

# Minutes of the quarterly Roads & Utilities Co-ordinating Group (New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991) meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2022, by Teams at 10.00 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 G Priest	SSE
Mr D McClennan	Open Reach
Mr M Smith	Shetland Telecom
Mr J Johnson	SIC Roads
Mrs S Gair	SIC Roads

## Apologies

Mr S Simpson	Open Reach
Mr K Teale	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.

Neil apologised and said that the meeting should have been a little earlier and been a three way meeting with Orkney and the Western Isles but the three chairs have decided they will meet themselves and bring anything that concerns the individual groups to their own meetings.

## 4 Roads and Utilities Projected Works

### 4.1 SIC Maintenance Roadworks

GA said that Commercial Street was started yesterday, there is an eight week road closure which allows for the works and then a three week curing period. After that it is just general bits and pieces. John Duncan will be starting the slurry sealing, they are pressure washing just now for scarifying and hopefully the Scord will be up and running tomorrow for tar.

### 4.2 SIC Capital Roadworks

NH was not at this meeting but had sent out spreadsheets with planned works for the next year at the last meeting, NR said really there was no changes from that apart from the surface dressing programme has been cancelled this year due to problems with getting tar.

#### **4.3 Scottish & Southern Energy**

Jared thanked Roads with their help in the delivery of the transformers to the Wind Farm site. He said there were more deliveries to come but not anything like the size and they would fit on normal flat bed trucks.

GP said they were replacing some pillars. They have started the first one which is outside 34 Breiwick Road, Garriocks are doing the work. NR asked how long they would be as Roads are in Knab road just now, George said he had emailed Ross today.

They also have a cable to replace at Ladies Drive and will give all the notices, NR asked for it to be asap as Roads are planning to resurface there.

#### **4.4 Open Reach**

DM had sent in a programme of works before the meeting which is [Appendix 1](#).

NR said KNN had a notice in for Water Lane, they are going to work around Roads or leave it till a later date.

NR said that KNN were not giving enough details in their noticing. They had also done a very poor guarding rail around a road opening. DM asked NR to send him details and pictures so he could speak to them and give them a chance to sort it out.

#### **4.5 Scottish Water**

Kevin Teale had another meeting scheduled for the same time. NR said they are working at Bigton just now on a new main which involves Road Closures and Road Crossings. Robin Black is on top of it all.

#### **4.6 Lerwick District Heating**

RCH said they had done the drone survey and had now started their summer schedule. They are in Ronald Street today and were about to re-tar it. GA said the Scord was hoping to have the tar back up and running tomorrow after an issue at the plant but hopefully by the end of the week if not.

NR said he thought they had done a really good job and the works had gone well.

RCH said they have some little bits of works to do in Harbour Street so he will speak to GA to try and get it coordinated before the surface dressing there.

RCH gave a heads up for future plans, Hayfield Lane, North Road, Westerloch, Murrayston, junction at Sletts/Scalloway Road, Bruce Crescent/Grantfield roundabout, Harbour Street Market Street and Burgh Road.

RCH also reminded everybody that they were happy to provide plans of where their equipment is when other utilities are digging, and if there is any accidental damage to their pipes etc. they would rather be told and they will happily come out and fix them free of charge there and then.

#### **4.7 Shetland Telecom**

MS said they were not doing much, they had a couple of bits in Unst but it was in private roads and shouldn't affect anybody else.

It was also mentioned that when scarifying at the Brig O' Fitch the cables not always four inches deep.

#### **5 Traffic Management and TTRO's**

NR said he had been happy to allow two contractors to extend the traffic lights to cover two boxes instead of one. But they need to use common sense for the signing. He said it hadn't been right and he'd had a word and they realised they'd got it wrong.

#### **6 Contractor Performance**

NR said generally everybody does their best.

GA said there was a bit of pavement down at Twageous where one of the concrete sections of pavement is breaking out already. NR said he has spoken to the contractor who is aware and will get it sorted. If not the inspectors will put a defect on but Neil said he'd rather give them the chance to sort it out first before doing that.

#### **7 AOCB**

No AOCB

#### **8 Next Meeting**

The meeting closed at 10.45.

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