Aberdeenshire Council

Local RAUC Meeting

09:30 19 May 2022 – Teams Meeting

Present:	Philip Leiper	Roads & Landscape Service Manager	Aberdeenshire Council
	Alistair Millar	Senior Roads Engineer B & B	Aberdeenshire Council
	Ross Anderson	Senior Roads Engineer K & M	Aberdeenshire Council
	Kevin Dingwall	TA Buchan	Aberdeenshire Council
	Fiona McLaren	Engineer K&M	Aberdeenshire Council
	James McKay	Roads Inspector Banff & Buchan	Aberdeenshire Council
	Martyn Catling	Roads Inspector K&M	Aberdeenshire Council
	Nitha Babu	Gazetteer Custodian	Aberdeenshire Council
	Anne Buchan	Senior Roads Engineer Formartine	Aberdeenshire Council
	John		Steer Energy Group Ltd
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	Ralph Newlands	Assistant Routine Maintenance Manager	BEAR
	Hazel Moore	Journey Time Reliability Coordinator	BEAR
	Iain Campbell	Network Manager AWPR	Balfour Beattie
	David Murdoch	Highways Interface Advisor Scotland	Network Rail
	Irvine Ellis	Reinstatement Manger	SSE
	Justin Hughes		
	Lewis Stacey		Street Works
	Matthew Jones		
	Stuart Monk		
	Sharon Burns		
	Stefeni Cownley	Streetworks & Contracts Specialist	ESPUG
Apologies:	Darren Pointer	NRSW Area Supervisor	Scottish Water
	Duncan MacLennan	Street Works Consultant, N Scot	Open Reach
	Phil Burnett	Team Manager	SGN
	Andrew Hay	Team Manager	SGN
	Kelly Bibby		Street Works
	Lindsay Henderson		
	Karen O'Reilly	Noticing Manager	KN
	David Vesco	Senior Roads Engineer Buchan	Aberdeenshire Council
	David Armitage	Policy Manager	Aberdeenshire Council
	Kathleen Easton	ТА	Aberdeenshire Council
	Yasemin MacDonald	ТА	Aberdeenshire Council
	lkechukwu Uchehara	ТА	Aberdeenshire Council
	Scott Fraser	Roads Inspector	Aberdeenshire Council

item

- 3 Minutes of previous meeting
- 4 Matters arising

Philip advised of our restructure. An updated contact list will follow.

- 5 NoSRAUC meetings
 - To attend joint local RAUC meetings in future
 - Suggest 2 meetings a year is enough, Aberdeen City have 4 a year so we liaise and fall in with their schedule
 - Agree that virtual meetings should continue so travel is not an issue
- 6 Major Works Roads Authority

Increased works programme. Adding work to SRWR in progress.

7 Major work – utilities

Councils have been advised of planned work.

8 Major work – trunk road

Councils have been advised of planned work. Mostly night work.

9 SRWR

Aberdeenshire Council ranked 28 out of 32 authorities in Scotland for 2021 Q1-2022 Q4. We are aware that we are not always meeting target dates but will continue to report what is happening and add information regarding reasons for late starts / early starts, etc.

Aberdeenshire Council have a very good inspection rate and have reached all targets.

Hazel concurred that the impact of other works can affect the SRWR statistics but this is not reflected on the figures. Added that percentages can be greatly affected by no of work, e.g. if there are only 2 instances of work and 1 fails to meet the target, then that is 50% failure.

Concern over work for developers and new connections being raised as urgent works when the work has been planned for some time. Request that dialogue takes place when work is being planned so we can prepare for the impact and plan accordingly with appropriate notices.

BT were putting in urgent works for pole replacements after the storms, ask that they give us more notice. Perhaps add as minor work instead of urgent work where possible.

KD – Scottish Water 2 emergency road closures in Macduff for burst water main and sewer repair. Apparently issues were known for some time prior to work. Action

Performance – still too many early / late starts and extensions. Advised that we are inputting information that is fact and will continue to do so. Statistics don't reflect the reasons for the early or late starts or extensions. Other factors on the ground, outwith our control, can influence our planned work. TAs have been asked to note the reasons for the changes so we can justify.

New overhead infrastructure in urban areas. Related to ongoing fibre work.

Tour of Britain event starts on 4th September in Aberdeen City and the stage 1 AB route goes through Aberdeenshire. The roads on the route will have a work embargo on them in the SRWR for the 2 weeks prior. Anne will distribute a list and map of affected roads. This does not mean no work can take place, but will need to check if any planned work will impact on the race.

- 10 Performance monitoring
- 11 AOCB

Scottish Water sample testing – urgent works following random sample testing. PL DP Should this be planned or minor work?

Damage to street lighting infrastructure. Other contractors working not advising that they have damaged our infrastructure.

12 Date of next meeting