

Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils – LOCAL RAUC MEETING, 27th September 2022

TEAMS MEETING

Attendees: Kevin Abercrombie, ACC (KA); Brian Strachan, Aberdeenshire Council (BS); Duncan MacLennan, BT (DMaL); Fiona McInnes, SW (FM); Julie Greig, SGN (JG); Irvine Ellis, SSE (IE); Jim Forbes, CityFibre (JF); Darren Pointer, SW (DP).

Apologies: Hazel Moore, BEAR (HM); Gus McIntosh, CityFibre (GM); (CC).; Gordon Russell, SW (GR); Gordon McMillan, GTC (GMM), John Muir, GTC (JM); Carol Davidson (CD); Courtney Mitchell (CM); Craig McQueen, SW (CMcQ); Phillip Burnett, SGN (PB); Clare Callaghan, SW (CC); Karyn Davidson, Vodaphone (KD); Zander Watson, Cityfibre (ZW); David Murdoch, Network Rail (DM).

Agenda

Introductions and Welcomes.

Minutes of Meeting, 12th Jan 2022. KA updated the group with regards to the current status of the major programmes of works that had been discussed at the last meeting.

Tullos resurfacing programme: Various works packages still ongoing for the remainder of this financial year.

Union Terrace Gardens: Works on Union Terrace are complete but works within the gardens are still ongoing with an expected completion date of 'pre-Christmas'.

South College Street – dual carriageway project as part of Berryden Corridor, commenced end of June 2022 and is expected to be complete by early Summer 2023. Major restrictions in place, but all notices on the system and utilities are being consulted as and when required.

Haudagain – completed end March 2022.

Spaces for People infrastructure: Union Street has now re-opened to buses on the previously closed section between Market St and Bridge Street. Schoolhill restrictions will remain in place as part of the City centre redevelopment masterplan.

Events: Winter Village will commence on the 5th of November and remain in place until the 9th of Jan 23.

Former BhS on Union Street / Aberdeen Indoor Market, the Green: Demolition works now complete, and all restrictions on surrounding streets have been removed.

Aberdeen Harbour Expansion – ongoing – last confirmed load delivery is Nov 22.

Coring Programme Update: Core reports have now been uploaded to KHub and it is anticipated that agreements with all affected utilities will be complete by no later than the end of October. BS confirmed that he will chase up where Aberdeenshire are at present.

Major Works by Undertakers: SW –FM – business as usual, no major issues to raise. DP confirmed that Merchant Quarter project has halted, due to design feasibility issues. This may impact on the proposed sewer upgrade works on Market Street.

SE – no major works packages proposed (IE).

SGN – no major works packages proposed (JG).

CityFibre (JF) – works ongoing with next phase to the west of the city (Peterculter/ Kingswells) away to commence.

BT: DMacL forwarded the upcoming programme of works and KA confirmed that at first glance there were no issues with any of the proposed sites identified as most seemed to relate to cable pulling works for the R100 broadband rollout.

Vodafone – no update (KD).

Network Rail – no update.

Aborted visit charges due to Utility Contractors switching off traffic signals (Aberdeenshire):

BS raised the above issue with the group and following discussion was going to forward specific examples to the relevant utilities for further discussion. (This primarily related to out-of-hours works).

Matter arising not on Agenda:

JG highlighted issues with resurfacing works that had been undertaken where the existing ironwork had been re-used, rather than new lids installed. Both SW and SGN highlighted that as long as suitable notice was provided, the relevant replacement lids would be made available and delivered to the Roads Depot at Tullos. KA was to raise this with Tullos accordingly.

JG also highlighted issues with works in proximity to medium/high pressure mains which require to be discussed and agreed before works are carried out to ensure correct safety measures are implemented.

Commissioner's Office: no-one in attendance to provide any updates.

General Discussion Items: nothing was raised.

Date of next meeting: KA to check with KD the dates of next years RAUC's meetings so that the local meetings could be arranged prior to these dates.