

Orkney Local Roads Authority and Utility Committee Meeting Minutes.

Venue: **Microsoft Teams.**

Date: **Wednesday 18th November 2020.**

Time: **11:00.**

1. Introductions.

1.1. Meeting commenced at 11:00 am.

1.2. Present at meeting:

1.2.1. Donald Wilson, Orkney Islands Councils Roads (Chair).

1.2.2. Matthew Wylie, Orkney Islands Council Roads.

1.2.3. Neil Gauld, Orkney Islands Council Engineering

1.2.4. Roy Dick, Scottish and Southern Energy

1.2.5. Duncan Maclennan, Openreach

1.2.6. Bruce Davidson, Openreach.

1.2.7. Michael Grieve, Scottish Water

2. Apologies.

2.1. No Apologies received.

3. Previous Minutes.

3.1 MW indicated that he noticed mistake in minutes and will reissue. Minutes not agreed.

4. Matters Arising.

4.1 No matters arising.

5. Roads and Utilities Projected Works.

5.1. Orkney Islands Council Maintenance Work.

5.1.1. Slowing getting back to normality with revenue works beginning again. Until now only capital works and Cat 1 defects were being done.

5.1.2. Surfacing programme now largely complete but we are hoping to do Pickaquooy Road and Bignold Park Road in the new year by March 2021.

- 5.1.3. Road Reconstruction works ongoing on A961 at Lambholm and Norton Brae. A965 through Finstown to be done by Christmas and A986 on the Harray straight to be done in January/February.
- 5.1.4. Streetlighting also ongoing with Ontoft Road in St Margaret's Hope Complete. Moving onto Anfield Crescent, Loganlea and Netherton Road before Christmas. Cursiter Crescent planned after Christmas.
- 5.1.5. New streetlighting also being provided out to Firth School. Extended over bridge from existing lighting. To begin after new year and be complete by end of March 2021.
- 5.1.6. Drop kerb works still being designed in liaison with OIC Engineering.

5.2. Orkney Islands Council Capital Works.

- 5.2.1. Westside Road – No movement at moment.
- 5.2.2. Kirkwall THI – Now complete except for some street furniture such as bins and benches.
- 5.2.3. Kirkwall Crossing Points – Design work ongoing in liaison with OIC Roads.
- 5.2.4. Cathedral Steps – Is back with planning.
- 5.2.5. Standing stones car park, Stenness – Currently on-site. SSE and BT have been in attendance.
- 5.2.6. St Margaret's Hope Flood Study- No update at present.
- 5.2.7. Hatston Terminal – Redrawing plans for how vehicles wait to go on ferry.
- 5.2.8. Hatston Ferry Terminal to OIC Roads Depot Fibre connection – looking at potential options for ducting route.
- 5.2.9. EV Charging Points – Majority of new EV points are now finished. Potential for a few more at Council Offices, School Place and at OIC Roads Depot at Hatston.

5.3. Scottish and Southern Energy.

- 5.3.1. Rackwick works coming to an end. DW adds that remedial surfacing works are ongoing.
- 5.3.2. Nothing else to add at this time affecting public roads.

5.4. BT Openreach.

- 5.4.1. DM has sent list of ongoing Openreach projects. Please find attached to these minutes.

5.4.2. Carness works – 540m of ducting to be installed to connect new site.

5.4.3. Overblow sub duct – Orphir to Stromness

5.4.4. KNN have sub-contracted work to Sinclairs.

5.5. Scottish Water.

5.5.1. Nothing new to add. No works planned in road.

5.5.2. New 6-year plan starts in new year so more works might happen then.

6. North of Scotland Roads Authority and Utilities Committee.

6.1. Kenny Roy attended this by Microsoft Teams.

6.2. No updates

6.3. DM also attended and confirmed that new Road Works Commissioner is now in post.

6.4. DM also confirmed that new Chair is in post.

7. AOCB.

7.1. DM confirmed that Openreach have new contract with KNN in which 3% of all works are being cored. If pass rate drops to 90% then this increases to 10% of sites being cored. If pass rate drops to 80% then this increases to 20% of sites being cored. Contract now requires that photos be taken before, during and after the project by the contractor.

8. Future Meetings.

8.1. Next meeting to be held on 17 February 2021 at 09:00 on Microsoft Teams.

8.2. Meeting closed at 11:28.