

# Ayrshire Roads Alliance

## Ayrshire & East Renfrewshire Roads Authorities and Utilities Committee Meeting

13 August 2024

### Minutes

**Present:** David Shaw (ARA) Chair, Laura Campbell (ARA), Katie Campbell (NAC), David Murdoch (NR), Karyn Davidson (V), Sharon Holland (Amey), Sarah Abbott (N), Owen Harte (VM), Fiona McInnes (SW), Julie Greig (SGN), Anna Jenson (N), Dougie Millard (SGN), Alan Bellshaw (SP), Stephen Scanlon (OR), John O'Neill (N), Gordon Michie (SW), Dylan Kitt (Amey), Michael Fawkes (ERC), Gillian Virgo (ERC), Jordan McDonald (VM), Jonathan Sabbatinelli (CF)

**Apologies:** Lynne Lyle (ARA), Shannon Riley (Amey), David MacLean (VM), Iain Lynch (NAC), Joao Carmo (SP), Lindsay Henderson (SRWC), Ian Dalrymple (OR), David McLean (V), Barry Hall (GTC), Craig McQueen (SW), Rachel Forsyth (Amey), John McCulloch (BB), Gavin Cook (ERC), Graeme Robin (NAC), Alexander Crombie (SW), Sibin Silvapicha (SP), Edward Watson (SP), Emma West (SW), Allan Pryde (OR),

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Note of Last Meeting	Accuracy: AGREED	Agreed
Matters Arising from previous meeting	As discussed below.	
Roadworks Authorities and Undertakers specific projects	<b><u>EAC/SAC</u></b> All currently noted on Register for 2024/25. <b><u>ERC</u></b> Aurs Road closure – Road realignment scheduled for Jan 24 to Jan 25. Noted in the SRWR with diversion route. Hombyre Road SGN gas main renewal project starting new calendar year and also SW new water main. All currently noted on Register for 2024/25. <b><u>NAC</u></b> All currently noted on Register for 2024/25.	

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	<p>NAC have got resurfacing and lighting works planned in Long Hill Skelmorlie potential conflicts with the SW works on the Trunk Road. NAC to be added to a call with Amey and SW to see if they can work together and discuss further.</p> <p>Conflicts with Scottish Water – Raise Street Saltcoats LA 3621277. Can they work around NAC footway resurfacing? Also Brisbane Glen Road in Largs – will this affect the carriageway restriction LA 3608497? SW to look into these.</p> <p><b><u>Scottish Water</u></b> All currently noted on Register for 2024/25.</p> <p>Major works ongoing in Skelmorlie (NAC trunk roads). Started at beginning of May 2024 until November 2024. Convoy working during the day and traffic lights in place overnight.</p> <p>No major works planned all just reactive works.</p> <p><b><u>SPEN</u></b> All currently noted on Register for 2024/25.</p> <p>LL highlighted an issue with a number of projects being planned under the one road in EAC (C53 Treeswoodhead Road). Conflicts have been missed on the register between different projects and conflicts were ignored and not being raised to discuss. LL to send over LA references to look into.</p> <p><b><u>BT</u></b> EAC – R100 deployment for Logans Well and Uplawmoor ongoing. SAC – nothing ongoing NAC – Commercial rural build in Kilwinning /West Kilbride/ Dalry. All notices on SRWR ERC – R100 deployments and commercial cities build ongoing. Busby area and Newton Mearns. All notices on SRWR.</p> <p>All currently noted on Register for 2024/25.</p> <p><b><u>VM</u></b> Contact made via Comex regarding upcoming works</p> <p>Fibre upgrade project upgrading of cabinets/chambers. Main works starting EAC/SAC Jan 2025 and NAC June 2025 and ERC are ongoing and should be completed by end of 2024.</p>	

