

**MINUTES OF CRAUC**  
**Clackmannanshire Council (1)**  
**11<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Present,**

**Scott Walker (Clacks Council), Ally Schofield (Clacks Council), Stuart Black (Stirling Council), Ewan Hogg (Falkirk Council), Jamie Davidson (Falkirk Council), Duncan MacLennan (BT), Gary Henderson (Falkirk Council) William Collins (Stirling Council), David Ross (Bear Scotland SE), Lewis Stacey (ABS Streetworks), Ian Fleming (SPEN), Andrew Matheson (Virgin Media), Bill Park (Bear Scotland NW), David Murdoch (Network Rail), Carlyn Fraser (Stirling Council), Katrina Hardy (INEOS), Greig Barker (Stirling Council) Gordon Michie (Scottish Water)**

**Apologies:**

**Julie Greig (SGN), Lorna Bailey (SGN), Owen Harte (Virgin Media), Mike Gray (Bear Scotland NW), Mark Horrocks (City Fibre), Jim Forbes (City Fibre), Lorraine Jones (SPEN), Hazel Moore (Bear Scotland NE), Lindsey Henderson (oSRWC), Fiona McInnes (Scottish Water), John Anderson (SGN), Emma West (Scottish Water), Joao Carmo (SPEN).**

**Minutes: Rhea McFarlane (Clacks Council)**

<b>Item</b>		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Introduction and Apologies</b>            Scott Walker welcomed those present to the meeting via Teams.</p> <p>Apologies for today's meeting were acknowledged as above.</p> <p>A moment of silence was observed for the passing of David Corsar.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>            Those present at today's virtual meeting looked through the minutes of the previous meeting.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meeting (Action Tracking)</b>            4.3) Ian Fleming and Ally Schofield discussed Sample Inspection issues – matters have improved. Health and Safety aspects of traffic management have improved. IF advised all measures are in place with defects, big push on their side but will be a long process. Ally advised he is happy as long as he is kept informed. Agreed this can be closed off at this time.</p> <p>5) Jamie Davidson voiced his ongoing concerns about Fire Hydrants, Stirling Council expressed the same issues, action needed urgently. Gordon Michie from Scottish Water to pass to his team. Scott Walker to bring up issue at Tayforth – to check performance within wider community.</p>	<b>GM</b>

<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>AURORA</b></p> <p><b>Clacks</b> – System working fine although still disappointing no permits in system.</p> <p><b>BT</b> – Defective apparatus notices need improvement with photographs and plotted correctly.</p> <p><b>Falkirk</b> – Having ongoing issues with area mapping and being able to plot correctly using their tablets. Symology to investigate the issue.</p>	
<p><b>4.1.2</b></p>	<p><b>Notices</b></p> <p><b>SW</b> highlighted a recent issue with a company called Total Pipeline Technologies on Clackmannan Road, Alloa. The application received was from Total Pipeline Civil Engineering, however, during the course of the application the company went bust without communication with Clacks Council and works undertaken by Total Pipeline Technologies. The reinstatement failed leading to damage to vehicles, TPT would not take ownership for the defect as ‘it was not undertaken by them and the application was under TPCE’. Clacks had to undertake the repair at their own cost and have now put a stop to TPT working within their area.</p> <p>Falkirk – advised that utilities need to keep their contact numbers up to date within Aurora. Having difficulty contacting them in emergencies. Scott Walker to raise at TayForth and GM to bring back to his team</p>	<p><b>SW</b> <b>GM</b></p>

