

Minutes of the quarterly Roads & Utilities Co-ordinating Group (New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991) meeting held on Wednesday 14th November 2018, Gremista Meeting Room at 9.30am

1 In Attendance

Mr N Robertson	SIC Roads (Chair)
Mr N Hutcheson	SIC Roads
Mr J Collins	BT Openreach
Mr J Johnson	SIC Roads
Mr J Duncan	SIC Roads
Mr M Chattell	SHEAP
Mr J Anderson	Scottish Water
Mr M Smith	Shetland Telecom
Mrs S Gair	SIC

Apologies

None.

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

GA was not at the meeting but John Duncan had spoken to him and he said there was no patching planned until about March. Ongoing jobs would be drainage and winter maintenance.

All the following schemes are mainly complete:-

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. Coubal (Clavel to Vanlop), and the Mid Walls road at Avondale are complete Two sections of the Wheelafirth Brae at Strand have also been done along with Fetlar from the Brough House to the quarry.

Reconstruction at Leveneap Road, Vidlin, East Burrafirth Road, the Busta Road at Sandness, pretty much the whole road. Sands of Sound Road, Old North Road, Sand Lodge Bends, Kirkyard road and Sunnyside (where the council houses are) in Mid Yell are all complete, although verging works are still underway at Sandlodge.

JD said there might be a telecom cable at East Yell but nothing drastic.

4.2 SIC Capital Roadworks

NH said Shetland Quality Construction were due to start Lighting Replacements on Monday. It's running behind schedule but they will be in Mossbank first and then Cunningsburgh.

After the Re-surfacing at Sandlodge is complete they will take a break for winter and restart approximately mid-February weather permitting.

Ladies Drive, we have no paving machine of our own, so will not be doing Ladies Drive junction anymore but moving onto the Skeld Loop as its single track.

Then overlaying at Wasterwick and then heading up North to Eashness junction to do overlay, there will be no excavation.

Culvert replacement at Stonganess, Cullivoe. NH said Ian Smith had a meeting with the Community Council and the alignment had now been agreed and if there are no more obstacles it will get underway next year.

4.3 Scottish & Southern Energy

Not at meeting.

4.4 Open Reach

JC said they would be working at the Link Road at Levenwick, putting cable in with a duct across the road, burying cable down the Link road then KN are coming up to cable from the Lerwick exchange to the Bigton exchange.

4.5 Scottish Water

JA said that that Mains renewals works were finished.

The mains replacement works are due to start on the 7th of January, they have no subcontractor as yet. Eela water will start at the top and be at Islesburgh by the end of June. Then Islesburgh through Mavis Grind and hopefully finished by the end of September.

There will be a new track at Sandy Loch and a new main around the back of the hill, it will be out of the verge at the old road and 100 yards down the South Road.

The mains renewal at Bigton might possibly be cancelled, they are having a meeting next week. East Voe is still going ahead from Dalsetter Wynd with a crossing at Mainlands shop and Dunrossness school.

Ironworks in town - JA said if we draw up a list of any that are a problem he will check they belong to Scottish Water and if they are theirs he will have them replaced.

4.6 Lerwick District Heating

MC said they had no connections planned. They are going to be repairing a manhole outside their office tomorrow, which should take two days.

4.7 Vodafone

Not at the meeting.

4.8 Shetland Telecom

MS said they had nothing imminent.

5 Traffic Management and TTRO's

NR said traffic management was something that had to keep being brought up with contractors.

Information boards should always be displayed on site with the contact details of the contractor that's working there. Inspector Linsey Henderson of the Commissioner's office could appear at any time to check.

6 Contractor Performance

NR said he had spoken to Stuart Malcolmson about some temporary re-instatements and he had gone back and re-done them.

At the NOSRAUC meeting they are going to introduce a coring system for Orkney and Shetland. A Traffic Management and Coring Team will come up and test the reinstatement and if they are not up to standard they will fail it and the utility responsible will have to pay for the coring.

NR said there is a consultation on narrow trenching which is to be in by the 7th of December. He said he hadn't finished reading it as yet but it was for a minimum width of 75 and a depth of 450. The information is on the Commissioners website which can be found at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/consultation/consultation-on-the-use-of-narrow-trenching-in-scotland-s-roads/>

The link has been forwarded along with the minutes.

There is a new mobile app available to find plant in the road.

NR said he hoped the foremen would be getting it. Symology users will have access he thinks. He was going to speak to David Spence before the meeting about it but he had already gone out.

7 AOCB

No other business.

8 Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 10.00.

The next meeting is arranged for 13th February at 9.30 in the Gremista Meeting Room, Lerwick.

Meeting dates for 2019 are 13th February, 8th May and 14th August.

Novembers meeting date to be confirmed.