

Orkney Local Roads Authority and Utility Committee Meeting Minutes.

Venue: **Development and Infrastructure meeting room 1.**

Date: **Wednesday 19 February 2020.**

Time: **10:35.**

1. Introductions.

1.1. Meeting commenced at 10:35am.

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. Michelle Miller, Scottish Water.

1.2.4. Michael Grieve, Scottish Water.

1.2.5. Roy Dick, Scottish and Southern Energy.

1.2.6. Peter Bevan, Orkney Islands Council Engineering.

2. Apologies.

2.1. No apologies.

3. Previous Minutes.

3.1 Previous minutes agreed.

4. Roads and Utilities Projected Works.

4.1. Orkney Islands Council Capital Works

4.1.1. Broad Street T H I - Works still ongoing.

4.1.2. Westside Road - study still ongoing.

4.1.3. Hatston Terminal Access – Plans still being drawn up.

4.1.4. Standing Stones of Stenness Car Park – Temporary surface to be provided before summer. Looking at permanent solutions after Summer.

4.1.5. Designing accessibility improvements around Kirkwall.

4.1.6. Kerbing works around old Bus Station in Great Western Road South Car Park once the old Bus Station gets knocked down.

4.1.7. New parking area being installed at St.Olafs Cemetery as part of Cemetery extension.

4.1.8. Working on footpath at back of Papdale East, Kirkwall.

4.1.9. Cathedral Steps – work upcoming.

4.1.10. Flood study to be undertaken at St Margarets Hope.

4.2. Orkney Islands Council Maintenance Works.

4.2.1. Asset Replacement Programme 2019/20 handed out to all attendees.

4.2.2. Draft 2020 Surface Dressing programme handed out to all attendees. This is not final and is liable to change. MW to confirm at next meeting.

4.2.3. Watergate works ongoing. Being undertaken as part of Kirkwall T H I works.

4.2.4. Most streetlight projects now complete. Sparrowhawk Road and Back Road currently on-site.

4.2.5. Most surfacing projects now complete. Currently on-site at St Catherines Place and moving on to School Place on 2nd March. Ontoft Road currently planned for mid-March.

4.2.6. Asset replacement programme yet to be confirmed by Council so nothing definite yet but may be carrying out surfacing at following locations: Willow Road, Crowness Crescent, Stews Road, Gunns Close Car Park and Sandyhill Road, Shapinsay. Will have full programme confirmed for next meeting. MM asked for further information once works confirmed. MW will forward on work plans once finalised.

4.3. Scottish and Southern Energy.

4.3.1. Sanday drawing to a close.

4.3.2. Bellevue substation works upcoming.

4.4. BT Openreach.

4.4.1. No attendees.

4.5. Scottish Water.

4.5.1. North Hoy – MG and DW to discuss after meeting.

4.5.2. North Ronaldsay – Work started 3 weeks ago but due to recent weather there has been no boats out for 3 weeks, so they are unable to get materials out. This has slowed work but expect to be back up and running next week.

4.5.3. Stronsay works – On verge of commissioning new units now. Removal of Service Reservoir currently in planning. Only impact to Road is the removal of existing access and construction of new one.

4.5.4. Stromness works – Snagging has now taken place.

4.5.5. Bench at Logan's Well – Planning sorted, and bench should be in place. MM requires access to this area every 8 weeks for inspection so wants to make sure it won't hinder this.

5. North of Scotland Roads Authority and Utilities Committee.

5.1. DW and Kenny Roy attended last meeting by Skype.

5.2. Scottish Road Works Register is moving to a new web-based system called Aurora on 06 April 2020. Might not affect everyone around the table but all users are required to undertake online training prior to getting access. Reminder to get training done if required.

5.3. Reminder again that Orkney is now part of the national coring programme and cores will be taken at random on approximately 5 utility sites beginning next financial year. If cores fail, utility will be responsible for costs. If cores pass, Orkney islands Council will be responsible for costs.

6. AOCB.

6.1. MW wanted to again raise the issue regarding Fibre Optic service plans. Orkney Islands Council came across private fibre cable on a recent streetlighting job which we were not aware of. We have now received plans from EMEC for their fibre but how will BT Openreach be supplying us where the new Fibre network is being provided as it is not currently on online service plans.

6.2. MW asked MG if Scottish Water required access to the shore below Station Square in Holm as this opening contributes to the road getting flooded. MG confirmed that Scottish Water do still need this access and to confirm by email to Kenny Roy. MG suggested a gate would be more suited here. MW confirmed that the Council are looking at options and wanted to rule out easiest option of just building a wall first.

6.3. RD asked if OIC were aware of the old wall down Gunns Close behind the Happy Haddock which looks to be leaning precariously. PB confirmed that OIC Engineering are looking at inspecting all walls such as this one. MW confirmed that OIC are aware of this one and it is being monitored.

7. Future Meetings.

7.1. Next meeting to be held on 20 May 2020 in Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.

7.2. Meeting closed at 11:10.