

**Minutes of the quarterly Roads & Utilities Co-ordinating Group (New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991) meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022, by Teams at 10.00 am**

**1 In Attendance**

Mr N Robertson	SIC Roads (Chair)
Mr R Christie-Henry	SHEAP
Mr N Hutcheson	SIC Roads
Mr G Anderson	SIC Roads
Mr B Scobie	SIC Roads
Mr N Duncan	SSE
Mr D McClennan	Open Reach
Mr M Smith	Shetland Telecom
Mrs S Gair	SIC Roads

**Apologies**

Mr G Priest	SSE
Mr K Teale	Scottish Water
Mr J Deeney	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.

**4 Roads and Utilities Projected Works**

**4.1 SIC Maintenance Roadworks**

BS said that they will be starting the Hillhead, fixing the railing and doing kerbing on Tuesday, Grant thinks it will take two weeks but Barrie thinks it'll be longer.

The Black Gate junction is ready to be surfaced so that will be starting tomorrow, it's about 110 metres being done.

There's a small bit of slurry sealing to be done and then they will be going onto ditching.

They will be doing a new pavement at Twageos so will speak to owners along there as some households are going to be installing driveways and will require dropped kerbs. The remedial work on the concrete path on the opposite side of the road will be put off until next year now.

West – GA said they would be ditching after finishing some small patching jobs, they will be in Papa Stour a week on Monday.

**4.2 SIC Capital Roadworks**

NH said they are due to start the over lay and resurfacing at Brunthamarsland at the end of this month and that will take them into October. Then there is bits of patching

around the Albert Building and the Bressay ferry terminal. Market Street will be done next year. NR asked about the Peerie shop as Markon are coming up the second week of October and will be doing the two approaches to the pelican there. BS asked about the anti-skid at the Black Gate and NR said that was being done, the only bits not being done this time are the blk/grey bits at bends.

#### **4.3 Scottish & Southern Energy**

Neil Duncan said all movements were now complete at the wind farm. NR said there were to be two road crossings to link the wind farm and Kergord, one at Sandwater on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October for ten days and the other at Hamalea Grind on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October for ten days. This will be road closures with 20mph passings.

#### **4.4 Open Reach**

DM had sent in a programme of works before the meeting which is [Appendix 1](#).

He also said that in regards to the footway boards that KNN had done, he had escalated it right up and they had been spoken to. A trouble shooter had been sent up and a lot of the problems had been sorted out straight away. It was thought that a lack of supervision was where most of the problems had arisen from and this has been dealt with.

NR said he was still fed up the way they noticed a job for months and in reality it had only taken a couple of days to do, it meant you had no idea if they were finished or not. DM asked if this would be solved by the use of the Promoter App, due to be compulsory by April 2023 and Neil said he thought it would.

#### **4.5 Scottish Water**

Kevin Teale had sent his apologies, Neil said the only thing he was aware of was the mains replacement they had been doing in Bigton. He said everybody was happy as they had been maintaining really good communications with the residents.

#### **4.6 Lerwick District Heating**

RCH said they had finished their summer programme in the town. They will be doing some works out at the Occupational Health building at Gremista and between Lerwick Fish Traders and Shetland Transport. They will have two digs but will do that in the October school holidays although not confirmed yet.

They are keen to get into Market Street a week ahead of Roads as there are a couple of suspect spots there. He asked about the works at the Hillhead but it wasn't where they had pipes.

They have a few houses to be connected over the winter but it will be openings in folks driveways etc.

RCH also reminded everybody that they were happy to provide plans of where their equipment is when other utilities are digging, and if there is any accidental damage to their pipes etc. they would rather be told and they will happily come out and fix them free of charge there and then.

#### **4.7 Shetland Telecom**

MS said they were not doing much, they had a couple of bits but it was on private roads and shouldn't affect anybody else.

They had a bit in the Kaims but it will be in the chambers so no digging.

NR said SSE were doing a crossing and he would send out a map so it can be avoided. KNN are also doing a cable job there so NR said he would also check with them.

#### **5 Traffic Management and TTRO's**

NR said he was happy enough just now.

#### **6 Contractor Performance**

NR said KNN and GCU had given him a few problems but he felt it was down to a lack of supervision (as discussed at 4.4) and he felt it was much improved now.

#### **7 AOCB**

No AOCB

#### **8 Next Meeting**

The meeting closed at 10.25.

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