

Minutes of the quarterly Roads & Utilities Co-ordinating Group (New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991) meeting held on Wednesday the 9th of February 2022, by Teams at 10.30 am

1 In Attendance

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

Apologies

Mr R Aitken	Scottish Water
Mr G Priest	SSE

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 The Sea Road is still closed and will be for another two weeks as the weather has held them up. The only other works planned is general repairs and winter maintenance when required. Patching will start in the spring of the year.

4.2 SIC Capital Roadworks

NH sent out spreadsheets with planned works for the next year before the meeting, resurfacing is under the red heading and is [Appendix 1](#), reconstruction is under the blue heading and is [Appendix 2](#).

NR asked that if there are any queries regarding these works then to contact Neil Hutcheson.

4.3 Scottish & Southern Energy

Jared said there had been issues with the delivery of the transformer and it had been pushed back two weeks and it was now looking like it would be in May. NR asked about the propping up of the bridge in Girlsta and Jared said it was well in hand and he would share any information with Neil well ahead of time.

4.4 Open Reach

DM had also sent in a programme of works before the meeting which is [Appendix 3](#). He said that everything was going well with the R100 programme. NR said he had found them a good team to work with and he was quite happy.

Jim Kemp was replacing the copper between Bixter and Weisdale and these would be planned works done by a local contractor.

SS said he had nothing to add that would affect other utilities.

4.5 Scottish Water

Kevin Teale said they had a new main going in at Bigton. There is a Road opening at the Bigton Hall and Maywick junction and it should be finished this week. There is nothing else planned until June/July time.

NR said he would like to have a walk around Knab Road to check the tobys and make sure everything is sorted before the resurfacing starts. See if any of the ironworks can be taken away if not required.

4.6 Lerwick District Heating

RCH said they had still not got the drone survey done due to the weather, conditions need to be dry, not windy, no water on the road and a decent temperature so as soon as that happens they will get it done. Once they have they will set up their summer schedule. He will let everybody know so that they can get in before any resurfacing is due to start.

He also reminded everybody that they were happy to provide plans of where their equipment is when other utilities are digging.

4.7 Shetland Telecom

MS apologised for joining the meeting late, he said they had no planned works to report.

5 Traffic Management and TTRO's

NR said he had no issues with traffic management, he is quite happy. R100 and KNN are both proactive contractors and there are no issues. He is in touch with Robin from Caledonian Water and it's all running smoothly.

6 Contractor Performance

NR said he had no issues at all.

7 AOCB

Marvin said he'd had a phone call from someone in Sandwick about a split verge which he thought might be from the Faeroese cable. Gary Mainland our Roads inspector is going to take a look.

NR said that from April the structure of these meetings are going to change with us, Orkney and the Western Isles all having the meetings on the same day. Neil said he'd send out details when he had them.

NR said there is going to be a lot of work in Unst for the Space Station. There will be road improvements all the way from Haroldswick right up through North Dale. They are doing trial holes and coring first. The road improvements should be starting around April and these improvements will be in the region of a million pounds.

8 Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 11.00.

Information on the next meeting will be sent out as soon as possible.
Exact date to be confirmed.