



Notes of Meeting

Meeting Roads Authorities and Utilities Committee (Scotland)

Place of Meeting held on MS TEAMS

Date: Wednesday 26th October 2022

Present: -

Fiona McInnes (S.U. Co-Chair)	F.McI.	Scottish Water
Philip McKay (R.A. Co-Chair)	P.McK,	Aberdeenshire Council
Sarah Abbot	S.A.	Netomnia
Kevin Abercrombie	K.A.	Aberdeen City Council
David Armitage	D.J.A.	Aberdeenshire Council
Caroline Auld	C.A.	Network Rail
Jamie Barr	J.B.	East Renfrewshire Council
Lee Bromhall	L.B.	Royal Mail
Douglas Campbell	D.Ca.	SPEN
David Capon	D.C.	JAG UK
Gavin Cook	G.C.	East Renfrewshire Council
Stefeni Cownley	S.C.	ESPUG
Ian Dalrymple	I.D.	Openreach
Karyn Davidson	K.D.	Vodafone
Luke Dexter	L.D.	Transport Scotland
Lauren Elkin	L.E.	Axione
Jim Forbes	J.F.	CityFibre
Roger Garbett	R.G.	Improvement Service
Darren Grant	D.G.	SSEN
Julie Greig	J.G.	SGN
Michael Grunwell	M.G.	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Jason Halliday	J.H.	o.S.R.W.C.
Kevin Hamilton	K.H.	Scottish Road Works Commissioner
Stuart Harding	S.H.	City of Edinburgh Council
Lisa Haston	L.H.	SPEN
David Hearty	D.H.	MBNL-EE/3
Colin Heggie	C.H.	Amey
John Henderson	J.H.	Scottish Borders Council
Alan Houston	A.H.	East Dunbartonshire Council
Alan Hutchison	A.Hut.	Tay Bridge Joint Board
Rob James	R.J.	Network Rail
Ian Jones	I.J.	Fife Council
Shaylyn Landman	S.L.	ESPUG
Aimee Long	A.L.	Fulcrum
Andrew Matheson	A.M.	Virgin Media
Elizabeth McIver	E.McI,	Highland Council
Gordon MacLachlan	G.MacL.	Clackmannanshire Council
Tom Murphy	T.M.	Argyll and Bute Council
Clare O'Brien	C.O'B.	Argyll and Bute Council

Kat Quane	K.Q.	Transport Scotland
David Robertson	D.R.	Dundee City Council
Kenny Roy	K.R.	Orkney Islands Council
David Shaw	D.S.	Ayrshire Roads Alliance
Kevin Skinner	K.S.	Scottish Water
Calum Stewart	C.S.	Glasgow City Council
David Thomson	D.T.	SPEN
Scott Walker	S.W.	North Lanarkshire Council

In Attendance: -

George Borthwick	G.B.	RAUC(S) Secretary
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Apologies: -

Clive Bairsto	C.B.	Street Works UK
Ewan Hogg	E.H.	Falkirk Council
Valerie Park	V.P.	South Lanarkshire Council
Martin Polland	M.P.	Transport Scotland

1. Introduction and Apologies

F.McI. welcomed all to the meeting.

The Apologies were recoded as above.

2. Presentations

Health and Safety - Stop, Make a Change – Scottish Water

The Video presented an experience of a Scottish Water Operative who had attended the site of a cable strike on one of their sites in 2003. On reaching the site he was about to check the situation when there was a major explosion resulting in damage to his leg which subsequently needed amputation. He had been a keen sportsman so suffered major trauma as a result. In addition, it was 2005 before he was able to return to work on full duties.

As a result he had to learn to walk and find ways of continuing his interests, He had agreed to make the Video as he was retiring and hoped that by sharing his experiences he would hopefully stop somebody else suffering the same fate as he had.

He commented that he had not forgotten the event and knew he never would.

The area had not been checked for utilities. The cable strike was on a low voltage line but close by there was a high voltage cable. Prior to commencing work all available drawings need to be checked and cable finders used on site before breaking the ground. There should never be a time when the deadline for the completion of the work was more important than safety.

He hoped that others would learn from his experience and take heed of what he had said in the video.

Health and Safety – Don't Walk By – Aberdeenshire Council

In this video the message was when you see a problem be it lack of safe working, damaged plant either in use or about to be used you should not ignore it and look the other way.

You cannot say he has done the job before he knows what he is doing. He may have but that is no excuse to walk away and say nothing.

