

# Island group co-ordination meeting

## Orkney, Shetland & Western Isles

Meeting held on Teams 8 February 2024 at 10.30am

Item		Action
1	<b>Present</b> Donald Wilson (Orkney) Neil Robertson (Shetland) D.A. Macleay (Western Isles) David Spencer (Shetland) Murdo Macritchie (Western Isles) Barrie Scobie (Shetland) Duncan Johnston (Shetland) Grant Anderson (Shetland) John Johnston (Shetland)	
2	<b>Apologies</b> Kenny Roy (Orkney) Angus Macdonald (Western Isles) Matthew Wylie (Orkney)	
3	<b>Appointment of chairman</b> No change.	
4	<b>Local Authority program works</b> <b>Orkney</b> – Resurfacing works, £1.0m program for 2023-24 nearly complete. Streetlight works complete. Surface dressing program for 2024-25 year put together. All works are notified on the radio and social media Road mender getting built and looking at purchasing a machine. Works noticed on the register.  <b>Shetland</b> – Surfacing program coming to an end, program for 2024-25 being put together. Surface Dressing program for 2024-25 being put together. General maintenance works carried out, drainage and streetlight. Jet patcher roadmaster road repair was undertaken in the spring. Works noticed on the register.  <b>Western Isles</b> – No major surfacing works for this year. £1.5m for the next 5 years. Small bitmac repairs made with hot box and Road Mender machine. Surface dressing program for 2024-27 being put together, proposal to use Nynas again this year. Small civils works undertaken on a framework contract inc white lining. Cattle grid repairs new Hopkins grid to be installed at various locations. Ditching works as required. Bridge works, Loch an Obb, Barra – new culverts with associated Utility works. Waiting on BT to lay cables.	

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5	<p><b>Utility works issues</b></p> <p><b><u>Orkney</u></b></p> <p><b>BT/Openreach - R100</b> – (Orkney + Shetland) These works are still caused some issues in the quality of the works in which the L.A. are requiring to be more involved in getting remedials done. Historic mole ploughing causing problems due to insufficient depth especially in verges. When local authority is making offlets they come across the ducting at shallow depths. Also ducting causing problems in the roadside drainage. Local contractors are being used to do some of the works. Works at present are in the outlying islands, Westray.</p> <p><b>Scottish Water</b> – Some issues with ironworks being done.</p> <p><b>Scottish Southern Energy</b> – No major issues. New interconnector from Caithness to Finstone be undertaken. This will entail road works.</p> <p><b><u>Shetland</u></b></p> <p><b>BT/Openreach - R100</b> – (Orkney + Shetland) These works has caused some issues in the quality of the works improvements are seen to be happening, but the odd fail is still there. BT ironworks being an issue. Working in Yell and other outlying islands. There have been incidences where ducts are found going through ditches and culverts. Works on the register are quite slow. Local contractors also being used.</p> <p><b>Scottish Water</b> – Capital works are being undertaken in the West with no major issues. Ironworks being undertaken by LA.</p> <p><b>Scottish Southern Energy</b> – No major issues, works from the wind turbine site has been affecting roads but no major issues. Overheads and sub-stations being built. Works in the carriageway to be requested to be half carriageway bitmac. Some crashed have occurred at the TTL temporary rumble strips are put in place before the TTL to try and warn vehicles before reaching the TTL.</p> <p><b><u>Western Isles</u></b></p> <p><b>BT/Openreach – R100</b> – this has not started yet possible 2026 awaiting confirmation. BAU works are slow this year . No major issue.</p> <p><b>Scottish Water</b> –Some major works in Lewis and Benbelula with good communication with contractors, before and during works. Any issues are delt with on site. A major foul sewer works to be undertaken next year which will take approx. a year to complete. It is repairs to existing lines and manholes.</p> <p><b>Scottish Southern Energy</b> – Some major works but not affecting roads or footways.</p> <p><b>Scotland Gas Networks</b> – Only is Stornoway no issues.</p>	

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6	<p><b>Utility Inspection issues</b></p> <p><b>Orkney</b> –Sample inspections undertaken. Cat A inspection has issues in catching Utilities on site due to short duration of the works. Travel required to distant work sites not viable for just 1 site. Inspections undertaken under Cat B and C ongoing. Only RTN done when a failure is noticed.</p> <p><b>Shetland</b> – Cat A inspection being on track as big works are in progress. Inspections undertaken under Cat B and C ongoing.</p> <p><b>Western Isles</b> –Cat A inspections may not hit the target this year, BT/Openreach stopped works in January 2023 resulting in Cat A being reduced which was picked up in the Commissioner report. Works are now programmed for starting in October. Inspections undertaken under Cat B and C ongoing.</p> <p>Problems with Cat A was a common theme with all 3 Local Authorities.</p>	
7	<p><b>R Q P (Reinstatement Quality Plan)</b></p> <p>All three authorities have looked at the requirements of the plan Western Isles have started to put together the R.Q.P. document. Most contractors are working under Utility which would The S109 on the register has no tick box for RQP an issue which Symology are aware off.</p>	
8	<p><b>Commissioner office/Transport Scotland</b></p> <p>The 2-hour start/ stop. Shetland are implementing with the supervisors having access to the register using the mobile phones using the app, some problems have occurred. The promotors app will help in recording works start stop. Orkney and Western Isles have still to implement, still using the internet system. Road reinstatement specification out on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.</p>	
9	<p><b>A.O.C.B.</b></p> <p>A discussion was held about Internal works orders and the system WDM which is used by Orkney and Shetland. Western Isle are looking at this system now which will help with works record on the register.</p>	
10	<p><b>Dates of next meeting</b></p> <p>Dates of next meeting 6 June 2024 The 2024 dates: 5 September 2024</p> <p>Meeting closed at 11.37</p>	