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	<p>All other works currently noted on Register for 2024/25.</p> <p><b><u>SGN</u></b> All currently noted on Register for 2024/25.</p> <p><b><u>Netomnia</u></b> All currently noted on Register for 2024/25. Only currently working in NAC around Kilwinning area.</p> <p><b><u>Network Rail</u></b> All currently noted on Register for 2024/25.</p> <p>1 day closure SAC for masonry repairs C44 near Dailly A70 at Coalhall night time closures 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>Lots of electrification works ongoing/ upcoming in ERC</p> <p><b><u>M77 DBFO</u></b> No major works planned. No one on from M77 DBFO to update.</p> <p><b><u>South West Trunk Roads</u></b> Still waiting on budgets being finalised and then the full programme will be added to the register.</p> <p>NAC - Sharphill Toucan Crossing scheme – 29<sup>th</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p>NAC – A78 Annick Road Bridge expansion joints starting 13<sup>th</sup> August</p> <p>EAC/SAC – A77 Spittalhill ongoing parapet works various TM up until October. TM will be removed for the Ayr show weekend.</p> <p><b><u>Vodafone</u></b> All currently noted on Register for 2024/25.</p> <p><b><u>Note</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Embargo for Ayr Show weekend 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> September for Ayr town centre and all arterial routes.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Christmas Embargo</u></b></p> <p><b>EAC/SAC</b> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2024 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2025</p>	<p></p> <p><b>Note</b></p> <p><b>Note</b></p>

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	<p><b>NAC</b> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2024 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2025</p> <p><b>ERC</b> – no embargo in place, will monitor</p> <p><b>Trunk Roads</b> – No embargo in place, will monitor</p>	
<p><b>Street Café Permits</b></p>	<p>No specific issues in any of the Road Authority areas. Street Café Permits are issued for a period of 12 Months in EAC and SAC. As of April 2023 no planning permission will be required.</p> <p>SGN brining up issues in other Local Authorities about gaining access if there is issues where businesses have tables/chairs etc. outside. Conditions on the permit are that businesses must allow access when requested. If this isn't happening please contact the relevant RA and the issues will be escalated.</p>	<p><b>Note</b></p>
<p><b>Defective Apparatus and other works/remedial works</b></p>	<p><b><u>EAC/SAC</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SW (Clancy) raised planned works not urgent works – St Phillians Road/ Carrick Road Ayr – Site meeting took place, SW to programme half panel reinstatements. EW to chase this up and come back to LL. Still not been programmed. EW to chase again. FMcIn to chase this up again</li> </ul> <p>Option to select underground apparatus on defective apparatus – these are being declined. Raised at SW RAUC for discussion. KC heard back to say that we can record this on the register but also to be passed to the contact centre. JG commented as Co-chair of the Inspection Working Group and it's still not been clarified. The current discussion is if you cannot see the underground apparatus then you cannot determine the fault. Underground apparatus option will be chosen when it is visible.</p> <p><b>SW</b> – to send list of denied DA's.</p> <p><b><u>ERC</u></b> VM defective apparatus – struggling to get a representative from VM to discuss various locations on Ayr Road Newton Mearns.</p> <p><b><u>NAC</u></b> <b>SGN</b> - Bank Street Irvine looking for repair date from SGN for half panel reinstatement. SGN to look into and get back to NAC. LA 3084806. Still looking for an update.</p>	<p><b>SW</b></p> <p><b>LL/KC/JG</b></p> <p><b>VM</b></p> <p><b>SGN</b></p>

