

# AYRSHIRE ROADS AUTHORITIES AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

## Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Microsoft Teams

Present: Graeme Robin – North Ayrshire – Chair (GR)  
 Katie Campbell – North Ayrshire (KC)  
 David Shaw – Ayrshire Roads Alliance (DS)  
 Sandy Phillips – Amey (SP)  
 Michael Erskine – ESPUG (ME)  
 David Murdoch – Network Rail (DM)  
 Stephen Scanlon – Openreach (SS)  
 Malcolm Murray – Police Scotland (MM)  
 Dougie Millard – Scottish Gas Network (DMd)  
 Joao Carmo – Scottish Power (JC)  
 Emma West – Scottish Water (EW)  
 Andrew Matheson – Virgin Media (AM)  
 Owen Harte – Virgin Media (OH)  
 Karyn Davidson – Vodafone (KD)  
 Ross McIntosh – Balfour Beatty (RMc)

	<b>Action for Next Meeting</b>
<b>1. <u>Welcome</u></b>	
GR opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.	
<b>2. <u>Apologies</u></b>	
Lynne Lyle - Ayrshire Roads Alliance (LL) John McCulloch – Balfour Beatty (JMCC) Lynne Kinnaird – Scottish Gas Network (LK) Phil Boylan – Scottish Water (PB) David Maclean – Virgin Media (DMac)	
<b>3. <u>Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020</u></b>	
<b><u>Amendment of minutes</u></b>	
No issues.	
<b>4. <u>Matters arising from previous meeting</u></b>	
<b><u>Roads Faults/Reinstatement</u></b>	
6.8 DS requested that CM distribute a contact number and mailbox address to directly report issues to and streamline the process for fire Scotland as there has been previous issues with reporting faults. <a href="#">Update – Contact details have been requested and awaiting permission to release these.</a> <a href="#">PB not available to provide an update from Courtney Mitchell.</a>	<b>PB</b>

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<p><b><u>Scottish Road Works Register</u></b></p> <p>8.2 DS raised concerns that Council names are not being displayed on a legal document for the licensing module permit. DS will raise a change request with Symology. Update – The SAT team have agreed the change, but no indication has been given to the timeframe for implementing.</p> <p><b><u>AOCB</u></b></p> <p>12.1 Crompton Way, Irvine – NAC still awaiting a response from SW Legal. PB has managed to find some SR numbers and will make some calls regarding this. PB not available to provide update</p>	<p><b>All Note</b></p> <p><b>PB</b></p>
<p><b><u>5.Works Co-ordination Reports</u></b></p>	
<p>5.1 All reports have been amended to include this quarters and the upcoming two quarters to highlight any conflicts earlier.</p> <p><b><u>Works Co-ordination ARA - East Ayrshire</u></b></p> <p>5.2 The 2020/21 Programme has been approved and all works up until the Autumn have been inputted. A large quantity of Capital work is still to be inputted for Autumn – Winter.</p> <p>5.3 DS advised that across the board utilities are ignoring road restrictions and going ahead on the presumption that full panel reinstatements will be acceptable. Reminder for all utilities of the importance of road restrictions and to contact the Roads Authority in the first instance to ensure proper co-ordination of works.</p> <p><b><u>Works Co-ordination ARA - South Ayrshire</u></b></p> <p>5.4 2020/21 Programme has been approved and all works are in the register.</p> <p><b><u>Works Co-ordination North Ayrshire</u></b></p> <p>5.5 The 2020/21 Programme has been approved with the majority of works now registered.</p> <p>5.6 NAC have identified similar issues on the co-ordination report with conflicts in a restricted area where no consultation has taken place. We have spoken with most utilities direct; however, we will email any still highlighted red on the report individually to discuss. SGN – Braehead, Dalry – Restriction in Force SW – Galt Avenue – Conflict of dates</p>	<p><b>All Note</b></p> <p><b>All Note</b></p> <p><b>All Note</b></p> <p><b>All Note</b></p> <p><b>All Note</b></p> <p><b>KC</b></p>

