

Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils – LOCAL RAUC MEETING, 17th January 2023

TEAMS MEETING

Attendees: -

Brian Strachan, Aberdeenshire Council (BS)

Kevin Abercrombie, ACC (KA);

Irvine Ellis, SSE (IE));

Owen Kendall, CityFibre (OK);

Darren Pointer, SW (DP);

Karyn Davidson, Vodaphone (KD);

Colin Heggie, AMEY (CH);

Adrian Henzler, Opereach (AH).

Apologies:

Agenda

Introductions and Welcomes.

Minutes of Meeting, 27th September 2022.

KD – 10Km fibre access core growth route from Aberdeen to Dyce. I can send more information, but it's rodding and roping we're doing first and cable going in. **KA** mentioned that they had major works at Mugiemoos which would be on the line of these particular works

BS – Abortive visits for traffic signals, we will be passing charges for site visits onto Utilities and wanted to make sure that **ALL** were aware, although thankfully no recent issues.

Coring Programme Update:

KA - Alison McInnes up in Inverness overseeing it for the Northeast this year. We have just done the updates of Appendix B. They should have gone on to this system before Christmas and so they're all in place from Aberdeen City side for all the utilities now in terms of I did get a notification from BT that theirs was met. There are 3 missing for Aberdeen City. They've been updated now and with regards to the rest I haven't had any negative feedback and all the cores are agreed.

BS – John Brownie looks after things from a Shire perspective but he is due to retire this year so will have to put something in place to ensure continuity.

Major Works – Aberdeen City

KA - Christmas embargo is now finished. The two major projects that we have ongoing at the moment are South College Street redevelopment and Muggiemoss/Stoneywood redevelopment and both are ongoing. Both are anticipated to be completed early summer this year.

South College Street, all the major utility works are either done or ongoing.

Proposal ongoing to dig up the whole of Union Street. They will start this summer, on the centre section, which is the section between Market Street and Bridge Street. Information added onto Aurora with the contact details of the contractor who's overseeing the project. And so there will be extensive Utility works required. Works are, due to commence in July, those dates are likely to slip significantly and but that doesn't mean they won't take possession and start the works. Once the works are complete, it'll be a high amenity surface and it'll be an extended guarantee period. So even if works are proposed in four or five years down the line, please consider taking forward any proposals.

SW Works - Works programme provided and no further input required at his stage

DP – Thanked KA and Steve for help with Raeburn Place job.

SSE Works - Proposed removal of the overhead and high voltage pylons, all going underground. Tunnelling underneath the river Don, coming from Great Northern Road, across back of Danestone and across the Scotstown Road.

IE – Probably all works through the transmission section.

BT Openreach – As Duncan has retired, replacement meantime will either be AH, Ian, or Stevie Scanlan. But as soon as someone's appointed for Duncan will let you know

City Fibre – **KA** has meeting arranged for tomorrow lunchtime, OK confirmed. 95% of the city's now covered by the network. **KA** - Additional ducting will be installed on the Union street works mentioned above to offset/future proof the works.

Events: Programme will start ramping up and we do have 2 major events that we've been able to obtain from the central belt this summer, their location shouldn't cause any issues and they're only over the weekend. So we'll put major works restrictions on those routes or areas.

Major Works – Aberdeenshire

BS - Annual works programs not yet in place, but they would be primarily around resurfacing and overlays and the like, no major works that I have an awareness of at this point.

Major Works by Undertakers:

DP – List of Scottish Water works provided.

DP - New 12/14" trunk line which goes from Ellon all the way into Peterhead We've met with AMEY and discussed the crossing points for the Trunk Road which will be directional drilled, so minimal

impact on the network. There's a meeting on Thursday with local roads representatives (Craig Massie/Alistair Millar) and will send through more information following that.

Other utilities – Nothing tabled

CH (AMEY) – We've got ongoing works on the A90 at Crimond at the moment, but weather delays have knocked those works on the head. We've got some work on the A96 at Kinnellar.

The A90 for next financial year is going to be quite busy up and around your and I will give you our proposals for the A90 in the Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City area. Dependent on budget authorisation from Transport Scotland and we'll probably won't get that till the end of February. But I could give you a provisional plan.

CH – New AMEY contract, review the standard instant diversion routes (SIDRs) with both Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City Council who would be the primary contacts for this? **BS** for Shire and Kevin Massie for City would be a good starting point.

Matter arising not on Agenda:

BS - Reinstatement of rural road verges and the standard of the finish. This time of year, especially this frost on the ground, it's difficult to get a good finish on a verge but can we try to reinstate the verges back to the condition they were in before. Additional visits in the springtime once the frost is out of the ground.

BS - Work sites remaining open for weeks with no works taking place. I've said to the local teams is that they raise them through Aurora and through the notices, this forum is to raise as general awareness and that you seek to complete works within the timescales on the notices, general public don't like to see work sites lying dormant and nothing happening,

Date of next meeting: 16th May 2023 – Hosted by Aberdeen City