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	<p><b>SGN</b> – a defect sitting at awaiting assessment on Annick Road in Irvine LA 3598905.</p> <p><b>OP/BT</b> – Seymour Avenue in Kilwinning remedial. Restricted carriageway that’s been excavated. Initial communication but its fell away. An inspection has been recorded on it 13<sup>th</sup> Feb LA 3222161. OP to chase up. Still no update, OP to chase up.</p> <p><b>Nexfibre</b> – looking for a date for a full panel reinstatement on Wingfaulds Avenue Dalry LA 3473012.</p> <p>KC asked if defects were rectified during resurfacing works, should they be raised as a DA3 inspection or do utilities return as non-notifiable. JG said previously RA’s would subsume to show resurfacing. New system doesn’t allow to subsume unless it’s at interim. The previous process was the correct way but most utilities have been putting in a non-notifiable to close the inspection loops.</p>	<p><b>BT</b></p> <p><b>N</b></p>
<p><b>NRSA Inspections</b></p>	<p><b><u>EAC/SAC</u></b> Sample inspections have been agreed. Quarter 1 looking good.</p> <p><b><u>ERC</u></b> ERC have a new team dealing with inspections. Quarter 1 looking ok but room for improvement.</p> <p><b><u>NAC</u></b> Quarter 1 for Netomnia only 33% pass rate on sample C’s. These have now been rectified.</p> <p>Quarter 1 SP sample A’s are down to 57.1% 6 out of 14 have failed, 3 of which were high risk. SP to look into this.</p> <p><b><u>M77 DBFO / Amey</u></b> Nothing noted.</p> <p><b><u>Interim Reinstatements</u></b></p> <p><b><u>EAC/SAC</u></b> EAC - 62 not overdue and 48 are for Netomnia. 2 with agreement for SW. Overdue without agreement 1 SW 2 SP 2 VM and 4 V.</p> <p><b><u>ERC</u></b> Nothing to note.</p> <p><b><u>NAC</u></b></p>	<p><b>SP</b></p>

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	<p>SPEN have 1 overdue without agreement. The LA's ref is 3249243.</p> <p>The rest all have proposed dates.</p> <p><b><u>Amey</u></b> SPEN – 2846581 Dalrymple Street in Girvan</p> <p><b><u>Other Road Works Permission</u></b> No issues raised by all.</p> <p><b><u>RAUC(S) National Coring</u></b> The national coring working group are working on updating RAUCS advice note 3.</p> <p><b><u>NAC</u></b> – SGN coring failure on The Crescent, Skelmorlie LA 3055870. SGN to chase again</p>	<p><b>SP</b></p> <p><b>SP</b></p> <p><b>SGN</b></p>
<p><b>Local policies affecting road works.</b></p>	<p><b><u>EAC/SAC</u></b> TTRN/TTRO information of the Ayrshire Roads Alliance Website. Some contractors still applying for early starts and not giving the correct notice period required.</p> <p><b><u>NAC</u></b> Note that TTRN's non traffic sensitive 2 weeks lead time, traffic sensitive 4 weeks lead time. TTRO's non sensitive 6 weeks lead time and traffic sensitive 8 weeks lead time.</p> <p><b><u>ERC</u></b> TTRN/TTRO information on website.</p> <p><b><u>M77 DBFO / Amey</u></b> Nothing to note.</p>	<p><b>Note</b></p>
<p><b>Matters Arising from previous area RAUCs/RAUC(S) meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solar powered Portable Traffic Signals have been trialled by 12 TM organisations. Freeflow had a site in Wick where the batteries lasted 3 weeks before changing batteries was required. The kit is available for being deployed.</li> </ul> <p>JG from SGN said they have trialled these and they found them very good for long term works. It integrates with RA's permanent traffic signals and there is CCTV. The batteries are lasting longer and fewer complaints have been raised. These can also be monitored in real time.</p>	<p><b>Important information</b></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SROR (Specification for the Reinstatement of Openings in Roads) is now live and available to download.</li> <li>• Annual performance reports for 2023/24 have not been issued yet.</li> <li>• VAULT legislation went live on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.</li> <li>• Compliance Notice legislation went live on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. RA's have been invited to webinars with regards to the compliance officers visiting and reporting on RA's.</li> </ul> <p>RAUCS NATIONAL CORING PROGRAMME REPORT 2025 will be for permanent reinstatements between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.</p> <p>JG – Issue with the national coring and warranty dates. The system picks up everything except verges as having a warranty of 6 years. There should be a lot more things exempt like modular carriageways which is a 2 year warranty. There currently isn't anything in place to insure the register is fit for purpose in regards to this. The work around being offered is that if RA's/SU's notice it they should add a comment saying why it isn't a 6 year warranty. An email was issued from Jordan McDonald (city fibre). This doesn't flag up to RA's and RA's don't have resources to search through all the comments being made.</p>	
<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>	<p>As per page 83 of the "Safety at Street Works and Road Works, A Code of Practice" will all remind teams that upon completion of works all plant, equipment and surplus materials are removed promptly from the site, followed immediately by all signs, lighting and guarding equipment. If signs become unnecessary during works, they must be covered or removed. If temporary traffic control is removed or altered during the works, ensure that all surplus signs are removed or covered to minimise confusion. Signs should not be laid flat as they may form a trip hazard, and members of the public may pick them up again, thinking that they have been knocked over.</p> <p>There have been ongoing webinars and the last one is 21<sup>st</sup> August.</p> <p>Compliance officers have been driving past sites and raising any comments via Aurora in comments awaiting assessment. Main issues being raised are with SLG and pedestrian safety.</p>	<b>Note</b>

