

Minutes of the quarterly Roads & Utilities Co-ordinating Group (New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991) meeting held on Thursday 19th November 2020, by Teams at 10.30 am

1 In Attendance

Mr N Robertson	SIC Roads (Chair)
Mr J Johnson	SIC Roads
Mr G Priest	SSE
Mr N Hutcheson	SIC Roads
Mr J Anderson	Scottish Water
Mr S Simpson	Open Reach
Mr M Smith	Shetland Telecom
Mrs S Gair	SIC Roads

Apologies

Mrs S Msalila	SIC ICT
Mr R Aitken	Scottish Water

2 Minutes of last meeting

NR said upgrades on work may or may not have happened due to the disruptions with COVID 19, will run through and pick up as we go.

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

NR said there were a lot of works not getting done due to COVID and he assumed it would be the same with the utilities.

GA said that Church Road is starting next week, it should have been starting on Monday but after the flooding yesterday it had been delayed and would hopefully start on Tuesday. The North and West boys are all doing ditching and that was really all that was on just now.

NR commented that Church Road works were being done with money received from the Town Centre Grant fund and so works were being carried on from what was done previously. New kerbing, slabs, setting back the parking area and some small amendments to the Church Road car park. There is also an electric car charging point to be installed.

4.2 SIC Capital Roadworks

NH said just now they are resurfacing in Blett, Scousburgh which is due to finish next week, weather permitting and then resurfacing will be stopped for the winter break and can start again in March, this shouldn't affect any of the other utilities.

NR asked about Main Street, Scalloway and NH said it would be next year as it had been delayed from this year due to COVID 19.

4.3 Scottish & Southern Energy

GP – The Road Crossing at Gremista Power Station for overhead cables going under the ground has been held up due to weather.

In Main Street, Scalloway where the Old Youth Centre was demolished, there will be a supply cable termination but this will only need a minor works notification.

NR suggested with SSE notices not coming through that if they got the customer to put the notice on so that there was an LA number on the system first and then they could start. GP thought this was a good idea.

NR asked GP when EMN were starting work at Gremista, he said there were a couple of road crossings and it would be starting in January. He will send NR through a bit more detail shortly.

4.4 Open Reach

Sandy Simpson said they didn't have anything new on and nothing that would affect Roads.

4.5 Scottish Water

JA –

Scottish Water

Planned Capital Works

Caledonian Water Alliance (CWA)

Eela Water WTW – SVT MR/Duplication new main currently being commissioned between Voxter and Garth House (SVT connection). There are a couple of pieces of snagging, mainly:

- Voxter, new thrust block in verge (Jan 2021)
- Voxter road crossing final reinstatement (Dec 2020)
- SVT/Mossbank Jct. Final Road Reinstatement (Dec 2020)
- Markers, etc in verge along B9076 (Jan 2021)

Bigton MR currently programmed for early start in SR21, so hopefully have contractor in site February 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 & Effirith 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.

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 commenced.

Two road crossings, one before Ollaberry jct and one opposite WTW on Ollaberry road

Operation / Reactive

Ironworks

SIC Roads continue to support SW in Ironworks replacements.

NR said that Raymond Aitken had been speaking to him about the works and there was a delay to start on site, so probably starting January now.

JA asked Marvin how the reinstatement through Yell was going and MS said he'd been up on Monday and it was looking good.

4.6 Lerwick District Heating

Were not at the meeting. NR said he knew the last big job they had was the repair at the bottom of Gilbertson Road which they now thought was fixed.

4.7 Shetland Telecom

MS said they had finished in Unst and Yell and had no more digging. They will be putting up masts next year but they will be well away from the roads.

5 Traffic Management and TTRO's

NR said he didn't have any issues.

6 Contractor Performance

NR said with COVID he would be happy to give early starts when asked. JJ said they should confirm that with the new commissioner.

7 AOCB

Nobody had any AOCB

8 Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 10.50.

The next meeting will be on the 10th February 2021.