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<p><b><u>ALL AREAS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Amey Highways</u></b></p> <p>5.5 Upcoming Resurfacing Work (approximate timeframes) A77 Spittahill Layby – Approx 24-27<sup>th</sup> May, evening closures A77 Stumpy Corner, Girvan – end June, TM TBC A78 Redburn to Bank Street Overbridge – June/July evening closures A78 Eglinton Slip Road – July, evening closures A76 Bargower Farm – August, TM TBC A76 Bowhouse – August, TM TBC A77 Ballantrae Gateway to Bennane – September, TM TBC A77 Bennane – Pebble Spa – September, TM TBC A77 Smyrton to Ballantrae – October, evening closures A77 Corrisdale – December, overnight convoy with daytime PTL</p> <p>Lighting works between A78 Dutchhouse and Monktonhead Rbt. Scheduled for evening lane closures commencing 7<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p><b><u>Openreach</u></b></p> <p>5.6 A77 Whitletts Rbt closure proposed to allow Openreach to take cabling from rear Audi Garage to Fulshaw Woods. Early dialogue with ARA and public consultation required.</p> <p><b><u>Network Rail</u></b></p> <p>5.7 Ayr, Belmont Level Crossing – 2no. evening road closures A70 Colehall – Daytime closure 6<sup>th</sup> June, remaining evening closures (Dates to be forwarded to SP) Stewarton, Standalane – 12/07 to 03/09 Gatehead Level Crossing – 06/08 to 16/08 full closure Stevenston Level Crossing - 03/07 to 05/07 full closure</p> <p>DS raised a conflict with planned resurfacing 26/07–13/08 on A71 from North Ayrshire boundary to Moorfield Rbt EB. DM to speak to LL. GR also advised of works on A71 but did not have dates available, however works have been recorded on the register.</p> <p><b><u>AOCB</u></b></p> <p>5.8 Reminder to everyone to keep businesses and residents notified about works that will affect them.</p> <p>5.9 Anyone that can carry out works ahead of resurfacing, the Authority or Trunk Roads will do their best to accommodate this.</p>	<p><b>All Note</b></p> <p><b>DM</b></p> <p><b>DM</b></p>
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<b><u>6.Road Faults / Reinstatements</u></b>	
<p><b><u>NAC</u></b></p> <p>6.1 SW - McIntosh Place Industrial Estate, Irvine water connection update required. EW to chase up.</p> <p><b><u>ARA</u></b></p> <p>6.2 Connection lost, no issues raised.</p> <p><b><u>AOCB</u></b></p> <p>6.3 Reminder to SU that any damage to drainage lines or Street lighting should be notified to the Authority and recorded within the SRWR. Likewise, the authorities will notify the relevant SU if any damage is caused to their apparatus.</p>	<p><b>EW</b></p> <p><b>All Note</b></p>
<b><u>7. Traffic Safety Management</u></b>	
<p>7.1 DFT review of the red book ongoing.</p>	
<b><u>8. Scottish Road Works Register</u></b>	
<p>8.1 No new issues raised.</p>	
<b><u>9. Quarterly Inspection &amp; Interim Reinstatement Performance</u></b>	
<p><b>Sample Inspection Report</b></p> <p><b>ARA</b></p> <p>9.1 DS lost connection, no update available.</p> <p><b>North Ayrshire</b></p> <p>9.2 No immediate concerns this quarter, some areas of performance are looking low but that is due to the low number of works.</p>	