These actions may just stop the ongoing guilt which you will feel forever when an accident occurs which you could have prevented by speaking up.

F.McI. will ask her Health and Safety Department if the Video can be show at the Area Meetings. **Action - F.McI.**

J.G. suggested that a presentation could be given to a future meeting on the topic of recent developments on intelligent control on portable traffic signals. The committee agreed that this would be of interest but it should be stressed that the presentation was not a sales pitch.

Action – J.G.

3. Minutes of previous Meeting held on 29th June 2022 and any Matters Arising

a) Accuracy

The minutes of the last meeting held on 29th June 2022 were agreed as read

b) Action Tracking and Review

The Action Tracking Summary was reviewed and updated.

4. RAUC(s) Working Group Reports

a) Reports from Working Groups as necessary

ai. Coordination W.G.

The Committee noted that there was still a vacancy for an R.A. Representative on the Group. D.S. will contact the Area R.A. Chairs / Co-Chairs in an effort to get a representative before their first meeting later in the month.

aii. Inspections W.G.

The Group had not yet met as they were waiting until the SROR draft was available. A meeting would be arranged to review the draft SROR and to check the Advice Notes which could be considered for integration into the code.

aiii. SROR W.G.

The previously circulated report was taken as read. The draft Code had been circulated to the Community for consideration.

Climate Control, Aesthetics, New Materials were factors which had been considered in the drafting process.

The introduction of new materials and methods need to be more efficiently progressed with fully recorded trials (using the SRWR as the data base) used to guide the process of acceptance. The Community had to work as a unit in agreeing a process and single parties should not be able to hold up agreements.

6 Year Guarantee – There is a need for an exception list to be developed relating to materials which could not be guaranteed for 6 years e.g. road marking, modular surfacing. The records should indicate where a specific design life has been built in to the existing road construction.

The use of SMA for hand laying reinstatements was unsatisfactory. This was also the case with high stone content materials such as 55/10 and 55/14.

The use of large diameter coring had been included in the Specification.

Appendix 9 had major changes to make it useable. The creation of a Board to agree and monitor trials was included. The Board would review the results of the trials and approve the material / process for use by the Community.

The trials need to include details (specification) of the material / process, reports with data and details of the trial as it progresses, and results. There should be robust information available to the Board to allow it to make a solid judgement.

All should review the draft and submit comments. There are major changes and K.S. suggested that it would agreeable to some but not to others.

The Commissioner indicated that the Draft had been circulated and he was looking for comments to be submitted to the Review Group Co-Chairs by close of work on Friday 2nd December. He appreciated that this was a tight timescale but progress towards a final approval had to be maintained.

The Committee agreed that a standard schedule should be issued to be used for making comments. This would allow the Review Group to review the results on a common base. The schedule would be issued as soon as possible.

The review will be carried out with the issue of a final draft planned for the February RAUC(S) Meeting. The need to extend the date to the June meeting would be the back stop but it is hoped that this would not be required.

Comment should be provided from members of the Community with experience of road works and the existing SROR.

K.Q. indicated that Scottish Government would like to see the Code approved and ready for introduction by October 2023 as there is a commitment to that date for the SSI.

The 6 year guarantee will be introduced on 01 October 2023

The two hour Stop/Start and RQPs will be legally mandatory from 01 April 2023. Qualified operatives and supervisors for R.As (RAs to hold Street Works cards) is also pencilled in for 01 April 2023 but may be a little delayed due to some related EU Exit legislation i.e. the mutual recognition of EU versions of the Street Works card is stopping, which may need a little more legal work to sort. It is at present still on track for 01 April 2023.

The red book is already mandatory for RA's, as per the summer RAUC meeting update

The next batch of measures (VAULT, Authorised Officers, Compliance notices) will probably start to be commenced between October 2023 and April 2024, however that is a very flexible timescale.

The final batch (FPN reform) will likely start after VAULT, Authorised Officers and Compliance notices are introduced around 2024. This means that the two brand new FPNS – failure to supply an RQP when required, and failure to comply with a

compliance notice, won't be in place when those specific measures commence. We are not overly concerned about this and if for some reason there was a need to sanction any organisation for failures in either of these two categories, they would simply receive the existing penalty.

aiv. National Coring Programme W.G.

