

## **DIRECT SERVICES – MORAY LOCAL RAUCS MEETING**

**Date:**        **Wednesday 18 October 2017**

**Location:**    **Committee Room 2**

### **ATTENDEES:**

Kevin Price – Traffic Engineer (Chair) (KP)  
Ken Major – Senior Engineer (KM)  
Linda Guild – Technical Support Officer (LG)  
Lindsay Henderson – SRWC Technical Standards Manager (LH)  
Brian Kid – Roads Inspector (BK)  
Craig Johnston – Roads Inspector (CJ)  
Phil Peace – Technical Supervisor (PP)  
Duncan MacLennan – Scottish Water (DMcl)  
Darren Pointer – Scottish Water (DP)  
Irvine Ellis – Scottish Water (IE)  
Gary Milne – SSE (GM)  
Ralph Newlands – BEAR (RN)  
Richard Adam – Principal Support Technician (RA)  
Claire Rowlands – Acting Technical Assistant (CR)

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1.0	<b>Introduction &amp; Apologies</b>  KP thanked everyone for attending and intimated there would be no fire alarm tested during the meeting further to a check with Facilities. Formal apologies were received from Paul Barron (Moray Council), Ian Cameron (Moray Council), Alan Howie (SGN), Donald McRae (Moray Council), Andrew Ingram (Moray Council), Vince Woods (Moray Council), Derek Smith (Moray Council) and David Munro (Moray Council).	
2.0	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	
	KP reported there was not much to update here however advised that he had downloaded reports to check who he has contact details for and who he has not. KP stressed the utmost importance to all concerned of having clear and accurate contact details available.	<b>ALL</b>



	<p><b><u>Health &amp; Safety</u></b></p> <p>KP explained that Derek Smith of Moray Council is the Street Inspector and picks up signing issues. KP advised that the 2 biggest issues reported are operatives with no long sleeved vests on and operatives who are not able to produce their Street Works Cards.</p> <p>KP stressed that Moray Council will not tolerate operatives being out on the roads without their tickets.</p>	
4.0	<p><b>Minutes of No SRAUC Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017( Inverness)</b></p> <p>KP tabled a copy of these Minutes and gave a copy to everyone.</p> <p>KP also explained that the Commissioner had released their Annual Performance Reviews and early starts had been one of the issues that we have been pulled up on.</p> <p>KP went round the table to get views and obtained feedback as follows:-</p> <p>DM commented contact details are a problem and how coring had been performed badly with the previous coring issue. He also commented on the importance of getting defects under control.</p> <p>DP also highlighted defects and use of tent tile.</p> <p>KP also advised that a new accreditation system for Street Worker Operatives will be introduced on 4 September 2017.</p> <p>KP also highlighted the area of how long cards last and how they get renewed and how additional training may be beneficial for all Ashgrove Roads Maintenance employees to undertake.</p> <p>KP also felt it was worth checking whether operatives Street Works Tickets were modern and up to date.</p>	
5.0	<p><b>Symology</b></p> <p>KP advised that the contract has been renewed for Symology last month and the Street Works Register has been awarded to Symology.</p> <p>LH advised this will be renewed subsequently on the 31 March of next year.</p>	

	<p>LH advised that the Symology is part of the contract and he will be doing presentations around Scotland which will come out in the area RAUCS meeting next month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017.</p>	
6.0	<p><b>Performance Management</b></p> <p>KP has looked at the Performance Management of potential FPN's and 4 main utilities and reported as per below:-</p> <p><u>Quarter 1</u></p> <p>Network Rail - 6, Open Reach - 0, Scottish Water – 2, SGN – 4 &amp; SSE – 1</p> <p><u>Quarter 2</u></p> <p>Network Rail – 0, Open Reach – 9, Scottish Water – 2, SGN – 12, SSE -1 Moray Council - 13 of each.</p>	
7.0	<p><b>Major Works – Moray Council</b></p> <p>RA intimated that PB is currently on annual leave.</p> <p>RA explained that the Roads Maintenance team are currently working through a programme of works however have little to do because of budget restrictions.</p> <p>RA commented that drainage and edge strengthening work is being undertaken and there are a number of jobs on rural sites where edge strengthening is being completed.</p> <p>PP also commented that LED works is currently being undertaken.</p> <p>RA indicated that a landslip repair on the A940 is the biggest job in the pipeline and he is unable to speak for Consultancy.</p>	

