

Minutes of the quarterly Roads & Utilities Co-ordinating Group (New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991) meeting held on Wednesday 14th August 2019, Gremista Meeting Room at 11.00am

1 In Attendance

Mr N Robertson	SIC Roads (Chair)
Mr J Duncan	SIC Roads
Mr M Pedley	SIC Roads
Mr S Simpson	Open Reach
Mr R Christie-Henry	SHEAP
Mr M Smith	Shetland Telecom
Mrs S Gair	SIC Roads

Apologies

Mr J Johnson	SIC Roads
Mr B Scobie	SIC Roads

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 less minor patching than they had thought and were doing more kerbs, gullies and manholes, but nothing major.

JD said there are a lot of men on holiday so the tar squad are doing nothing just now. The Hillswick junction design is not suitable. The Setter bend initial digging out is complete and is now waiting for the big machine. The Burra bridge is waiting on the scarifier. The scarifier is holding up the works so more verging is being done instead.

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

IS had reported that there were no capital works going on. NR wasn't sure if the footpath on Market Street towards the police station was finished, he said he would check.

MP said the next section of the streetlighting replacement was due to start in the first week of September, this will be in Lerwick and the South Mainland.

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 as usual!

4.4 Open Reach

Sandy Simpson said they had nothing happening at the moment.

4.5 Scottish Water

JA was not at the meeting.

NR said that Eela Water Trunk Main Renewal & Duplication works were ongoing, they had varied due to coming across rock and some of the crossings had changed as they were not as the plans. They are progressing well though. He also said that the reinstatement of the verges were being done with dust, which seems to be working ok just now but they would keep an eye to it to see if it works long term and lasts over the winter. It will have to be re-done if it doesn't last.

NR said he didn't know about any of the rest of the jobs.

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

Roddy Christie-Henry said that Matt Chattell has left SHEAP so he will be attending the meetings from now on. He said they didn't have much happening just now but said if any of the contractors were digging holes they had maps they could provide with their equipment shown.

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 the funding has now been confirmed. These works will hopefully be in verges. NR said they were changing the specification for narrow trenching.

MP said that Dave Coupe said micro trenching could be used but only if absolutely necessary.

MP said tenders will be out in the next couple of weeks and hopefully it will be about two months until the works start.

5 Traffic Management and TTRO's

NR said he had no issues.

6 Contractor Performance

NR said he now has a checklist for contractors to make sure they are completing their permit applications properly. The auditor has said that if permit applications are not being filled in with all the information required they should be refused and a new application form (with another payment) handed in.

The checklist is attached with these minutes.

7 AOCB

NR said that the white lining machine is due to be in Shetland the week commencing the 2nd of September.

8 Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 11.20.

The next meeting is in November (exact date to be confirmed) in the Gremista Meeting Room, Lerwick.