The previously circulated paper was taken as read with the following comments: -

- The Group is meeting monthly to review the progress on the programme and deal with any issues. Meetings will be held with the Lead Authorities to monitor progress and deal with any problems.
- The progress on 4 of the 5 areas has gone well and they are working to the programme. Results are being posted on the KHub and is becoming available to the relevant Organisations.
- There has been a problem in the old TayForth Group and no progress has been made due to the Coring Contractor not being appointed. The Group has discussed the problem and propose the following action: -
 - On the basis that the contractor is appointed, the programme will commence with revised milestones.
 - The programme will be extended to be completed with the final report being submitted to the June 2023 RAUC(S) Meeting.
- The Commissioner indicated that he was unhappy about the delay but would prefer to have a full report published
- J.G. and F.McI. indicated that they could not allocate staff to visit sites to remark the locations.
- R.As would need to mark the sites based on the information used initially.
- C.McQ. is in discussion with PKC about the accreditation of the Contractor.
- Following discussion, RAUC(S) agreed: -
 - TayForth programme to go ahead.
 - One final Report will be produced with no interim version to report the 4 completed Areas.
 - On completion of the programme a review will be made to consider what arrangements are required to avoid delays in any future programme.
 - Holding future programmes has to be examined as the management requires a considerable staff input. This uses a resource which is already scarce.
 - This is a Community project which requires all Organisations to sign up to working together to complete as programmed.
 - Stephen Scanlon will be asked to be the S.U. Co-Chair.

av. SAT

C.O'B. reported as follows: -

- The Team met on 2nd August 2022.
- 7 new Change Requests were reviewed.
- It is essential that a full membership is maintained to carry out the work of the Team
- Michael Grunwell will try to find a Representative to join the Team representing the SAREA.
- Scottish Water will try to provide a Representative.
- The Invitation to next weeks meeting will be sent to them.

- The 6year Guarantee was discussed in relation to setting the Register to deal with revised Inspections.
- A meeting will be held with Symology to discuss the Reports to be provided for the Local RAUC meetings.
- The Team meets again on 7th November.

avi. RQP W.G.

J.F. / D.C. reported that there had been no changes and the Group would meet again in March 2023 to consider any issues which had arisen.

avii. Gazetteer Group

R.G. reported as follows: -

- There is a need for Special Designations to be set up for the Low Emission Zones which will be introduced in Glasgow in 2023. Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen will introduce their Areas in 2024.
- Coding will be provided for designating the routes in the zones.
- The revised geometry on roads will be used in the February 23 upload.
- CAFS – Transport Scotland, SEPA and Improvement Scotland are collecting data in a new hub relating to traffic flow and air quality. Some Authorities are already collecting data.
- There is data available on the Transport Scotland site about using LEZs. There is no blanket concessions for using maintenance vehicles and plant in the zones.

c) Working Group Recruitment

A R.A.+ representative for the Coordination Group is required.

5. Area RAUC's Action Reports (**must be written and presented to RAUC(S) Agenda Setting Meeting**)

a) North Area RAUC

The Committee noted the following report: -

- There were no other issues remitted to this meeting.

b) East Area RAUC

The Committee noted the following report: -

- The suite of performance reports for the LRAUC meetings is being considered.
- There were no other issues remitted to this meeting.

c) South Area RAUC

The Committee noted the following report: -

- Brian Wilson is currently off work on long term illness. He was on 4 Groups namely Inspections Group, SAT, SRWR Steering Group and the Gazetteer Group. Consideration will be given to providing replacement Representatives pending Brian's return.
- There was an extended discussion about noticing works on footpaths which were not recorded in the Gazetteer.

R.As were aware of the routes which needed to be added but this was a staff resource issue as they would need to digitise the Footpaths and add them to the Register. In the meantime, there is a need to record the works on the Register. The recommendation from the R.As was that the works should be recorded against the nearest Road which is on the Gazetteer with a text description of the actual location.

R.G. asked the R.As to have their networks fully digitised as soon as possible in order that the N.S.G. could be brought up to date.

J.G. raised concern about providing text descriptions where the work may be some distance from a road which was on the Gazetteer.

There is a warning raised by the Register when recording sites in this way but it would allow the Notice to be completed and registered.

The Committee noted that the recording of these assets on the Gazetteer would soon be mandatory so action was required. The largest problem was in New Towns and on new developments where footpaths and Cycle paths were extensive.

The S.U.s are asked to provide the information on works as suggested above and if there was a problem contact should be made with the relevant R.A.

d) West Area RAUC

The previously circulated Report was taken as read.

6. RAUC(S) Business

a) Safety – Issues for consideration

The meeting noted that Bulletins were being issued via the Secretary. They provided a good training aid, and all should use them where appropriate. Instances of good and bad practice should be brought to the attention of the Community as all can learn and benefit from the experience of other.

