

Island group co-ordination meeting

Orkney, Shetland & Western Isles

Meeting held on Teams 30 May 2023 at 10.30am

Item		Action
1	Present Donald Wilson (Orkney) Matthew Wylie (Orkney) Neil Robertson (Shetland) John Johnston (Shetland) D.A. Macleay (Western Isles) David Spencer (Shetland) Murdo Macritchie (Western Isles)	
2	Apologies Kenny Roy (Orkney) Neil Hutchenson (Shetland) Barrie Scobie (Shetland) Angus Macdonald (Western Isles)	
3	Appointment of chairman No change.	
4	Local Authority program works Orkney – Resurfacing works, £1.0m program for 2023-24. Streetlight works ongoing. Surface dressing cancelled for 2023-24, revisit for 2024-25 year. Flood issues requiring works. All works are notified on the radio and social media which is proving quite well with informing the public especially for road closures. Road mender to be trialled. Works noticed on the register. Shetland – Surfacing program progressing this year 2023-24, Surface Dressing to commence this year 2023-24. General maintenance works carried out, drainage and streetlight. Jet patcher roadmaster road repair undertaken. Works noticed on the register. Western Isles – No major surfacing works for this year. Small bitmac repairs made with hot box and Road Mender machine. Surface dressing program for 2023-24 in progress, proposal to use Nynas again. The need for a new Surface Dressing sprayer has resulted in trying to get a supplier to build one. 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. Vaisala A.I. is used to survey the roads network picking up defects, signage ect..	

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	<p>Bridge works, Loch an Obb, Barra – new culverts with associated Utility works. Scalpay bridge bearer repairs.</p> <p>Works noticed on the register.</p>	
5	<p>Utility works issues</p> <p><u>Orkney</u></p> <p>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. Some going back 3 years. Job packs being supplied to the LA for information Openreach reluctant to supply. L.A. and Openreach directors (R100) discussing works quality.</p> <p>Scottish Water – No major issues.</p> <p>Scottish Southern Energy – No major issues. Works have been programmed for year.</p> <p><u>Shetland</u></p> <p>BT/Openreach - R100 – (Orkney + Shetland) These works has caused some issues in the quality of the works and damage to existing services, improvements are seen to be happening, but the odd fail is still there. GCU supervisor discuss works needing repairs. Early starts requested by KNN/GCU to commence works.</p> <p>Scottish Water – Capital works are being undertaken in the West with no major issues.</p> <p>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. Works in the carriageway to be requested to be half carriageway bitmac.</p> <p><u>Western Isles</u></p> <p>BT/Openrech – R100 – this has not started yet possible 2026 awaiting confirmation. BAU works are undertaken by a local contractor. No major issue.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Scottish Southern Energy – Some major works but not affecting roads or footways.</p> <p>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.</p>	

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	<p>Shetland – Cat A inspection down from what is required, problem to find works in progress and same issues as Orkney in locations. 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. 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.</p>	
8	<p>Commissioner office/Transport Scotland</p> <p>The main issue coming out was the 2-hour start/ stop. Shetland are implementing that the supervisors have access to the register using the mobile phones using the app. The promoters app will help in recording works start stop. Orkney and Western Isles have still to implement. Road reinstatement specification due October 2023.</p>	
9	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>Orkney asked about other islands National Speed limit signs at villages and ports. Western Isle ferry ports are in 30mph zones.</p> <p>The use of each other’s Surface Dressing equipment to be explored further.</p> <p>Assist AI survey company contact to be sent by Orkney to Shetland and Western Isles. Shetland meet Visalia regular and for Section 96 they use A.I. for road condition surveys.</p>	
10	<p>Dates of next meeting</p> <p>Dates of next meeting 26 September 2023 The 2023 dates: 26 September 2023, 23 January 2024</p> <p>Meeting closed at 11.45</p>	