

WOS Local RAUC

Inverclyde Council, Argyll and Bute and West Dunbartonshire Councils

CO-ORDINATION/LIAISON MEETING

4 December 2024

Present

Kevin Burns	(KB)	Inverclyde Council
Fred Hart	(FH)	Argyll and Bute Council
Claire Kirkpatrick	(CK)	West Dunbartonshire Council
Jennie Wills	(JW)	West Dumbartonshire Council
David Murdoch	(DM)	Network Rail
William Doyle	(WD)	Petroineos
Emma West	(EW)	Scottish Water
Craig Muir	(CM)	SSE
Elaine Paterson	(EP)	Bear
Joanne Bain	(JB)	Trooli
Gordon Michie	(GM)	Scottish Water
Chris McCarte	(CMcC)	Energy Assets
Alexander Crombie	(AC)	Scottish Water
James Wilson	(JW)	Virgin Media
Dylan Kitt	(DK)	Amey
Carly Brannan	(CB)	Amey
Eddie Watson	(Ewa)	SPEN

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Introduction & Apologies	KB welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies : Allan Bellshaw – Scottish Power No representation for: BT Openreach SGN City Fibre Vodafone Voneus	
Minutes of Previous Meeting	No amendments to previous meeting. a) Accuracy - No response from group - Agreed as ok b) Matters arising	

	<p>KB mentioned action trackers and advised no update from previous area RAUC. FH was not present at meeting and SS has now left BT. Discussion followed with regards to the action trackers. KB asked if anyone present from Openreach – No one at meeting. KB asked if anyone at meeting was aware of SS replacement, it was noted that it is Ian Dalrymple</p> <p>KB asked CK if anything to be added from West Dunbartonshire – CK advised nothing to add.</p>	
<p>Major Projects</p>	<p>No Major Projects – KB advised that there had been ongoing discussions at the last few Local Co-ordinating meetings that there is going to be standard reports issued, KB advised that this is still being works on in the background but nothing has been produced as of yet. Discussion followed as the works on the current report.</p> <p>FH joined the meeting at this point</p> <p>KB brought FH up to speed on progress of meeting so far. FH advised meeting that the meetings are still going ahead with BT.</p> <p>It was noted that loads of works going ahead in both West Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute.</p> <p>KB advised of many upcoming Virgin Media Works within Inverclyde. JO from Virgin Media advised that works within Inverclyde to be mainly from April to October 25 and would be predominately fibre upgrades. Discussion followed.</p>	

	<p>KB invited the Statutory Undertakers for any comments – none was given.</p> <p>FH advised that there are meeting every few weeks with Virgin Media in relation to works in Argyll and Bute. FH asked is this could be added to future reports.</p> <p>GM advised on upcoming works within West Dunbartonshire and asked if CK and JW could arrange a meeting. It was agreed that this would be dealt with off line and meeting would be arranged.</p> <p>KB advised that report 2 was all Local Authority Works and commented that all Inverclyde notices for 24/25 financial year are on the SRWR with a possible influx early January 25 for any additional Capital Works.</p> <p>KB asked CK with regards to West Dunbartonshire works. CK advised that all works for 24/25 financial year and any works for financial year 25/26 will be added shortly.</p> <p>FH advised all Argyll and Bute works are in the system for 24/25 and he will try to push forward any for 25/26.</p> <p>KB asked all utilities to go through report and if any crossover of works to get in touch to see what can be done to work together to reduce any impact.</p>	
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Traffic management proposals

KB advised of a few issues raised regarding contact details, notice period, agreements & extensions, this tends to fluctuate.

CK advised of issues with requests for certain SGN works with TM to be manned from 7am to 7pm, its not an unreasonable request as it is the local authority that has to deal with the fallout from the road users, this is leading to frustration by the lack of assistance from SGN. CK advised they she had contacted the Commissioner's office looking for clarity and was advised that its not an unreasonable request and referred to Chapter 8 but this quite vague and would appear the Local Authorities are unable to enforce this.

Discussion followed on various concerns/ frustration / lack of communication regarding this generally.

KB suggested that possibly arranging meetings with SGN and West Dunbartonshire on a regular basis to address any issues. FH advised that Argyll and Bute have a meeting with SGN in January 25 to try an iron out ongoing issues. He advised that some progress has been made. SGN have advised that it would be good to have a better working relationship.

CK raised concerns with issue regarding Scottish Water works and their failure to notify, provide paperwork on time or at all in some instances. KB asked if any specific contractor, CK advised no it tended to be SW themselves. CK also advised they have had issues with Clancy in relation to different works.

KB advised of issues in relation to contractor Clancy working on behalf od Scottish Water. A meeting has been arranged with Scottish Water for January 25. KB asked EW if the carry out any performance measurements of Contractors. EW advised that her colleague Fiona meets periodically with Clancy to discuss any issues raised. KB is hopefully that the meeting will help address and resolve any concerns / issues