Action All

b) Environmental Issues

There were no issues raised for discussion.

7. HAUC UK and Associated Subgroup Reports

a) HAUC UK Report

D.C. reported, as follows, on the last HAUC UL meeting which was held on 27th September: -

- The Vision had been discussed and comment was made on the slow progress being made.
- Infrastructure – New projects to be managed while dealing with potential conflicts. The Group need to review the projects and provide assistance. England, Scotland, Wales and N. Ireland are all involved.
- A scoping meeting will be held on 25th November at 10.30am. P.McK. indicated that he would try to provide input.
- The HAUC UK Convention will be held on Thursday 25th May 2023 in the Emirates Cricket Ground in Manchester. This will be the first time the Delegates have met together since Covid started.
- The HAUC App usage is rising with the average visit time being just under 2 minutes. Topics being added are: -

Traffic signals and footway works
SROH
SROR will be added when it is approved for use.
Facilities for assisting the disabled navigate sites

- A NetZero Project has been awarded funding from TfL

b) HAUC UK Working Group Reps

R.A. Representatives are still required for the TAG and Reinstatement Groups and a S.U. Representative is required for the Records Group when it meets.

c) TAG Report

There had been no meetings since July so there were no issues to be raised.

d) Diversionary Works

There were no issues to be raised.

e) Safety at Road works

The Group has yet to meet so there were no issues to raise.

8. Standing Reports:

a) Scottish Road Works Commissioner

The Committee received the report as follows: -

T(S)A Webinar

The second Webinar for Senior Managers will be held on Thursday 27th October (tomorrow) at 10am. Invitations have been sent out to all Senior and Primary contacts. The content will be high-level and aimed at Senior Managers.

Topics covered will include:

- Reinstatement Quality Plans (RQP) - update on progress
- Forthcoming Noticing changes
- Specification for Reinstatement of Openings in Roads (SROR) - proposed changes
- Further associated Legislative changes

Please encourage Senior Managers to attend. If you need the invite to be re-sent, please contact the office.

Highways UK

The Commissioner is giving a presentation to the Highways event on the 27th November 2022

Roads Expo 29th-30th November 2022

The Commissioner will give a presentation on the 29th on the topic of Improving the Quality of Utility Reinstatements

Reinstatement Quality Plans

To date only 9 Undertakers have submitted first drafts of their RQPs. These have been reviewed by the office and follow-up meetings held. The Commissioner is looking forward to revised plans being submitted soon with approval at an early date.

He are pleased to advise that the standard has been generally good, although he would make the following observations based upon the plans submitted so far:

- RQP must be in the undertaker's name, not the contractor's
- Requirements of the CoP must be met. RQPs used elsewhere in the UK should not be used without checking that they meet the relevant Scottish Legislation, Codes and Advice Notes etc.
- Plans that clearly do not meet these basic criteria will be returned

The Commissioner is very concerned that around half of all S.U.s have not engaged with the process so far, despite reminders having been issued. Given the volume of plans that will need to be reviewed, the Commissioner strongly recommends that these Organisations engage with office ASAP (by the end of the year), otherwise there is a very real risk that their plan will not be approved by 1st April 2023. Please bear in mind that undertakers will be committing an offence if they undertake work without an agreed plan after 1 April 2023.

Research Project – Service Life of Reinstatements.

The research project on Service Life of Reinstatements is nearing completion. The field work has been completed and the focus group met on 2 September 2022. Initial results suggest that reinstatement quality has improved since the last exercise held about 10 years ago.

Personal Details recorded on SRWR

Reminder to all Organisations that personal details (including someone's work email address) must not be recorded in any of the free text fields on the SRWR. Personal details (name, email, telephone etc.) should only be recorded in the contact sections of the relevant notices. For further information please see the Commissioner Direction 2 – GDPR and Open Data.

Annual SRWR User Check

Each organisation has been sent a list of users accessing the SRWR in their name. In the interest of security all are asked to check this list for users who do not represent their Organisation. The report also contains details of the training carried out by each Organisation.

New Organisations on SRWR

Converged Communication Solutions Limited, a telecoms company, have been given access to the SRWR.

- ai. Advice Note No 22 – The use of Section 109 of the New Road and Street Works Act 1991

The Draft Advice Note and the accompanying Report were taken as read with the following comments: -

Any comments on the proposed changes should be sent to J.H. The RQP Advice Note will be revised to reflect the changes in Advice Note 22 and any other Codes / Advice Notes which were revised.

