

Minutes of the quarterly Roads & Utilities Co-ordinating Group (New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991) meeting held on Wednesday the 1st of December 2021, by Teams at 11.00 am

1 In Attendance

Mr N Robertson	SIC Roads (Chair)
Mr R Christie-Henry	SHEAP
Mr J Deeney	SSE
Mr S Simpson	Open Reach
Mr D McClennan	Open Reach
Mr N Hutcheson	SIC Roads
Mr J Johnson	SIC Roads
Mrs S Gair	SIC Roads

Apologies

Mr G Anderson	SIC Roads
Mr R Aitken	Scottish Water

2 Minutes of last meeting

Were 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

NH said there was nothing major, just bits of ditching and patching. NR said there was still some ongoing ironworks. NH agreed and said it would be gritting for the next few days.

4.2 SIC Capital Roadworks

NH said the B971 was underway and progressing. Some resurfacing to begin in March which would be North Nesting, Easter Quarff from the hall to the junction where it splits and goes down the hill and that would probably take us up to the end of the financial year.

NR asked if Neil thought the pot holes in Knab Road would hold up till next year and NH said he would speak to Martin Higgins about getting them patched. The resurfacing will be starting next financial year and will include Knab Road as well as Lochside to Clickimin and Market Street.

4.3 Scottish & Southern Energy

NR asked if they had applied for a S109 for the cabled from Nesting to Kergord for the windfarm cables. JD said there was now three branches to SSE and the SSE Renewables section would apply for that. SSE Transmissions will apply for the cable coming back to Lerwick.

JD said they had big transformers coming up in April and will keep us informed of dates once they are confirmed, NR said he would need to know ASAP incase of any clashes. JD said the consents were coming for power distribution and NR asked if the works would be off the road? JD wasn't sure as the design hadn't been finalised and will hopefully be signed off in January.

4.4 Open Reach

DM said the works for the R100 were to start on Monday, the workers are arriving in Shetland on Sunday. So they will be starting in Lerwick and progressing to Gott and Weisdale. Some sea work and up to Yell and Unst. NR said that Burgess Street was going to be closed as it was such a narrow street and they were going to offer the residents free fibre for their inconvenience. JD asked Neil to let him know of any problems.

SS said he had nothing to add.

4.5 Scottish Water

Raymond Aitken had given his apologies.

4.6 Lerwick District Heating

RCH said they had stopped their summer maintenance campaign and a couple of spots had been missed which would be done next year. They are going to do the drone survey every year now and weather permitting they will do it in January. The season will start earlier next year so they have time to complete it, so a June start maybe.

JD asked if NR could give them a heads up with any planned works so that District Heating's schedule is ahead of Roads eg. The works planned for Lochside. He also said that if any of the utilities needed to know where District Heating's pipes are just to give him a phone and he can get them maps etc.

4.7 Shetland Telecom

Not at the meeting.

5 Traffic Management and TTRO's

NR said he had not issues with traffic management, it had been fairly quiet, No complaints even with shutting the road at the South End. Putting up the sign and giving advance notice a week before it started seemed to have worked well.

6 Contractor Performance

NR said he had no issues at all.

7 AOCB

JD asked if he could have Roads 2022 planned programme of works for across Shetland? NH said he would send it to him.

JD asked NR for details to prop up the Girlsta bridge. NR said the person that had been dealing with that had left and his Team Leader was on leave. NR said he would speak to design for the information and get back to him.

8 Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 11.25.

The next meeting will be a week after the NOSRAUC meeting in February at 11.00
Exact date to be confirmed.