

Minutes of the quarterly Roads & Utilities Co-ordinating Group (New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991) meeting held on Wednesday 20th November 2019, Gremista Meeting Room at 11.00am

1 In Attendance

Mr J Johnson	SIC Roads (Chair)
Mr L Henderson	Commissioners Office (by phone)
Mr I Ross	Commissioners Office (by phone)
Mr J Duncan	SIC Roads
Mr B Scobie	SIC Roads
Mr G Priest	SSE
Mr N Hutcheson	SIC Roads
Mr R Aitken	Scottish Water
Mr R Christie-Henry	SHEAP
Mr M Smith	Shetland Telecom
Mrs S Gair	SIC Roads

Apologies

Mr N Robertson	SIC Roads
Mr J Anderson	Scottish Water
Mr L Nicolson	Scottish Water
Mr G Anderson	SIC Roads
Mr S Simpson	Open Reach

2 Minutes of last meeting

Taken as read.

3 Matters arising from last meeting

Will be picked up as we go through items.

Shetland Telecom

4.7 MP said that Dave Coupe said micro trenching could be used but only if absolutely necessary.

NR said they were changing the specification for narrow trenching.

LH said that Angus Carmichael, Scottish Road Works Commissioner had a note to say that micro trenching is not in the SROR local agreement as such. Narrow trenching is less than 300mm. There is a PDF available on the Commissioners web site for clarification.

4 Roads and Utilities Projected Works

4.1 SIC Maintenance Roadworks

BS - Meadowfield Road footway is due to be completed on the 26th of November.

Kantersted road footway reconstruction was due to end on the 15th of November but has been delayed due to weather. West Sletts Park is due to start on the 27th of November. The Tresta bus layby is complete except for the white lining. Ditching and patching continues.

JD – Hilltop kerbs are starting today. Street lighting at Aith is starting next week for two weeks. Grobsness ditching was delayed and is starting today for 1 week. Burravoe ditching is starting today for 3 days. Spot flag/slab repair is ongoing. Winter maintenance – last 3 weeks. Jetting blocked drains is ongoing.

NH – Resurfacing squad has stopped for winter and will be starting again in March 2020. They will be starting at Aywick shop to finish off. Then two layers of tar at Setter bend, Yell. A970/A968 Junction Tagon, Voe plane off and resurface. In February 2020 constructing an Otter crossing (culvert) at Strom Brig which should take 2 weeks maximum.

MS asked how deep it would be going at Tagon as they have fibre there, NH said they were aware and it shouldn't be affected.

4.2 SIC Capital Roadworks

JD – have been done for this year.

BS - Garderhouse design had come into the office this morning. NH said it would be starting next year, BS said hopefully in April, passing places are being improved and there will be a lot of earthworks.

4.3 Scottish & Southern Energy

GP – apologised for the lack of representation at past meetings, they had not been aware that nobody was turning up. He said there will be someone at the meetings from now on. LH said this was one of the things they had wanted to discuss.

GP – Extending the line in front of the East Yell hall. A Road Crossing at Gremista Power Station. A major cabling job at Dale/Black Gaet the crossing will be near the Scalloway junction hopefully with a mole, its big ducts. Hoping to finalise the route on the 10th of December when the consents are finished. They will try to avoid the bank and junctions and be behind the barrier as much as possible.

JJ – said that a point had been brought up at the NOSRAUC meeting about contractors noticing on behalf of SSE. Neil Robertson is on leave but will be bringing it up when he's back. JJ said that the job at COPE across the road to the Power Station would need to have a three month notice period. GP said that would be fine. He also said that just now they actually don't know who does their noticing for them, he said things would be changing. LH and IR both confirmed that SSE should be doing the noticing themselves, the only exception would be if the contractor was going to own the apparatus after it had been put in the road and then they could do the noticing. JJ asked GP to take this back to his manager.

4.4 Open Reach

Sandy Simpson had sent his apologies. LH asked if they were usually good attenders and if anyone knew what they had on just now. JJ said they were usually good at

attending the meetings and last meeting they hadn't had anything new on, no one is sure if this is still the case.

4.5 Scottish Water

RA -

Scottish Water – Caledonian Water Alliance (CWA)

Currently working under two road notices.

Main Renewal from Voxter Quarry to Sullom Voe, Garth House. (approx. 7200m)

Currently at the entrance to Voxter House with 2-way temp traffic lights in operation.

CWA will open 2 further notices on Monday 25th November for hand dig trial holes (B9076 at the Sullom Voe/Scatsta junction).

Mains renewal works between Eela Water Water Treatment Works (WTW) and Mavis Grind is largely complete.

CWA will return to Eela Water to install 2 road crossings in late February 2020 (North of junction at Eela Water WTW on single track North Roe road and 2400m south of the Eela WTW.)

Whole project currently programmed for completion by July 2020 after later start.

Scottish Water - ESD

Staney Hill Link Main - work is substantially complete with final connections planned for next week. This will require a final road opening at Staneyhill/Old North Road Jct.

New water main - Sandy Loch WTW to "Carlesburg" (opposite old WTW) to commence down west footpath/verge of A970 in spring 2020.

Scottish Water - Other

New Eric Gray at Seafield – footpath opening to be closed very shortly

Replacement Ironworks (manhole covers/water covers) in town – progressing. If there are any further ironworks identified out with Lerwick these can be included in the same contract.

Some water covers provided for Kantersted Road work.

Fair Isle – transport of material (tonne bags) from harbour to new WTW site substantially complete. Full set of marching in photos taken for reference if required.

Delivery of WTW building planned for early Feb 2020. Discussion with Roads required. Transport of unit is likely to require some local temporary widening at junction from main road to harbour/airport.

Possible road crossing required for an additional BT cable to new TWT. Investigations ongoing.

Mains Renewal works at East Voe, Bigton & Dunrossness all pushed back to SR21 investment period (2021-2027).

4.6 Lerwick District Heating

Roddy Christie-Henry – as winter was approaching it was a fine chance to look at hot spots and there was one in Haldane Burgess Cres they would be looking at. He said contractors were asking them for drawings now before digging so that was good.

LH said that Angus Carmichael, Scottish Road Works Commissioner had asked that he bring up VAULT, which is for putting all underground apparatus on and would be shared by the Council with everybody else. JJ said it sounded like a lot of work, LH said it would be from now on, they wouldn't be expecting everything from the past to

be re-surveyed. JJ said he would bring this to NR's attention when he was back from leave.

4.7 Shetland Telecom

MS said they were going to be starting work in Unst and Yell in March to connect up Council and NHS buildings. These works will hopefully be in verges. This should take three months.

5 Traffic Management and TTRO's

NR said he had no issues.

6 Contractor Performance

JJ said he had no issues, anything that had cropped up had been dealt with at the time.

7 AOCB

Nobody had any AOCB

LH thanked the meeting and said he would like to dial in again in the future.

8 Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 10.00.

The meetings for next year are Wednesday the 12th of February, Wednesday the 13th of May, Wednesday the 12th of August and Wednesday the 11th of November in the Gremista Meeting Room, Lerwick.