A Contractor working under a Section 109 Permit should be competent and hold the necessary accreditation and thus be able to carry out the works to the required codes and advice notes. They should have the required Qualifications / Accreditation and understand the Inspection and remedial works process .

- aii Advice Notes Review

The previously circulated paper was taken as read with the following comments from Jason Halliday: -

In view of the various revisions to the Legislation the Commissioner's office have carried out a review of the existing Advice Notes and had categorised them as follows.

Minor changes (outdated references, old email addresses etc.), were identified on the following Advice Notes which were considered to be minor enough not to require prior approval from RAUC(S): -

- Advice Note 21 – Apparatus in Roads at Shallow Depth
- Advice Note 24 – Material and Trial Registers
- Advice Note 28 – Above Ground Apparatus

The required changes have been made and revised Advice Notes uploaded to the website.

Several Advice Notes were considered to be no longer required as the topics covered appear to have been included in later versions of the various Codes of Practice. These are: -

- Advice Note 20 – Procedure for Embargoes on Road Works
- Advice Note 23 – Use of Potential Work

The relevant Working Groups should review the above and confirm if the two documents can be rescinded permanently.

Some Advice Notes appear to remain relevant, however the view is that the content can be written into the Codes of Practice. These are:

- Advice Note 27 – Interrupted Works
- Advice Note 29 – Guidance on Core & Vac Excavation and Reinstatement

The relevant Working Groups should note these suggestions and consider their inclusion in the next review of their Code of Practice. These will remain on the website in the meantime.

The following advice notes are no longer considered to be good practice by the Commissioner and have been removed from the list of guidance on the Commissioner's website: -

- Advice Note 2 – Guidance on the Reinstatement of Friction Coatings and Coloured Surfaces
- Advice Note 13 – Mobile Working
- Advice Note 14 – Good Practice Guide to Setting Up Areas of Interest
- Advice Note 19 – Scottish Road Works Register 3rd Parties & Special Cases
- Advice Note 26 – Traffic Management in Roads in Advance of Activity Commencing

The relevant working groups are asked to review these and advise if these can be permanently rescinded or if new versions are required.

A diagram from the rescinded Advice Note 11 remains on the website. The SROR Working Group reviews will consider this for inclusion in the SROR or agree to its removal from the website.

b) Management and Operation of the SRWR

Dealt with in Item No. 8a above.

c) Scottish Government

The circulated papers were taken as read with the following comments from K.Q.: -

Progress is being made on the introduction of the various sections of Transport (Scotland) 2019 Legislation and the batch diagram had been updated to reflect the changes. K.Q. summarised the changes as follows: -

- All of the 'FPN' issues have been grouped thematically in the final batch, with in effect the 6 year guarantee (first item in batch 4) and the FPN for failing to comply with a compliance notice (final item in batch 3) having swapped positions. The 6 year Guarantee introduction date has not changed but the FPN items have been pushed into the future.
- Legal work has now begun on the compliance notice – at present no RAUCS input is required.
- RQP / Qualified personnel for roads authorities and starts/stops now confirmed for 01 April 2023. Scottish Government is aware of voluntary uptake of the RQP/Qualification requirements and support the voluntary use of the 'time' fields for starts/stops when available.

There appears to be an issue regarding the recognition of equivalent Street Works qualifications from the EU and Switzerland post EU Exit. Scottish Government and DfT for England have engaged with the SQA, and we believe this is very minor issue, however if RAUCS members are currently relying on transient workforces holding other recognised qualifications from other EU nations, please make contact to discuss.

Items which are still to be brought forward include: -

1. Compliance notices
2. Vault
3. Authorised Officers (Inspectors)
4. FPN review

Queens Lying in State

K.Q. commented on the fact that there had been no reported delays or problems due to roads issues relating to the Queens Lying in State (including the journey from Balmoral to Edinburgh or ceremonial arrangements). All Organisations were thanked for their arrangements over the period.

The recent mini consultation on who requires to be accredited and qualified on site at any time has now concluded. Responses were received from S.U.s, R.As, contractors and the general public. The analysis of the responses is ongoing, and an update will be issued in due course. Thank you to all who contributed.

The PDG has formally remitted a paper to the RAUCS Coordination Code WG, covering the pending and the future reforms, as well as minor issues for update and review. The paper should form the basis of a minor review, with the 'deadlines' for the update largely flexible, allowing several months to implement / be part of a phased review.