8.0	<p><b>Major Works – Utilities</b></p> <p>GM had nothing to report.</p> <p>DMcl explained that a target of 90% broadband conversion to 750 new homes nationwide has to be implemented by Christmas 2017.</p> <p>KP reported there was nothing new with cabling and splicing.</p> <p>DP also commented the Cullen Flooding Defence will be worked on and the road next to the Cullen Kitchen will require closing off and keeping the other road as is. Lots of SGN works are there he added.</p>	
9.0	<p><b>Major Works – BEAR Scotland</b></p> <p>LG reported also there were lots of things around Forres from the list and RN has already got the work and that from 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 until the beginning of November was a concern.</p> <p>RN commented that resurfacing works to Findhorn and Greshop Industrial Estate would be undertaken from 5 - 7 November 2017 from 19:00 hours until 06:30 hours.</p> <p>LG advised everyone to try to not get any more works in Forres during these times.</p> <p>RN advised LG that the only other new one would be the Forres bypass (Phase 2) however they can't get the web fill in. Bear Scotland will also be bringing forward the Carron junction to Aberlour works and are waiting for Transport Scotland to approve.</p> <p>RN advised that due to not being able to get web fills in, no resurfacing will be done until next year.</p>	
10.0	<p><b>Health &amp; Safety</b></p> <p>DP has observed a number of sites where barriers have been erected where they should not be.</p> <p>KP has taken street lighting on board and thanked PP.</p> <p>KP also stressed the importance of signing being up to scratch, long sleeved vests being worn and ramps being provided for pedestrians on footways.</p>	

	<p>KP reported he had not received a lot of complaints from the general public and wanted to keep it that way.</p>	
11.0	<p><b>Traffic Management</b></p> <p>LG explained that in Symology it was vital to choose one type of traffic management and to spell it in the text box.</p> <p>KP mentioned that IC had made changes to Traffic Management methods that could be used and there cannot be everything covered in it.</p>	
12.0	<p><b>Contact Details</b></p> <p>KP thanked everyone for signing the contact sheet for him that was passed around the table prior to the meeting commencing.</p>	
13.0	<p><b>Public Events</b></p> <p>KP advised that marches and parades on Symology haven't been done for a year now.</p> <p>KP asked if Utilities felt that they were still being kept informed of all public events</p> <p>It was advised by KP that all were to talk to LG or KP if they found something they were not aware of. LG and KP will pick up any clashes and will then pull TM back as required.</p>	
14.0	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>BK expressed his disgust at the state of the Cabrach Road. Issues with tidying up lying cables and having to take out hard core most weekends.</p> <p>BK reported that hundreds of tonnes of stuff have been disappearing overnight and was disappearing somewhere.</p> <p>KP advised it was never intended to be carted into a wind farm site and KP is going to use borrow pits.</p> <p>KP is already aware there is some kind of problem with borrow pits and feels the upshot of it is related to the number of HGV's travelling along the road every day which is subsequently wrecking the road.</p>	

	<p>KP believes that up to this point no wear and tear has been developed by the developer.</p> <p>KP advised he had a discussion with IC last week regarding introducing a temporary speed limit.</p> <p>CJ reported that BT have been throwing cables on the verge and just walking away and leaving them. It was subsequently agreed that BT must be advised by email if cables had not been buried and if CJ finds any more cables, it should be linked back to the Symology Notice and KP will get back to DP.</p> <p>No other business advised at this point.</p>	
15.0	<p><b>Lindsay Henderson, Office of Scottish Road Works Commissioner Presentation (Road Safety and Noticing)</b></p> <p>Lindsay gave a slide Presentation to all which was concluded by KP thanking LH for the Presentation and everyone for their meeting attendance.</p>	
16.0	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>KP advised the next RAUCS meeting would be scheduled for 18 April 2018 and further details would be sent out by KP via a meeting request invitation.</p>	