

Minutes of the quarterly Roads & Utilities Co-ordinating Group (New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991) meeting held on Wednesday 12th May 2021, by Teams at 11.00 am

1 In Attendance

Mr N Robertson	SIC Roads (Chair)
Mr L Henderson	Technical Standards Manager
Mr R Christie-Henry	SHEAP
Mr M Smith	Shetland Telecom
Mr G Anderson	SIC Roads
Mr J Anderson	Scottish Water
Mr S Simpson	Open Reach
Mrs S Gair	SIC Roads

Apologies

Mr G Priest	SSE
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

GA said that the boys are working in Church Road just now which was delayed with the gritting stretching on into April this year and then they will be doing patching works in Bressay. NR said Church Road needed to be finished by the end of August and then the Lodberry works would start.

NR said he had spoken to John Duncan and they were doing patching for the surface dressing programme and then they would be replacing cats eyes in Yell. Markon can't reinstate them all and NR said they were going to give stick on one's a try. The whole road right through Yell needs to be done so it will be a good test for how the temporary ones last.

4.2 SIC Capital Roadworks

NH wasn't at the meeting but had told NR that he will send through by email the programme for surface dressing and resurfacing which will be attached to the minutes.

4.3 Scottish & Southern Energy

GP sent his apologies.

NR said there was lots of cabling going to be done in relation to the Energy Isles windfarm and the resurfacing programme would need to be adjusted to fit in with this.

He said SSE had asked for an early start on a job at the back of the Malakoff and as this wasn't going to affect anyone he was happy to agree. He said early starts are available on jobs so contractors should just ask.

4.4 Open Reach

Sandy Simpson said the only major job they had on was duct work into Stukka right in past the hotel. With completion due at the end of September. NR said he would have a good look at the plans when they came in.

NR said he had seen them outside the British Legion in Lerwick and wondered what the job was, SS said it was putting in new earth plates.

4.5 Scottish Water

JA –

Planned Capital Works

Caledonian Water Alliance (CWA)

Eela Water WTW – SVT MR/Duplication – Works Complete.

Bigton MR currently programmed for start in July 2021. Works are mainly apart from the Road but will include a number of road crossings between south end of Bigton straight, Maywick road, Bigton loop and Ireland road.

Aith & Effirth MR currently programmed for 2021/22. Mains replacement from Dykeside on B9071 into Aith to Whitelaw Road, down to pier and Braewick, half way in Vementry road. Again works will be largely apart from the road, other than road crossings.

Quendale MR replacement main mainly out with road between Boddam and Quendale and up to Noss. Works does involve a crossing over A970 at Mainland's shop. Programmed for 2022/23.

Gulberwick ST replacement for old SPS located on adjacent site below hall. Improved access to public road at hall.

ESD

Sandy Loch WTW – New CWT & Main

Position of new CWT is being reviewed. However, proposed temporary access onto A970 immediately south of Roy Leask's house and new main in west verge/footpath of A970 from Fivlagord to Carlesburg, currently programmed for 2021.

SW Managed Delivery

Eela Water WTW – Raw Main

Frank L Johnston (Shetland) Ltd New Pumping Raw Main from Eela Water to Eela Water WTW complete.

Fair Isle WTW Boring Rig being mobilised to isle in August. Approx 15t and will confirmed if wheeled or tracked.

Operation / Reactive

Ironworks

SIC Roads continue to support SW in Ironworks replacements.

NR said he would get our roads inspector Gary Mainland to have a look round the town and make a list of any defects after all the frost there had been.

4.6 Lerwick District Heating

RCH said they had completed the drone survey earlier in the year and they had found a few hot spots especially in the King Harald Street/Market Street area. There are another two or three areas outwith there which are mostly on the transmission line. They are hoping to start work on this at the back end of the summer, and it's to the north of Greenhead Gate which shouldn't cause too many problems. He said he would need to come and speak to NR about the ones in the Old North Road before starting, in he hoped July/August, as some of these would be trickier but he thought they would be small and easily accessible. NR said this was fine and to come along and have a discussion.

4.7 Shetland Telecom

MS said they had nothing new. They were doing marine statement work in Unst and Yell. NR asked about new ducting contracts with fibre, MS wasn't sure, he thought it might be a job to design it. NR said he would check with Michael.

MS left the meeting as he had joined from his van to attend and was in the middle of a job.

5 Traffic Management and TTRO's

NR said he would combine his next comment for 5 & 6 which was to remind contractors to sandbag signs as it's been windy there's been a few signs and barriers collapsing.

6 Contractor Performance

As 5.

7 AOCB

Jim said he'd noticed a raised bit sticking up about half an inch at a vehicular access on the pavement at 17 Twageous Road, maybe with the frost?

NR said they'd checked this and it had settled now after the frost.

Lindsay Henderson said the New Transport Bill red book was mandatory, you have your initial training and then it needs to be re-sat after 5 years.

LH said that early starts are a good co-ordination tool.

LH said that he has found that stick on studs are good until the snow ploughs come along. NR commented that even if they bought us a little more time until we got the permanent ones fixed in.

8 Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 11.30.

The next meeting will be on the 19th of August at 11.00