

WESTERN ISLES RAUC MEETING

Meeting on Vitual Teams – 02 SEPTEMBER 2021

PRESENT:

Donald A MacLeay	Technical Services Department, CnES	(D.A.)
Murdo Macritchie	Technical Services Department, CnES	(MMRI)
Duncan MacLennan	BT Open Reach	(DM)
Lindsay Henderson	Road commissioner office	(LH)
Fiona Macleod	Scottish and Southern Energy	(FM)
Sawan Morrison	Hebridean Housing Partnership	(SM)
David Macphail	TIG	(DMP)
Naomi Henderson	Scotland Gas Networks	(NH)

APOLOGIES:

Iain Maciver	Scottish and Southern Energy	(IMV)
John Macdonald	Scottish Gas Networks	(JM)
Angus Gillies	Technical Services Department CnES	(AG)

		Action
Symology	<p>“Dial Before You Dig” information is now on private application forms. There is a flyer which can be attached to the application forms. Local Utilities are to make sure notices are put on SRWR and forwarded to their contractors before any works commence. Any works undertaken and not noticed is a failure a fixed penalty applies. This applies to making permanent reinstatements too. Defects to have photo’s attached on the register. Also, can be used against any notice be it inspection or works as a record.</p>	
Reinstatement Works	<p>White and yellow lines need to be remarked. Any lining to be forwarded to Murdo Macritchie if required. Stornoway junctions and yellow lines have been undertaken.</p> <p>Road crossings to be reinstated with material like for like. All road crossings to be bitmac bound until permanent <u>are</u> complete. If in doubt please ask CNES roads.</p> <p>Road crossing in front of Clydesdale bank on South Beach needs asphalt. SSE to inform contractor Calmax Construction.</p> <p>Tar plant to close in October unknown at present when it will reopen. All subject to demand.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>
Proposed Housing HHP/TIG	<p><u>Housing Programme – HHP/TIG</u></p> <p><u>HHP Sites</u></p> <p><u>Barvas</u> Construction and site setup commenced on the 11th of January.</p> <p>Works are progressing well on site.</p> <p><u>Tarbert Police Station</u> 8 flats, - in progress, bitmac October – Alex Murray Construction.</p>	

Low flyer, Balivanich

On site.

Drainage issue, Calmax to contact the Scottish government site to the South to arrange permission for digging out overgrown drain, this should solve the issue.

Winfield Close

1 house. Nearing completion – Calmax.

Cnoc Na Monadh

Mid December 2019 start- Calmax - complete

Garrynamonie

5 houses Calmax have reported problems with water pressure. Scottish Waters PDE said there was enough pressure to supply the new scheme, SW are looking into this. Response date has been overrun, still no word on this.

Bitmac site to be indertaken.

Bitmac Uist sites

Breedons will not be likely to undertake tarring works in Uist until there is sufficient demand to make it worthwhile. There are a number of other local sites looking to have tarring done so this may add up to enough work for Breedons.

Goathill Farm Care Home/HWEC

McLoughlan and Harvey - on site
Construction re started July 2020 due to COVID 19.

Goathill farm – Housing new build HHP

O` Mac construction. Site start Jan 2020 then stopped by COVID 19 started August 2020. – 1ST phase complete.

South Dell Housing

Houses have been handed over.

Howmore

Macinnis Brothers – Work start 11 January 2021 - in progress

Torlum

Complete

Feasibility Sites**Scott Road Grazing Site**

Discussions are ongoing regarding site valuation

Keose Glebe

Out to tender.

Cleascro Road

Some drainage issues.

Ferry Road Leverburgh

TIG to provide cost for Leverburgh, ferry road, feasibility. Works have started on this study.

Initial review;

Ground conditions appear to be reasonably favourable however there is evidence of previous usage in the form of some concrete pads on site. This suggests some commercial usage and there may be contamination risks.

Scottish water have advised that there is not sufficient capacity for the sewer connections and that upgrade works will be required.

Feasibility Study`s

Blackwater – Masterplan/planning permission:

Full Planning permission has now been achieved, going out to tender.

Foul sewer needs to be upgraded.

Peat removal

Peat relocation is to be a separate planning application. – agreement in place.

Pedestrian Route (playpark land)

CNES have instructed one contractor how to submit proposals for footbridge.

Wayleaves are being put in place by Stornoway trust. Area needs to resumed.

