

Minutes of the quarterly Roads & Utilities Co-ordinating Group (New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991) meeting held on Wednesday 8th May 2019, Gremista Meeting Room at 9.30am

1 In Attendance

Mr N Robertson	SIC Roads (Chair)
Mr N Hutcheson	SIC Roads
Mr J Johnson	SIC Roads
Mr B Scobie	SIC Roads
Mr M Smith	Shetland Telecom
Mr M Chattell	SHEAP
Mr J Anderson	Scottish Water
Mrs S Gair	SIC Roads

Apologies

Mr J Collins	BT Openreach
Mr S Simpson	BT Openreach

2 Minutes of last meeting

Taken as read.

3 Matters arising from last meeting

Will be picked up as we go through items.

4 Roads and Utilities Projected Works

4.1 SIC Maintenance Roadworks

JD said they were doing minor patching.

NH said they were doing surface dressing preparation, this shouldn't affect any other utilities. The resurfacing will be Billister/Laxfirth, Lunnaess Road, Hillswick Junction, there's BT in the verge on the west side, Ian Leask is doing a design to see if its feasible to do widening here. Then Hillend Road, Mid Yell, Aywick Road at the shop, Setter bend, Scalloway, Burra bridge, lower Greenhead to Gremista Link Road, Hoswick, Rompa which may be a reconstruction and will need to be done at the end of the tourist season. Heading West to B9071 which will need to be dug into the hill as its slipping a bit. Then realignment at Noness Road, Sandwick.

A970, Ladies Drive junction and west (overlay) will not now be carried out this financial year. Knab Road which is in a poor state, from St Olaf's hall to the old cemetery will just be patched as and when. NH said they had been told to leave Knab Road.
NH said there is no suitable machine in Shetland to surface two lane roads.

4.2 SIC Capital Roadworks

Flagging at Charlotte Street north to the Fort Chip shop. Then the west side of the footpath on Market Street towards the police station. Scalloway, Meadowfield Crescent to Harley Street on the west side.

There had been problems with drainage at the butchers, the French cake shop and Smith and Robertson's but they hadn't wanted to change from a shared connection to individual connections, JA will check if this is still the case as the works will be right outside their shops and would be a good time to do it.

BS asked how the streetlighting replacement was going? NR thought it was going well and they seemed to be able to keep off the road a lot of the time and not be annoying folk too much.

JA asked about the culvert at Yell and if there was a timeframe? JD said he would have a look at it.

4.3 Scottish & Southern Energy

Not at meeting.

4.4 Open Reach

John Collins had sent an email to let the meeting know he was retiring. Richard Stove or Sandy Simpson will now be attending the meetings in his place. He asked for his regards to be passed on to all at the meeting.

Sandy Simpson had sent in his apologies.

4.5 Scottish Water

JA had a list of works

Eela Water Trunk Main Renewal & Duplication works started on the 29th. Works are still expected to be completed by 31/03/2020. It was started at Mavis Grind going north. Trial holes down Staney Hill will be carried out this month, hopefully keeping mostly in the verge and will be finished at the end of June, beginning of July.

New mains work on South Road, will wait and see but still planned for October.

Mains Renewal works at East Voe, Bigton & Dunrossness all pushed back to SR21 (period 2021-2027).

Fair Isle – may need to rebuild/re-enforce road at the end of the job, no details on vehicles being used on the job as yet. Raymond can speak to Roads once they know. Some works on Papa Stour but nothing untoward.

4.6 Lerwick District Heating

MC said they had a single cable fault in the Old North Road/Lochside area. They are trying to narrow it down just now, may require a new cable but unsure as yet.

4.7 Shetland Telecom

MS said they were going to be deploying network in Unst and Yell before the end of the year to connect up Council and NHS buildings but the funding has not been

confirmed as yet. These works will hopefully be in verges. NR said they were changing the specification for narrow trenching. MS asked about micro trenching and NR said it was basically up to Dave Coupe.

5 Traffic Management and TTRO's

NR said he had no issues.

6 Contractor Performance

All seemed to be going well.

7 AOCB

No other business.

8 Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 10.02.

The next meeting is arranged for 14th August at 9.30 in the Gremista Meeting Room, Lerwick.

November's meeting date is to be confirmed.