

Minutes of the quarterly Roads & Utilities Co-ordinating Group (New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991) meeting held on Thursday 19th August 2021, by Teams at 11.00 am

1 In Attendance

Mr N Robertson	SIC Roads (Chair)
Mr R Christie-Henry	SHEAP
Mr M Smith	Shetland Telecom
Mr G Anderson	SIC Roads
Mr G Priest	SSE
Mr D McClennan	Open Reach
Mr R Smith	Scottish Water
Mr N Hutcheson	SIC Roads
Mr J Johnson	SIC Roads
Mrs S Gair	SIC Roads

Apologies

Mr J Anderson	Scottish Water
Mr S Simpson	Open Reach
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 Church Road was just about finished, they are waiting on some channel bits which should have come either yesterday or today and so this should be finished within a fortnight with another three weeks to allow for the curing period. There is a resurfacing job in Sandwick but just small short sections on side roads. NR asked if they were on and GA said he thought Barrie Scobie had put them on while Grant was on leave, NR said he'd check.

4.2 SIC Capital Roadworks

NH said the surface dressing programme is finished for this year. They will be resurfacing in Main Street, Scalloway, Cullivoe Road, the entire length of Brunthammarland at approximately the end of October. Sand/Garderhouse is out to tender just now and then Doorie, North Nesting to take them up to the end of the year.

George Priest said they were planning to do a road crossing at the loch in September so that should work in fine if the resurfacing is planned for October.

4.3 Scottish & Southern Energy

GP said they have a circuit from here to Kalliness and up to Catfirth junction. They will need a road crossing at Strand Loch up to Califf and the South end of Girlsta Loch.

They are also doing wildlife mitigation works alongside works in relation to the windfarm. NR said he was aware.

GP said he hadn't been able to get a hold of the person he needed to speak to about the windfarm routes but he would and would speak to Neil about these.

4.4 Open Reach

DM said they had nothing on at all.

4.5 Scottish Water

Ross Smith has taken over at these meetings from Jim Anderson and Raymond Aitken had sent his apologies and an email with planned works which has been added to the minutes below,

Managed Delivery project list - a crossing of the A970 at Fladdabister where an Initial Notification Request has been submitted (I spoke to Neil about that one) and a road crossing at Effirth on the B9071 which still has to be formally notified.

The Fladdabister A970 road crossing (90mm dia HPPE water main and possibly ducted) is currently scheduled for mid-October but that may move either way depending on contractor availability. It's only a 7 day notice on this one.

The Effirth B9071 road crossing (63mm dia MDPE) is more urgent but is on a single track road which will probably flag up a minimum 3-month notice period. For that reason I'll be seeking approval for an early start if that's possible for probably around mid-October as well. The date for the crossing will be subject to contractor availability to start early and other consents.

I'm hoping a TTRO won't be required and that we can do the crossing with good advance notification on site of short delays for a given day and steel plates.

I still have to discuss this one with Neil/John.

4.6 Lerwick District Heating

RCH said they have a bit of work still to do in town. Ronald Street which is in the pavement, Westerloch at the pump station side of the road so this won't disrupt traffic. Works at North Road and Shetland Catch which will. Hayfield Lane which they will be doing in the holidays so they will be digging till the end of October. NR said he is aware of these works.

4.7 Shetland Telecom

MS said they had nothing planned.

5 Traffic Management and TTRO's

NR said there are works coming up at Effirth which is a single track road and he is going to put out signs advising motorists of the upcoming works and the dates as he finds these work better in Shetland than an advert in the paper. As when the plates are down the road is not actually closed and people can get past.

6 Contractor Performance

NR said there had been a few jobs overrunning and he needs to make sure the register is kept up to date so he needs to be informed if a job runs on.

7 AOCB

8 Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 11.20.

The next meeting will be Wednesday the 1st of December at 11.00