Melbost Farm

Awaiting feedback from planners on current draft.

Feedback already received from Planning. Concerns have been raised over balancing amenity space with costs and maintenance.

Plans highlighting amenity space and SuDs areas are to be developed.

HHP have given permission for the community group to construct a temporary path between the football pitch and Makenzie. This does not need to be included within the design.

Dunganachy

Feasibility study being undertaken.

Crowlista

4 units to take forward.

	<p>Housing Sites</p> <p>Lochmaddy</p> <p>MIB are in discussions with SEPA as SW can't adopt the tank unless SEPA approve of the proposed system.</p> <p>Waiting on Planning & B/Warrant.</p> <p><u>TIG Client Sites</u></p> <p>Scotland Street site ready for handover.</p>	
<p>Programme</p>	<p><u>CnES</u></p> <p><u>Footpaths</u> Adhoc repairs will be noticed – August 2021-March 2022</p> <p><u>Hard Verge</u> Benbecula - Bt exchange to McGillivray shop – on hold.</p> <p><u>Overlaying</u> None at present in programme.</p> <p><u>Roads Investment Programme</u> Next Capital Program start 2023.</p> <p><u>Bitmac Plant</u> Bitmac plant may reduce production in 2021, Open September then closes in October, opening times unknown at present.</p> <p><u>Safety Barrier</u> Bunavoneader to Hushinish replace old barriers – ongoing as time allows.</p> <p>Rhenigidale Hill – replace wooden posts – programmed 2021.</p> <p>Adhoc barriers repaired.</p> <p><u>White Lining</u> Main white lining contract works – summer 2021- complete.</p> <p>In house works by roads squad eg junctions – As weather permits.</p> <p><u>Signs</u> Lewis and Harris replace and erect new signposts – as required.</p>	

Street Lights

Proposed repair works as testing in Stornoway – new spans as required – ongoing.

Broad bay, Tong to Tolsta – testing - to progress.

New Light heads to be replaced with L.E.D.

Maaraig, Carloway Church, Dunne Carloway – to progress by SSE.

Issues over lighting at house schemes discussions have taken place and is ongoing.

Traffic lights at Goathill/Matheson road – to be refurbished start September, works on register.

Bank Street – cable fault to repair week beginning 6th September.

Front RBS - cable fault to repair week beginning 6th September.

Drainage

Gully cleaning outlying areas – Phase 2 - ongoing.

Drainage and gullies at Spar roundabout – complete.

General drainage – as adhoc – as required.

Surface Dressing

Programme prepared for 2021 only Lewis & Harris – Complete

Maintenance

Rodel, St Clements Church – Remove 2 cattle grids and replace with one on the Lingerbay side of Rodal – Winter 2021

General adhoc – as required.

Mangasta to Islivaig – cattle grid replacement to progress.

Minor works - Bus shelters, bitmac patching.

New Salt Barn – look at new design, SSE to refurbish line in the vicinity.

Bridges & Structures

Bernera Bridge – New temporary bridge commenced April 2021 completion December 2021,
A 7.5t weight limit on the existing bridge is in place.

Shawbost Bridge – Survey`'s have been undertaken – to monitor.

Maaraig – culverts to progress – Winter 2021.

Calbost wooden bridge to be replaced – Winter 2021

Scotland Gas Networks

Also service led.

Kenneth Street, old Murdo Macleans – 63mm dia supply to cross carriageway. This will include SSE cable – On hold, mid October.

Peir no 2 to plant import line is now out of commission. Existing manholes to be taken away and backfilled – discussions with Calmax Construction Ltd

Main line to be looked at by SGN Planning , main line de-commissioned. Asked SGN to update Vault.

Cromwell Street – new service 6th September evening works.

Stirling Square – new service.

Westview – Disconnection service.

Scottish and Southern Energy

Callanish to Gisle – progress 2020 should not affect the carriageway overhead cables – September 2021 .

Melbost Borge station to Habost SW treatment plant – proposed cable. – complete. Works to Regulator area to commence – delayed.

Balintrushall standing stone – October 2021.

Gress Moor supply to SW tank – Complete.

Goathill Housing – site works.

Battery Point – new security fence and public path to shore - complete.

Scottish Water

Growth projects for wastewater at Coll. – ongoing.

Growth projects at Callanish and Crowlsta. Callanish – To progress, Crowlsta ph 2 to progress.