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<p><b>Interim Reinstatements</b></p> <p><b>ARA</b></p> <p>9.3 DS lost connection, no update available</p> <p><b>North Ayrshire</b></p> <p>9.4 KC advised the island overdue reinstatements are being checked today. The report indicates any further action required by the statutory undertaker, any marked as complete require to be closed off on the register.</p> <p>9.5 SGN, Main Road, Springside – outstanding inspection LA2378374</p>	<p><b>SU</b></p> <p><b>DMd</b></p>
<p><b><u>10. National and Local Coring</u></b></p>	
<p>10.1 National Coring programme for 2022 has been confirmed for reinstatements carried out between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. A new lead authority will be required to be appointed. It is unclear whether this will reflect the new or current RAUC areas.</p> <p>10.2 The Coring working group are currently redrafting Advise Note 3.</p>	
<p><b><u>11. South West RAUC and RAUC Scotland</u></b></p>	
<p><b><u>South West RAUC</u></b></p> <p>11.1 New RAUC areas are out for consultation. First draft has been issued and comments received.</p> <p>11.2 Coring programme to take place 2022 - Internal cores will be optional not compulsory.</p> <p>11.3 Scottish Government COVID – No changes to construction advise.</p> <p>11.4 SRWR Performance dashboard – SRWC is currently reviewing options to measure the annual performance following pandemic. A review is also underway on the performance indicators and banding criteria</p> <p>11.5 SRWR Agreements – any change to materials used should be recorded in the works description of the notice.</p> <p>11.6 SRWC has been in force for three months and his priorities are Transport Scotland Act, Roads Authority noticing of works, Road</p>	

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Authority Inspection performances to statutory undertakers measured by the sample inspections,

- 11.7 SRWC - Safety is paramount for all organisations, quality of access for all vulnerable roads users, users with mobility challenges should be considered in all TM.
- 11.8 SRWR webinars ongoing with positive feedback. Upcoming webinars will be advertised on the news page.
- 11.9 SRWR VAULT updates are to be carried out every two months.
- 11.10 SRWR can be interfaced directly with, any questions should be directed to Iain Ross.

#### **RAUC Scotland – No Update Available**

- 11.11 Minutes for 3<sup>rd</sup> March had yet to be distributed, the following points were raised:
- 11.12 RAUC(S) Advice Note 8 (Portable Traffic Lights) – review to be circulated to area RAUCS this month for comment.
- 11.13 RAUC(S) Advice Note 15 (Recording Inspection Results and Responding to Inspection on the SRWR) – has now been incorporated into the Inspections Code of Practice.
- 11.14 Quality Plans Working Group met 3<sup>rd</sup> December; update will be provided at the next RAUCS Scotland meeting.
- 11.15 Version 5 of Specification for the reinstatement of openings in Roads (SROR) to be issued for comments March 2022 with a view to be completed by April 2022. Progress updates will be provided at Area RAUCS and RAUCS Scotland.
- 11.16 Transport Scotland Act commencement is due to come into effect April 2021 following a 12-month delay, implementations of other sections to follow thereafter. Unsure whether current circumstances may propose a further delay.
- 11.17 RAUC(S) Advice Note 4 (Fees and Charges) is to be updated for the introduction of the revised Code of Practice for Inspections.
- 11.18 Martin Polland will step down as co-chair June 2021. Volunteers welcome to express interest.
- 11.19 Climate Change Conference of parties (COP26) – SECC, 01/11/21 – 12/11/21. Major disruptions anticipated, any works should be scheduled for completion two months prior to event. Individual risk

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<p>assessments will be required depending on the works in the individual tiered areas under Covid restrictions.</p> <p>11.20 RAUC(S) is looking for individual groups to provide information regarding safety for anything within your own utility company to be shared. SS to forward DMac safety bulletins issued by Highways England regarding three hot boxes. GR advised he would attach the latest safety bulletins when issuing the minutes.</p>	
<p><b><u>12. AOCB</u></b></p>	
<p>12.1 GR queried how many organisations were inputting their diversion routes into the register? SP confirmed the majority of their diversions are recorded and encouraged all to do so. DMcd advised that SU are unable to plot diversions onto the register and it must be the Roads Authority following approval.</p> <p>12.2 MM highlighted that events are starting to commence again in particular cycling time trials who utilise the route from Eglinton Interchange to Meadowhead Rbt. Keith Stewart, EAC is continually working to ensure covid guidelines are adhered too.</p> <p>12.3 MM issued a general reminder to be aware of the safety standards when utilising TM and using TM companies.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>All Note</b></p> <p><b>All Note</b></p>
<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p>	
<p>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 14:30 via MS Teams.</p>	