K.Q. indicated that any queries about the discussions or her papers should be sent to her, and she would endeavour to assist.

Presentation on Scottish Government - Scottish Road Works Technical Consultation 2022 - Luke Dexter (Scottish Government)

Luke provided the following verbal presentation on the 8 week Consultation which closed on 8th September 2022. The responses have been reviewed and the results are as follows: -

As part of the Roadworks Consultation 2022, we asked the Road Works Community, and wider public, for views on two elements within Roadworks policy, which were the qualifications and the Reinstatement Plans.

Regarding qualifications we sought views upon the appropriateness of the current model, to inform plans for any future reform.

Regarding Reinstatement Plans we sought views on timescales related to the issue of, amendment of, or update to, a Reinstatement Quality Plan by any organisation.

In total, there were four questions to answer i.e. three for Qualifications, and one for Reinstatement Quality Plans.

There were 41 responses to the Consultation which included input from the S.U.s, R.As, informed individuals and members of the public.

A brief analysis of these responses is commented on below. Any additional responses received after the closing date will not feature in the analysis but will be considered if relevant.

There are mixed views surrounding prescribed ranges for numbers of operatives and supervision activities.

On the question of other types of qualifications required, it is clear that there is an appetite for a bespoke 'Inspectors' card, which could be the existing Supervisors "Street Works Card"

On the Reinstatement Quality Plans, there was evidence of strong support for an increase to a ninety day period from the previously suggested sixty day period for submission of Reinstatement Quality Plans.

The responses have been fully considered with the following views taken: -

- Qualifications - this will need further consideration which may not require any new legislation. There are other solutions to drive consistency in this area and we look forward to working with the Community and the office of the Scottish Road Works Commissioner on this matter.
- On Reinstatement Quality Plans, on the basis of the responses, we are minded to progress the necessary Scottish Statutory Instrument with a ninety calendar day period for initial Reinstatement Quality Plans.

We will now use the information to support the Roadworks policy stance and amend legislation if required.

Information on the consultation is available on [View submitted responses](#) (consent has been given to publish the response).

F.McI, thanked L.D. for his presentation.

- a) RAUC(S) Chairs/Co-chairs are agreed for at least next 2 years

All succession dates agreed for the S.U. Co-Chairs but the R.A. Co-Chairs still to be agreed. P.McK. will raise again at SCOTS to arrange a R.A. Chair with a connection into that that Organisation.

- b) Reinstatements Adjacent to existing Ironwork which is at wrong level

The previously circulated paper was taken as read with the discussion as follows: -

J.F. explained that CityFibre would not, when reinstating their works, alter ironwork which was at a wrong level nor would they replace damaged frames and covers which were not damaged by their works.

Members suggested that a S.U. has a responsibility to contact the owner of the plant to agree the required action. Generally frames and covers are available free of charge where replacement was needed.

CityFibre would endeavour to avoid leaving a trip hazard.

The overall view of the meeting was that as commented on above the S.U. responsible for the item should be contacted with the R.A. providing input as required to avoid a defect being left in the footway.

This matter will be passed to the Inspections Working Group to discuss and provide a response to the February RAUC(S) Meeting.

Action – Inspections W.G.

- c) Depth to Plant Laid in Verges

The depth which plant is laid in the verge was raised again. This topic had been passed to the SRWR Review Group but they took the decision that this was not a matter to be dealt with in the SROR.

The view was that the problem should be dealt with in the Consultation with the Group being asked again to consider the problem.

A suggestion was made that this problem should be forwarded to NJUG who drafted the existing diagram and specification for the depth and position of plant within the road boundary. This Organisation have recently embarked on a review of the diagram so this was an opportune time to raise it.

There was some disagreement about the previous recommendation that the datum to set the depth of the plant should be the adjacent road level and the suggestion was made that with safe digging, laying of plant at 250 mm should be adequate.

D.C. indicated that he would raise this (tomorrow) at the NJUG meeting and pass comment to F.McI. and P.McK.

Action – D.C.

10. Dates of Next Meetings

RAUC(S) Agenda Setting Meeting: Wednesday 8th February 2023

RAUC(s) Meeting: Wednesday 22nd February 2023

Future Meeting Dates: -

RAUC(S) Agenda Setting Meetings

Wednesday 14th June 2023

Wednesday 4th October 2023

RAUC(s) Meetings

Wednesday 28th June 2023

Wednesday 25th October 2023

The meeting closed at 12.20