Water Intake Improvements at Ness – ongoing.

South Uist – Options looked at, new mains - ongoing

Meter installation projects throughout Western Isles – ongoing.

Fevig, Shawbost minor re-hab – Approved to start.

Stornoway WTW – Extensive Capital Maintenance, new access road to intake loch – Ongoing.

Back Tolsta WTW – main out from North Lochs, start at Marybank - in progress.

West Lewis WTW - increase height of the existing impound reservoir and additional treatment units or pre-treatment – on going. Project off the carriageway – Dam works to progress.

Road side barrier in Barra at works – approved to progress. CNES ask to the possibility to combine CNES barrier works, to discuss further.

Linshader under sea main bursting- proposal to direction drill sea crossing, SSE to speak to SW for joint venture.

Winfield Way, Benbecula – Mains replacement - ongoing.

Benbecula – Investigation into mains material type which may lead to mains replacement - ongoing.

Mains replacement in lochar and Aird a` Mhachair - ongoing.

Mains replacement – Near 11 Laxdale – Complete

Mains replacement – Daliburgh hotel towards telephone exchange – Complete

Projects Feasibility

Road crossing at Ravens Lane. Complete

Gravir – replace possible in verge.

Funding has been applied for the following mains replacement but not confirmed to date:

Ford Terrace Tong

East Street

Park Shawbost

Milton to Daliburgh

Tolsta Lochside

Garrabost Claypark

Knock Aignish

Percival Rd Roundabout to Sand Street

Benside

Melbost farm

Cross Skigersta

N Shawbost

Garrynahuine

Marivig to Cromore

Stinky Bay Benbecula

Bruairnis to Earsairidh in Barra

Grimshader

Adabrock

Ardhasaig

Back

Tolsta

Brue

Callanish

Carloway North

Clachan North Uist

Dalmore

Seilbost

Leverburgh

CNES have concern over toby plastic covers on footway, can these be changed to steel.

A restructuring with management to be undertaken in the next few months which might affect the local representative at the Local RAUC meeting. Kevin Skinner is to be the contact.

Customer Service Delivery Contact details –
Wastewater – Duncan Gillanders
Operations – Nor Smith
Street works – Kevin Skinner

BT Openreach

BD-UK cabinets Western Isles – ongoing through 2021.

BT Openreach programme sent to D A MacLeay to circulate.

BAU works is undertaken by KN Networks and in progress.

KNNS Broadband

Green Cabinets – CnES and SSE looking at surveys and relaying comments back to surveyors.

Green Cabinets Rural Lewis & Harris – ongoing.

	<p>Green Cabinets – in Uist & Barra - ongoing.</p> <p>EE phone mast Manish – various ducting and manholes to be Constructed – complete.</p> <p>New programme R100 – to start late 2021 early 2022 – Meetings to be held with each local authority prior to contract start.</p> <p><u>Vodafone</u></p> <p>Vodafone - service led no programme to date. Repair to manhole at entrance to CNES building, Stornoway - To progress.</p>	
<p>Safety</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Streetworks Certificate of Supervision to be asked for onsite as part of inspection; utilities to warn contractors. Renewing cards need refresher course, utilities asked to check operatives as the possibility of getting a course setup with S.T.S. (Dingwall) with all local contractors and utilities. A course is being undertaken this week. 2. Utility contractors are required to inspect signage daily, utilities to enforce this. 3. Information boards required at each work site. Utilities to remind contractors. 4. Discussion about roadworks when setting up with the thinking of Disability of the public walking through roadworks more than physical to think also of people with mental issues e.g. bright colour affect some disabled people. 5. Red book to be revised, Utilities to be reminded to make contractors aware to be using this book when setting up T.M. 	
<p>AOCB</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The coring to be undertaken by Openreach at 3% of reinstatements. No plans to undertake them in the Western Isle just now. 2) National coring programme will be undertaken next year which includes the islands, more details at next meeting. 3) Reinstatement Quality Plans are required to be submitted to the Roads Commissioner for approval. Details of time scale, plan and sample attached to the minutes. 4) These meetings are to be by Microsoft Teams for the foreseeable future regarding Covid 19. 5) Next meeting due on the Thursday 2 December 2021 – an invite has been sent out for the December meeting so that it is on calendars. <p>As and when required if any urgent subject arises.</p>	
