

Minutes of the quarterly Roads & Utilities Co-ordinating Group (New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991) meeting held on Thursday 15th February at 10.30 am

1 In Attendance

Mr N Robertson	SIC Roads (Chair)
Mr G Anderson	SIC Roads
Mr J Duncan	SIC Roads
Mr K Teale	Scottish Water
Mrs S Gair	SIC Roads
Ms Antonia Riddell	SIC Roads

Apologies

Mr M Smith	Shetland Telecom
Mr G Priest	SSE
Mr J Deeney	SSE
Mr N Hutcheson	SIC Roads
Mr S Simpson	Open Reach
Mr N Duncan	SSE

2 Minutes of last meeting

Were taken as read.

3 Matters arising from last meeting

Will be picked up as we go through items.

NR said that there are now joint meetings with other areas where they get together and discuss works in each area, so these individual meetings have dropped behind.

4 Roads and Utilities Projected Works

4.1 SIC Maintenance Roadworks

GA said most of the works was really surface dressing and resurfacing. JD had a list of both and these are attached along with the minutes as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

NR asked if Burns walk would be opened when the works from Charlotte Street to the Clydesdale Bank are done and GA thought it would need to be.

KT said they would have a look at their boxes along the street as if they were weeping they were best removed and replaced completely.

GA said there would also be the new bus lay by at Tesco coming off the new cycle path to be done.

4.2 SIC Capital Roadworks

Cullivoe should be starting soon.

NR asked about the retaining wall at St Olaf Street. It was thought it had been passed on to contractors, NR said he would check and let KT know who it had been passed onto and what stage it was at.

4.3 Scottish & Southern Energy

Jared Deeney had sent his apologies.

NR said there was ongoing cabling works on the A970. There had been a couple of issues with folk going too fast at their traffic lights and they were going to try using rumble strips to see if that would help slow folk down.

They are going to be putting joint boxes between the Windy Grind and Veensgarth next week. They won't know that long in advance for the start of the works but it should be ok.

4.4 Open Reach

Sandy Simpson had sent in his apologies.

NR said that GCU and Adam Chadwick were doing works for them in Yell and Whalsay, they were using stop/go boards and it seemed to be working fine.

4.5 Scottish Water

KT said they will be working at Vementry junction next week and he is having a meeting about it tomorrow. NR said that Roads are resurfacing to Davy Johnson's.

KT said they have some broken sewers and are jetting them back and then that's holding them for a few months. It's proving difficult to programme them in as it's taking a good week to get it done. There's one outside the Lerwick Legion and NR said they were needing to do resurfacing here too. KT said there was also one in Whalsay but would need to open right across the road JD said there was an issue for Roads there too.

KT said most of what they had on was reactive rather than planned. He also said there's a lid at Grostane but that's in a parking area so shouldn't cause any bother to anybody.

NR said he'd sent through a list of jobs to KT this morning.

4.6 Lerwick District Heating

Nobody was at the meeting from District Heating. NR said he hadn't heard anything.

He wondered if Roddy still worked for them but nobody was sure?

4.7 Shetland Telecom

Marvin Smith was going to join the meeting by Teams but it didn't happen and it was unclear whether signal was a problem or the set up of the Teams add on for the meeting.

MP joined the meeting to say he thought MS was setting up a connection into the Scord but not that much was known about it and MP thought he had been speaking to Barrie Scobie about it.

5 Traffic Management and TTRO's

NR said he had some ongoing issues with KNN.

When he'd been in Mid Yell the high road was closed and although he had issued permits there was no permit for the time he was there.

NR said they were having real bother with the new Works Promoter App not updating and syncing. He thought we were one of the few authorities that are bothering to use it.

6 Contractor Performance

NR said the manhole at the bottom of Lochside done by Stuart Malcolmson for the District Heating needed to be fixed as it had sunk straight away after the job was completed.

7 AOCB

KT said that they were finding it difficult to get KN to do the quick works. JD asked if some of their workers had been on a Streetworks course as then they were qualified to set up the signs themselves.

KT said they had a lot of sunken lids to get to and GA said Roads could do some of them, KT said he would raise a PO if they were happy to do it?

JD asked if anybody had looked at the reinstatement of the verges up the Lang Kames? NR said he had been going to but then the snow came so he needs to go and look. JD thought there was a good bit more that needed to be done with it.

8 Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 11.15.

Information on the next meeting will be sent out as soon as possible.
Exact date to be confirmed.