

Island group co-ordination meeting

Orkney, Shetland & Western Isles

Meeting held on Teams 27th September 2023 at 10.30am

Item		Action
1	<p>Present</p> <p>Donald Wilson (Orkney) Matthew Wylie (Orkney) Neil Robertson (Shetland) D.A. Macleay (Western Isles) David Spencer (Shetland) Murdo Macritchie (Western Isles) Barrie Scobie (Shetland)</p>	
2	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Kenny Roy (Orkney) Neil Hutchenson (Shetland) Angus Macdonald (Western Isles) John Johnston (Shetland)</p>	
3	<p>Appointment of chairman</p> <p>No change.</p>	
4	<p>Local Authority program works</p> <p>Orkney – Resurfacing works, £1.0m program for 2023-24. Streetlight works ongoing. Surface dressing program for 2024-25 year put together. All works are notified on the radio and social media Road mender to be trialled and looking at purchasing a machine. Less drainage works envisaged. Retaining walls inspections at 2.0m from road edge. Works noticed on the register.</p> <p>Shetland – Surfacing program coming to an end this year 2023, Surface Dressing had a larger program for 2023 due to good weather.. General maintenance works carried out, drainage and streetlight. Jet patcher roadmaster road repair was undertaken. Works noticed on the register.</p> <p>Western Isles – 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 2023-24 in progress, proposal to use Nynas again. 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. Scalpay bridge bearer repairs start 2 Oct to 27 Oct night works.</p>	

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5	<p>Utility works issues</p> <p><u>Orkney</u> BT/Openreach - R100 – (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. It was noted that some of the works are being undertaken on Saturdays when LA is off. Local contractors are being used to do some of the works. Scottish Water – Some issues with ironworks being done. Scottish Southern Energy – No major issues. New interconnector from Caithness to be undertaken.</p> <p><u>Shetland</u> BT/Openreach - R100 – (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. Local contractors being used. Scottish Water – Capital works are being undertaken in the West with no major issues. Ironworks being undertaken by LA. Scottish Southern Energy – No major issues, works from the wind turbine site has been affecting roads but no major issues. Overheads and sub-stations being built. Connection to Sullom Voe to be made as well as to Lerwick. Morgan Sinbad undertaking works. Works in the carriageway to be requested to be half carriageway bitmac.</p> <p><u>Western Isles</u> BT/Openrech – R100 – this has not started yet possible 2026 awaiting confirmation. BAU works are slow this year . No major issue. Scottish Water –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. Scottish Southern Energy – Some major works but not affecting roads or footways. Scotland Gas Networks – Only is Stornoway no issues.</p>	
6	<p>Utility Inspection issues</p> <p>Orkney –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>	

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	<p>Shetland – Cat A inspection being on track as big works are in progress. Inspections undertaken under Cat B and C ongoing.</p> <p>Western Isles –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>R Q P (Reinstatement Quality Plan)</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. The S109 form covers RQP. Most contractors are working under Utility which would cover for S109. The S109 on the register has no tick box for RQP an issue which Symology are aware off. A RQP will be available when the Roads Commissioner requests it.</p>	
8	<p>Commissioner office/Transport Scotland</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 1st October 2023.</p>	
9	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>Sea wall inspections, Orkney asked when and what width do Shetland and the Western Isles do the surveys. Shetland replied, inspecting engineering structures. Western Isles check sea defences every 6 years but generally do one every 2-3 years or when a breach has happened. More information to be supplied at the next meeting.</p>	
10	<p>Dates of next meeting</p> <p>Dates of next meeting 16 January 2024 The 2024 dates: to be agree in January at next meeting.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 11.55</p>	