<p><b>4.2</b></p>	<p><b>Programme of Major Works &amp; General Co-ordination</b></p> <p><b>SW</b> – advised at TayForth of a programme of major works in Scotland. Starting 26<sup>th</sup> November 6 weeks trunk road development affecting Stirling/Falkirk. SW to pass on official information/more detail electronically. Locally – AS to circulate list of Clacks Captial programme. Starting major carriageway development: A907, Clackmannan Bypass and Pitfairn Road.</p> <p><b>Falkirk</b> – handful of schemes left before the next financial year, no carriageway work yet. Ongoing bridge work</p> <p><b>Stirling</b> – to circulate with the group, some major crossing and bridge works programmed.</p> <p><b>Scottish Water</b> – GM advised they have been really busy due to the adverse weather over the last few months</p> <p><b>BT</b> – Broadband roll out ongoing on networks. Notices will be put on the system. Focusing on works wtihin rural areas.</p> <p><b>Network Rail</b> – West Fife enhancements ongoing, nothing much in Clacks.</p> <p><b>Falkirk</b> – ongoing bridge works.</p> <p><b>David Murdoch</b> advised that trail holes – permanent reinstatement next month. Keep eye on programme.</p> <p><b>David Ross</b> – works to install new lights at Kincardine bridge.</p>	<p><b>SW</b> <b>AS</b></p>
<p><b>4.3</b></p>	<p><b>Performance Indicators</b> Scott Walker showed the lasted performance indicators</p> <p><b>Falkirk</b> – no concerns</p> <p><b>Clacks</b> – COVID situation proven difficult to work under with regards to contractors being furloughed etc.</p> <p><b>EH-</b> asked that we should discard the whole years performance review due to the demands of the COVID pandemic and adverse weather.</p> <p>Utilities were only going to high priority jobs due to COVID 19</p>	
<p><b>4.4</b></p>	<p><b>Traffic Sensitivity, Proposed Changes to Road Designations and Engineering Difficulties</b></p> <p><b>Stirling Council</b> – <b>WC</b> stated that there were no changes at this time, however, if changes did occur that these would be made available to all.</p> <p><b>Falkirk Council</b> – <b>EH</b> no changes</p> <p><b>Clackmannanshire Council</b> – <b>SW</b> advised that there were no changes at this time.</p>	

4.5	<p><b>National Street Gazateer</b></p> <p><b>Clacks/Falkirk</b> – Both changing to new software and training to be started shortly.</p>	
4.6	<p><b>Reinstatement, Signing &amp; General Safety Issues</b></p> <p><b>Clacks</b> – No current issues, improvements have been seen across the board.</p> <p><b>Falkirk</b> – Water burst B818 January Bank holiday, the deferred restatement was March...still nothing. Lack of contact from Scottish Water. GM to chase up Scottish Water, advised this has been the worst year for Water bursts across Scotland.</p> <p><b>Stirling</b> – had an issue on the Wellgreen Works, utilities signage were causing problems? Local authority had to step in.</p> <p>It was noted the lack of representation of SGN is very disappointing.</p>	<b>GM</b>
	<p><b>National Coring Programme</b></p> <p><b>RAUC Scotland</b> – New calendar year, looking for a lead local authority.</p> <p>No other issues.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Outstanding Defects/Defective Apparatus</b></p> <p><b>Stirling Council</b> – <b>SB</b> ongoing issues with fire Hydrants. SB advised they are very close to making apparatus safe themselves then billing Scottish Water. Waited 14 months on SGN for a repair on Station Road, then rejected as it was plotted wrong.</p> <p><b>Falkirk Council</b> – <b>EH</b> advised of the same issues also encountered by Falkirk. <b>JD</b> then updated on fire hydrant urgent repairs in the area that had been left unattended by SW.</p> <p><b>Clackmannanshire Council</b> – <b>SW</b> we have the Pitfairn Road water issue, with water running though the SPEN pipe from the rural field before escaping the duct where it was damaged pumping water up through the carriageway causing substantial damage to the road. This has now been rectified but there is still the issue of all works being carried out at cost and no ownership taken to date by SPEN. SW to discuss further.</p> <p>It was noted that the lack of attendance / commitment to meetings from utilities should be highlighted at TayForth.</p>	

6.	<p><b>Matters arising from RAUC</b></p> <p>SW advised no major changes. Draft Code of practice for quality plans for undertakers then local authorities to be aware of legislation. Prescribed/Membership fees to be paid.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Matters Arising from Tayforth RAUC</b></p> <p>It was noted that at this meeting that there were no matters arising from TayForth RAUC</p>	
8.	<p><b>Safety Issues</b></p> <p>SW advised of safety concerns over the Trunk Road operations in regards to the safety of surroundings. SW also advised the increase in Hot Box accidents have been circulated and for operatives to take care.</p> <p><b>Network Rail</b> – highlighted that the necessary risk assessments should be taken into account when doing jobs near railways. Can be a serious danger to life.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Other competent business</b></p> <p>N/A</p>	
10.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting will be 10<sup>th</sup> June on Microsoft Teams</p>	