

Orkney Local Roads Authority and Utility Committee Meeting Minutes.

Venue: **Microsoft Teams.**

Date: **Wednesday 21 February 2024.**

Time: **10:00.**

1. Introductions.

1.1. Meeting commenced at 10:00.

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. Clive Munro (CM), Orkney Islands Council Roads.

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

1.2.5. Allan Pryde (AP), Openreach.

1.2.6. Shaun Munro (SM), Openreach.

1.2.7. Bruce Davidson (BD), Openreach.

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

2. Apologies.

2.1. Michael Grieve (MG), Scottish Water.

3. Previous Minutes.

3.1 October minutes agreed.

4. Matters Arising.

4.1 No matters arising.

5. Roads and Utilities Projected Works.

5.1. Orkney Islands Council Maintenance Work.

5.1.1. Continuing works on Asset Replacement programme.

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5.1.2. Surfacing/Reconstruction works are now well underway.

5.1.2.1. A966 at Tingwall – Works to begin again on 26 February.

5.1.2.2. A964 at Scapa Distillery due to start on 08 April 2024.

5.1.2.3. A964 between the village and Smoogro Road due to start the week after. Works expected to take a few months to complete.

5.1.2.4. Surface Dressing will take place in the summer. Programme yet to be finalised. To be confirmed at next meeting.

5.1.2.5. Working on programmes for 2024-25 at the moment. Needs to be approved in new financial year so works will be confirmed at next meeting.

5.2. Orkney Islands Council Capital Works.

5.2.1. No attendees. DW provided update.

5.2.2. Working on Scapa Deepwater Pier. Plans can be viewed on planning website.

5.3. Scottish and Southern Energy.

5.3.1. Nothing imminent.

5.3.2. Plans being finalised for new 11kv power cable from Power Station to Liberator via Peedie Sea, Glaitness School, Muddisdale Road and up past SUDS.

5.3.3. Grid connection for the new substation from Outertown to Finstown.

5.4. BT Openreach.

5.4.1. AP provided Openreach update.

5.4.1.1. Business as usual with all works as per the Road Works Register.

5.4.1.2. DW mentioned works over a bridge in Birsay and reminded Openreach of the need to contact OIC prior to works.

5.4.2. SM provided R100 update.

5.4.2.1. Orphir and Sandwick are now complete.

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5.4.2.2. Majority of works being done at the moment are in Birsay.

5.4.2.3. Westray works are ongoing.

5.4.2.4. Eday/Shapinsay to begin at end of March and into April.

5.4.2.5. DW mentioned cable depths and workmanship being an issue with R100 project. SM asked that cable depths and workmanship be separate issues.

5.4.2.6. DW shared photos from Orphir to explain concerns further and highlighted concerns regarding damaged verges/clay tile pipes leading to flooding. BD advised that it may be armoured cable in the circumstance shown. AP asked for further details to be sent to him directly.

5.4.2.7. SM asked for details of all concerns and suggested that cable depths is less of a problem than is being made out by OIC. DW to send further details to SM/AP. SM asked that all details of any concerns always go back to Openreach.

5.5. Scottish Water.

5.5.1. No attendees but DW confirmed that there was nothing new affecting the public road.

6. North of Scotland Roads Authority and Utilities Committee.

6.1. DW discussed the requirement for the VAULT to be maintained. By October 2024 the VAULT will become an acceptable source of utility information so it's important that this kept up to date.

7. AOCB.

7.1. No AOCB.

8. Future Meetings.

8.1. Next meeting to be held at 10:00, Wednesday 19th June 2024 on Microsoft Teams.

8.2. Meeting closed at 10:23.

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