, 2269662, 2311507, 2317983. List provided.</li> </ul> <p><b>Virgin Media:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ER: S/A inspection, difficult to inspect due to VM noticing, starting and closing works on same day, sometimes within a short space of time.</li> <li>• Ren: Call Ctr issues – response.</li> </ul> <p><b>SGN:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No representation</li> <li>• WDC: Blanket notices for year. Affecting re-surfacing programmes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Scottish Power:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E Ren: Works on roads with engineering difficulty, quality of reinstatements including cut back?</li> </ul> <p><b>SSE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No reported issued</li> </ul>	<p>All</p> <p>SS</p> <p>GM</p> <p>OH</p> <p>IF.JC</p>
8	<p><b>Feedback from WoS RAUC</b></p> <p>Local RAUC Reports:</p> <p>Issues raised included: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was concern that Scottish Water were raising Notices as Urgent / Emergency when they did not meet the criteria. F.Mcl. asked for details of the Notices which were being queried.</li> </ul> <p align="center"><b>Action – R.As</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scottish Water were now providing information to the meeting on major works in their programme.</li> <li>• Argyll and Bute had agreed an unofficial Improvement Plan with Openreach for works in the Area.</li> </ul> <p>Other Issues raised under this Item.</p>	<p>FS</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>F.S. indicated that there was a problem where the full agreed allocation of Cat A Inspections were carried out by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. This meant that the performance of the S.U. was set at that level and could not be improved in the remainder of the year.</li> </ul> <p>The view was that the allocation should be spread over the year with additional inspections recorded as targeted sites.</p> <p>A request was made for a warning to be issued when the upper limit of the quarterly inspections was reaching the maximum level. F.S. will raise a change request for this proposal.</p> <p><b>Action – F.S.</b></p> <p>The Cat A inspections were always hard to manage because the works may or may not start on the day indicated in the Notice. I.R. indicated that the requirement for actual starts to be recorded was an issue being considered in the new legislation and with the Mobile App there should not be a problem recording the data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On the 3 month Notice there is a 1 month validity but the 7 day follow up fixes the start dates.</li> <li>Resurfacing is now dealt with as Major Works and was covered by the revised Code. To commence the works out with the 7 day period requires a late start notice. This increases the number of late starts in the Indicators. The increased numbers will be accepted as long as it is explained to the Commissioner.</li> <li>Repeat Defect Inspections – concern had been raised by the R.As about the ongoing requirement to carry out repeat inspections for road safety on defects which had not been dealt with. No charge could be made for these inspections and on increasing budgetary constraints action was required. There is a need for a review of the legislation.</li> <li>Urgent Works – On the alleged problem of submitting Notices as Urgent when the the works did not meet the criteria the R.As were asked to send details with the LA Refence to the relevant S.U. for checking.</li> <li>F.S. indicated that he was not being given sufficient time to issue a TTRO and asked all S.U.s to note that administration and advertising had to be accommodated. P.MacN. indicated that a 5 day TTRN would only be issued if there was an emergency. A TTRO requires 6 weeks to issue.</li> </ul>	
9	<p><b>SRWR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ABC: Looking for a Change Request 1) to allow maps to be added to inspection sheets to show locus of reinstatements 2) <del>In addition a request to be able to run a report on active users and last time logged in.</del> Not required.</li> <li>Gazetteer 23.02.2018 – Vault 12.01.2018</li> </ul>	All

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East Ren: OSRWC: Gazetteer submission, not showing although have a validation certificate. Attendance table, error for Dec 2017 – Future meeting should not have a 'N'.</li> </ul>	
10	<b>AOCB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated contact details for OSRWC.</li> <li>• Prescribed Fees and Amounts. April 2018. Prompt payment required.</li> <li>• Utility company Inspectors? How many. Roads limited resources.</li> </ul>	
11	<b>Dates of next meetings: Venue(s) to be confirmed.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 08.05.2018</li> <li>• 06.08.2018</li> <li>• 05.11.2018</li> </ul>	
	<b>Meeting closed at 12:20 hrs</b>	

**For WoS: 27.02.2018**

- Number of Inspectors utility companies have?
- 7 day notice re-sent prior to the 7 day minimum notice period.
- Reminder/Update on protecting newly adopted streets/schemes.
- Works in Barrhead and Newton Mearns – no approach / feedback from utilities.