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<b>AOCB</b>	<p>It was suggested that there would be 1 around the table meeting per year and the rest would be on Teams – no objections to this. Email to be sent out to vote on around the table to be August or November.</p> <p>(SW) asked any meeting (site) to make sure to keep SW in the loop. Note to include Alexander Crombie from SW going forward.</p> <p>LL – 7 working days for Traffic Light permits. 30 working days for TTRN/TTRO’s for EAC/SAC.</p> <p>SPEN Contractors – Works not being programmed correctly with regards to stating correct TM on notice, works need to be planned accordingly or applications for TTL’s will be refused. Slight improvement from last meeting but still happening.</p> <p>Request from all Roads Authorities to extend notices to ensure T/M is mentioned. LL asked there be ample time to send for extension requests, any less than 24hrs there might be a chance for refusal. – Still happening and raised again.</p> <p>Extensions/early starts should be sent to the relevant RA mailbox  EAC/SAC - <a href="mailto:roadworks@east-ayrshire.gov.uk">roadworks@east-ayrshire.gov.uk</a>  NAC - <a href="mailto:roadspermits@north-ayrshire.gov.uk">roadspermits@north-ayrshire.gov.uk</a>  Amey - <a href="mailto:SWNMC_traffic@amey.co.uk">SWNMC_traffic@amey.co.uk</a>  ERC - <a href="mailto:roads@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk">roads@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk</a> and GC</p> <p>Road Authorities must be contacted if planned works are carried out on restricted surfaces prior to works commencing – many works recently carried out with no contact to the Roads Authority. JG mentioned that Vault can also be used.</p> <p>Issues with EAC technicians accessing the PU drawings from SW (locked out or having to constantly reset passwords). Getting nowhere when emailing the SW helpdesk. SW to look into this. EAC Internal IT to look into this in case firewall is causing the issue.</p> <p>DS looking for an update on the RAUCS reports being run on Aurora. JG said it’s still in progress and should be available to run for the next local RAUCS meeting.</p> <p>Just a reminder about road restrictions for newly resurfaced roads. Too many utilities requesting to do works under the restriction.</p>	<p><b>Note</b></p> <p><b>Note</b></p> <p><b>Note</b></p> <p><b>SPEN</b></p> <p><b>Note</b></p> <p><b>Note</b></p> <p><b>Note</b></p> <p><b>SW</b></p> <p><b>Note</b></p>



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	<p>Amey – overdue registration from SP LA 3472869.</p> <p>JG – Inspection code of practice – Inspection working group have been working on a condition survey. This will be an advice note. Also advise note 8 getting updated due to removal of the pink book.</p> <p><b>For diary</b>  2024 proposed meeting dates:  12<sup>th</sup> November 2024</p> <p>2025 proposed meeting dates :  11<sup>th</sup> February 2025  13<sup>th</sup> May 2025  12<sup>th</sup> August 2025  11<sup>th</sup> November 2025</p>	<p><b>SP</b></p> <p><b>Note</b></p>
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	13 August 2024 – Face to Face location TBC	