	<p>EW advised CK that she was still looking into the issues that CK had emailed - EW advised these issues should not be happening but would get back to CK in due course.</p> <p>FH advised Argyll are having same issue with Clancy</p>	
<p>Permissions/ Licences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Spaces for people b) Gatherings/ events c) Permits d) Street cafes licences e) Advertising boards 	<p>KB advised not really a lot to be added to this. KB advised he was aware of the embargos in place in West Dunbartonshire and asked FH if Argyll & Bute were the same/ FH advised that only one in place for them and all have been notified on the SRWR.</p> <p>DM asked KB in relation to permits for works at Manor Cres, they had applied for a TTRN and were advised that they required an occupation permit, he felt wasn't correct. KB wasn't aware but would look into this and get back to DM before next meeting</p> <p>KB asked DM if any progress on the overgrown vegetation at Sharp Street, Gourock. DM didn't have any updates but would get back to KB to advise.</p> <p>KB asked the Statutory Undertakes if they could remind the TM companies that any permits applied for where no waiting cones were indicated on the TM would require a TTRN to be promoted. KB also asked that the notice periods for the application of TTRO/TTRN should be adhered to. Inverclyde is not in agreement for cones in place unless temp order has been promoted.</p> <p>No Comments on Street Café License</p> <p>KB advised the issues Advertising Boards are still ongoing</p>	

<p>1) Statutory Undertaker Inspections</p> <p>a) Outstanding defects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 6 months + report review ii) Pending and declined inspections <p>b) Sample inspections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Quarter done v due ii) Quarter Sample A pass/fail rate iii) Quarter Sample B pass/ fail rate iv) Quarter Sample C pass/ fail rate 	<p>KB referred to Outstanding defects (Report 3) and asked for CK/FH to go through and highlight any issues direct to the relevant utility. KB also asked that the Statutory undertakers review this report and forward any suggestions on how this information is presented to make is easier to look at then we would be happy to take suggestions</p> <p>KB referred to Sample Inspections (Report 4) and advised that in general consensus everything was OK with these – this was agreed by CK/FH</p> <p>KB spoke about the recent webinar that had taken place earlier in the year and that is was quite informative albeit some of the information was somewhat confusing. The was agreed by FH</p>	
<p>Permanent reinstatements due</p>	<p>KB referred to Report 5 and asked CK.FH to go through report and highlight any issues direct with the relevant Statutory Undertaker.</p> <p>KB had discussions with GM in relation to works on Larkfield Road</p> <p>Asked if anything in particular / specific issues – CK advised they have one where they are not happy, site meeting took place but so far heard nothing back from contractor / Scottish Water. CK will send details to EW at Scottish Water to hopefully get an update in it</p> <p>KB asked the Statutory Undertakers if the LA reference are the best way to advise of any issues – this was agreed as the best way forward</p>	

Matters Arising from previous AREA RAUC and RAUC

KB advised he was at the most recent main RAUC but no minutes have been released as of yet.

KB went through the minutes from the West Area for meeting on 24 September 2024.

All should have received slides from Ian Dalrymple in relation to the trial for cold lay materials. Further trials are to be carried out in relation to locations after which the material viafix will be recommended for use and added to the SROR Appendix 9 to be added to the code.

KB advised the at the West of Scotland meeting discussions were held in relation to extensions and the time required to be arranged, requests should be made in good time. KB asked all to be mindful of this.

KB advised of RAUCS Co chairs for next 2 years has been decided.

David Thomson – SPEN – SU Co-Chair
John Ashcroft – North Lanarkshire – RA Co-Chair

KB advised that the National Coring Programme Guidance notes have been agreed and the lead for the West will be Renfrewshire Council who will be in touch looking for representatives. General discussion follow on this.

AOCB

a) Argyll & Bute Council

FH raised concerns regarding inputting inspections on the SRWR App that photo's are not uploading correctly, he has raised this with the Symology Team. App is very slow in recording site updates as well. GM advised that this was raised by Glasgow City previously, not sure what the outcome was. JO advised that Sharon Holland from Amey had also raised these concerns. EW (SPEN) asked if this was the same as the SRWR App as he has been having issues as well, when uploading photo's you have to watch the App while uploading. KB advised he will raise this at the next area RAUC/

FH asked for clarification regarding the comments raised by the compliance officers, who is responsible to respond to these. DM commented that he felt these the comments are only observations and do not required action. General discussion followed on this as CK also had same queries

FH requested that a follow up be given from the Area RAUC in relation to the local area reports, looking for some clarity and instruction as to how these should be produced – should be same with all Local Authorities. Discussion followed

KB advised he will add this to West Area RAUC

b) Inverclyde Council

KB asked JO (VM) regarding ducting used by telecoms. Question has been raised by Streetlighting team in relation to colour of telecom ducting, specifically in connection with the upcoming Bullring works. Discussion followed between KB / JO

<p>c) West Dunbartonshire Council</p> <p>d) Trueli</p> <p>e) Network Rail</p> <p>f) Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks</p> <p>g) Scottish Water</p> <p>h) SP Energy Networks</p>	<p>No Comment</p> <p>No Comment</p> <p>DM – advising KB that an email had been sent to the relevant Roads Inspector in relation overhanging Vegetation at Sharp Street.</p> <p>DM apologised to FH for the few issues regarding Network Rail works within Argyll and Bute.</p> <p>DM wish GM all the best for his retirement and thanked GM for all his help and assistance in the past.</p> <p>No Comment</p> <p>GM thanked all for their assistance over the years and he is looking forward to his retirement. GM advised that Alexander Crombie will be taking over from him and wish him all the best going forward</p> <p>NO</p> <p>KB thanked GM from Scottish Water for all his help and assistance over the years and wished him well on his retirement - this was agreed by all</p>	
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>5th February 2025 – 1400-1600</p> <p>4th June 2025 – 1400-1600</p>	