

## COMMUNITIES DIRECTORATE

DAGRAUC

### MINUTE

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

13:30 hours at Microsoft Teams Meeting

<b>Present</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>		<b>Title</b>
Mike Grunwell	DGC	MG	
Clare McCulloch	DGC	CMcC	
John Bell	DGC	JB	
Fiona McInnes	Scottish Water	FM	
Craig McQueen	Scottish Water	CMcQ	
Alexander Crombie	Scottish Water	AC	
Shannon Riley	Amey	SR	
Kieran McCrudden	Autolink	KM	
Stephen Scanlon	Openreach	SS	
David Murdoch	Newtwok Rail	DM	
Susan Pickard	Clancy	SP	

<b>Apologies</b>			
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Item	Title	Action
1.	<b>Apologies</b>	
2.1	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> held on 3rd August 2023 were agreed	
2.2	<b>Matters Arising</b>  None	
3. 3.1	<b>Operational Issues</b> <b>Performance Monitoring</b>  Not a lot of attendance from Utilities. No major issues with performance across the board. Any issues that arise we will take up with the individual utilities.  We are more or less up to date with our Cat A inspections, only slightly on the low side for Openreach and Scottish Water but we'll catch up over the rest of Q3 & Q4. We will have a purge over the B & C's also.	MG
3.3	<b>Co-ordination of Works</b>  <b>DGC</b> – Major works – We have surfacing works taking place in the east and should all be on the register. All surfacing works in the west of the region are complete.  We will have works again being registered in the New Year for surfacing dressing works.  <b>Amey</b> – Resurfacing works ongoing at present at Palnure east of Newton Stewart commencing on Monday 21/11/23 until 27/11/23 under convoy overnights with traffic lights during day.  May be some more schemes coming up in December but still have to be finalised and approved by Transport Scotland.  <b>Autolink-</b> The pavement major maintenance is still ongoing. Greenhillstairs access gates are ongoing with a view to be complete just before Christmas. There will be a period of closure while surfacing is carried out but should give notice incase if may affect gritters etc.  <b>Scottish Water</b> – A7 at Skippers Bridge, about to take trial pits for the renewal and upsizing of the water main that crosses the bridge carried out during a night shift to see if what is proposed is feasible. If the new pipe is able to cross the bridge this may mean about a 3 weeks road closure on Skippers Bridge. If it is not able to cross the bridge then the plan is to take the pipe further up the A7 north of the bridge up to a point where the gorge	JB  MG  SR   SS  EW DM

	<p>becomes shallow enough to drill across, which could take around 3 months work duration which would entail night time closure and Traffic Lights during daytime. Dates are not set for these works as yet.</p> <p><b>Network Rail</b> – Cove Level Crossing over Christmas period. Agreement has been sought from the farmer to allow access over his property for residents and been in consultation with Cove Community. Confirmed that the TTRO has been processed</p> <p><b>Others</b> - None</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Events</b></p> <p>We haven't got official embargos in place in the town centres through the register but we are asking that no works take place in the main shopping areas during whole of December to refrain from Customer Complaints. Unless its emergency.</p> <p>There will be no permission for skips/scaffold etc in town centres unless emergencies so same will apply to any utility work also.</p> <p>We have also been making known that there are no road works across the region on our roads after 18<sup>th</sup> December until 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.</p> <p>Any urgent/ emergency works please let us know as soon as possible.</p> <p>Scottish Water have stressed that they will be working with a standby service and they have a quarry open to allow them to reinstate 1<sup>st</sup> time permanent.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>FM</p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Police Report</b> None</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Safety / Pedestrian and Traffic Management</b></p> <p>Hopefully everyone is receiving the safety updates from George Brothwick through the RAUCS groups</p>	ALL
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Request from Matthew Crossan who now works for the Councils Structures Team. There was an issue a few weeks ago where some works were undertaken right next to a Council bridge and the brige was damaged by the dig. Just wanted to highlight that there is a process that if you are proposing on working on or near a structure you do need to get written permission from the Local Authority to dig there. There is a generic Structures mailbox which Mike will circulate by email.</p>	ALL

	<p>David Murdoch, Network Rail stated that they comment on notices if anyone is planning on carrying out works at their structures to direct to their Asset Protection Team to ensure that they consult before digging at any rail bridges.</p> <p>Had a few issues recently with applications for emergency TTRN's with applications being made through the on-line portal rather than phone call or email.</p> <p>The appropriate process would be to contact us by phone and follow up by an email application to our streetworks mailbox. The portal doesn't update frequently and any application that arrive in morning may not be picked up until afternoon or next day.</p> <p>Mike will provide a contact details to the whole DAGRAUC mailing list for both contact numbers for emergency closures and also for the generic Structures Mailbox. Will also include contact details for Network Rail Structures from info provided from David Murdoch.</p> <p>Clancy have a new reinstatement supervisor, Jamie Lynch, starting with them on 4<sup>th</sup> December 23. Clancy will provide a list of supervisors and what areas they cover in terms of waste. Mike suggested that we have a catch-up meeting in January between ourselves and Clancy. Susan will arrange.</p>	<p>MG</p> <p>SP</p>
8	Next meeting 1:30pm on 1st February 2024 @ Microsoft Teams.	