

Orkney Local Roads Authority and Utility Committee Meeting Minutes.

Venue: **Microsoft Teams.**

Date: **Wednesday 15 February 2023.**

Time: **11:00.**

1. Introductions.

1.1. Meeting commenced at 11:02 am.

1.2. Present at meeting:

1.2.1. Donald Wilson (DW), Orkney Islands Councils Roads (Chair).

1.2.2. Matthew Wylie (MW), Orkney Islands Council Roads.

1.2.3. Ewan Allan (EA), Orkney Islands Council Roads.

1.2.4. Michael Grieve (MG), Scottish Water.

1.2.5. Roy Dick (RD), Scottish and Southern Energy.

1.2.6. Ian Dalrymple (ID), Openreach.

1.2.7. Bruce Davidson (BD), Openreach.

2. Apologies.

2.1. David Custer (DC), Orkney Islands Council Engineering.

2.2. Michelle Miller (MM), Scottish Water

3. Previous Minutes.

3.1 November minutes agreed.

4. Matters Arising.

4.1 DW mentioned that work is ongoing between Robert Thornburn and OIC regarding the depth of Openreach reinstatements.

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5. Roads and Utilities Projected Works.

5.1. Orkney Islands Council Maintenance Work.

5.1.1. Continuing works on Asset Replacement programme. Some works may not take place depending on progress at end of March. Streetlighting taking place in:

- Scapa Crescent, Kirkwall.
- Grassick Court, Kirkwall
- Upper Crantit Road, Kirkwall
- Pickaquoy Loan Cycleway, Kirkwall
- West Greaves Road, Holm
- Station Square, Holm
- Hamnavoe, Stromness

5.1.2. Surfacing/Reconstruction works are now largely complete. Currently working on Westside Road in Eday and that's the programme complete for 2022/23. Currently pulling together final programmes for 2023/24 works so can't confirm sites just now. The A965 between the A966 and Grandon Road will definitely be going ahead, however. This is planned for spring/early summer. Once full programmes are agreed these will be emailed round.

5.2. Orkney Islands Council Capital Works.

5.2.1. No attendees. DW provided brief update.

5.2.2. A966 retaining wall works at Tingwall are now largely complete and off-site. Only the safety barrier to be completed. This will take place at the end of February once materials arrive.

5.2.3. Design works are continuing on the A961 realignment at Rashieburn. Drawings are on the Council's planning website <https://planningandwarrant.orkney.gov.uk/online->

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5.3. Scottish and Southern Energy.

- 5.3.1. No works affecting public road network. Mostly substation replacements at the moment.
- 5.3.2. DW asked about the shed on Great Western Road, Kirkwall. RD confirmed that this may potentially happen in new financial year once funding is available.
- 5.3.3. There is potentially going to be new 11kv being installed from the Power Station to Liberator, and from Clay Loan to the Crafty area.

5.4. BT Openreach.

- 5.4.1. R100 project is continuing in Tankerness, Holm, Finstown, and Kirkwall before moving onto Evie and Stromness.
- 5.4.2. DW mentioned that there have been traffic management issues on these sites. Specific examples in Finstown and at Davies Brig.
- 5.4.3. Might be worth looking at a new duct up from Wellington Street to Liberator if there are other works for 11kv/road widening taking place.
- 5.4.4. ID added that it is predominantly just R100 works at present.

5.5. Scottish Water.

- 5.5.1. Most ongoing works are being undertaken off the public road.
- 5.5.2. MG has confirmed that he is no longer responsible for project managing both clean and wastewater in Orkney. He is now solely looking after clean water. Wastewater is now looked after by Dave Kennedy who is based in Dundee. DW/MW to make contact to invite to meetings.
- 5.5.3. DW asked if MG could ask within Scottish Water if a representative from the Operational side could attend these meetings. No representative since November 2021. MG to pass this message on.
- 5.5.4. John Tulloch is back at Scottish Water.
- 5.5.5. MG asked if anyone was aware of the works between the Mart and Hatston Pier to install a reinforced concrete road. There is concern that utilities will be affected. DW confirmed

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that all these works are off the public road and solely within land that the Mart owns. It is to improve the access they have between the back of the Mart and the Pier.

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6. North of Scotland Roads Authority and Utilities Committee.

- 6.1. Scottish Water have been fined £10k for not notifying local authorities about their road closures.
- 6.2. Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) have been encouraged by the Commissioner. At present only half of authorities' issue these. No plans for this in Orkney at present.
- 6.3. Reminder about the 2-hour timeframe to start and stop notices. This also applies to works clear notices. This will begin to be monitored from April 1st. Recommended that everyone starts to do this now on a soft launch to sort out any issues.
- 6.4. Commissioner has encouraged users to update notices with the Works Promoter App.
- 6.5. A reminder that Quality Improvement Plans must be approved by April 1st. 36/55 utilities have submitted these and only 7 have been approved. Any utility that does not have this approved by April will not be allowed to work on the public road legally. DW asked all utilities present to check within their organisation that this has been progressed. ID confirmed that Openreach have just had theirs approved by the Commissioner.
- 6.6. Reminder about contact details in notices. Ensure it is only in the contact fields as the notices are publicly available.
- 6.7. Next NRAUC meeting is on 23 May at 10:30.

7. AOCB.

- 7.1. ID is aware of the local TM issues. Believes that this is being resolved between OIC and Local Contractors. DW confirmed that discussions are ongoing.
- 7.2. ID provided update on Duncan's replacement. They are not in place yet. Post has been advertised externally and should hopefully be in post in the new financial year.
- 7.3. ID asked about the works along the Brig in Holm. DW asked for a test hole to be undertaken and to send a copy of a design to him.

8. Future Meetings.

8.1. Next meeting to be held at 10:00, Wednesday 21st June 2023 on Microsoft Teams.

8.2. Meeting closed at 10:33.