# MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013, Easthampstead Park Conference Centre, Wokingham

### **PRESENT**

BOB BEANEY OPENREACH (CHAIRMAN)	DAVID LATHAM - KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (JOINT CHAIRMAN)
DOM OF A DATE (GEODESIA DATE)	,
ROY CLARKE (SECRETARY)	IAN ACKERMAN - HANTS COUNTY COUNCIL
SOUTHERN WATER	
OLU AIKULOLA - SOUTH EAST WATER	GRAHAM BARNWELL - WOKINGHAM BC
DAVID PARKER – SLOUGH BC	IAN LANCEFIELD - KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
WAYNE SCOTT – BRACKNELL FOREST BC	MALCOLM LYONS - SSE TELECOMS
MICHAEL COOBES – SURREY COUNTY	JAN CHAPMAN - THAMES WATER
COUNCIL	
DONNA COOPER - SCOTTISH & SOUTHERN	DEXTER DAVID – BRIGHTON & HOVE
ENERGY	COUNCIL
JASON ARCHER - WOKINGHAM BC	DARREN HUNTER - SGN
GEOFF SPILLER - AFFINITY WATER	SAM HOWE - BRACKNELL FOREST BC
MOHAMMID AMIN – VIRGIN MEDIA	

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

MICHELLE LOVE / JUANITA ROGERS –	KEITH O'BRIEN - CABLE & WIRELESS
PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL	WORLDWIDE
ROBERT HUDLESTON – NETWORK RAIL	HELEN TUTT – AFFINITY WATER
ANDY HUNTER / BEN SYDENHAM –	IAIN THORNTON – ISLAND ROADS
SEMBCORP WATER	
JAMES PENMAN – READING BC	ROGER HOWARD – WEST SUSSEX CC
STEVE YOUELL / IAN DAVIES –	EDWINA KACZOR - ROYAL BOROUGH OF
PORTSMOUTH WATER	WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD
PAUL DOOLEY / ANIS DANDY - UK POWER	KEVIN ORLEDGE / MATT JEZZARD –
NETWORKS	SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
PETER SMITH - BBMM	TREVOR HOATH - SGN
STEPHEN COX - BBLP	FRED WILLET - COLAS
JULIE PAYNE - SSE	MARTIN ZELDER – NG GAS

CONTACT DETAILS
 A list had been circulated for updating.
 RC to email BB apologies list.

ACTION RC -Done

- 3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013 Accuracy No Accuracy issues identified.
- **4.** MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013
  - Streetlighting contradiction in lighting requirements All HA's to let JAG reps know when switching off street lights so that SEHAUC can be informed. Also look at adding information to the NSG.

SEJAG Members

- Darren Hunter is now sitting on the SRoH WG, so SEHAUC has representation.
- Kent CC 'Good Practice' SLG credit card checklist this was submitted for an NJUG award, but was not shortlisted.
- HAUC(UK) Discussion Document BB & DL commented on re-write & awaiting further revised document.
- SE Permit Scheme Scheme went live on 11<sup>th</sup> November, with charges starting 11<sup>th</sup> December.

- White Lines & S74 WS mentioned that he would defect in line with SEHAUC stance, unless safety critical. BB mentioned that white lining as a s74 charge is not underpinned by regulation therefore not enforceable by the Courts.
- Google Co-ordinate Presentation this is an inexpensive solution as bespoke systems do not need to be bought. SEHAUC agreed that this would be put on the Agenda for March SEHAUC.
- Slough BC / SSE capital works & resurfacing programme DP reported this has temporary stalled, but will continue next financial year, once resurfacing contract has been renewed.
- SEWater Noticing Training Tracker Olu is rolling out a SEPS training tracker
- Coring DL mentioned the good working together occurring in Kent, where Utilities carrying out their own UKAS coring regimes. IAck agreed as long as coring regimes 'like for like'.
- KLRS KCC will be undertaking their 6 month review in Jan/Feb, KLRS charge times have already been reviewed & adjusted. BB mentioned Lane Rental Regulations may be reviewed in the future & restrictions expanded. KLRS money is there to be spent, and any ideas can be submitted to the KLRS Boards for review. DL looking for 'low rent, high return ideas'.
- **5.** CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS ARISING FROM MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013
  - Item 5 to be removed from minutes to be placed on SEHAUC website, once removed, IAck to put September minutes on the SEHAUC website.

**IAck** 

RC

## **6.** REPORT FROM SEHAUC JOINT WORKING GROUPS (IAck)

- See attached IAck's SEHAUC WG Minutes.
- Concrete Roads where overlaid by blacktop WG trying to get a consensus of requirements, & submit to JAG as an approved method across the Region.
- Approved Materials spreadsheet looking at a more harmonised approval process where default position is materials approved.
- Coring Hants CC will cease coring where a Utility carries out like for like coring & results are acceptable. SEJUG would like to know breakdown for coring costs, as vast differences in charges ranging from £110 to £270. DC mentioned in Scotland, Utilities were disputing air void results as the destructive testing during splitting of 2 bound materials looses materials with potential for increase in air voids. DH to raise issue of splitting surface & base courses at SRoH WG, and ask for method statement of air void testing from current coring suppliers.

DH

- Inspections D1, D2, D3 scenarios being developed may have acting scenarios!
- S58 if customer connection or immediate works, exempt after 20 days of HA completion of works, with no conditions, but good practice would be to work with the HA.
- Event Event at Windsor cheaper to put on that at Sandown, so SEHAUC agreed that a 2104 Event would take place, with £12K being underwritten. Problems for some exhibitors with split exhibition area, so will look at other venues (Kent Showground, Detling & Easthampstead). Rachael Summers & Jenni Edwards will also join the subgroup, with Alison Hews being Chair of Event Sub WG for 2014. AH will set up a committee for the Event WG, with the aim for the

event to take place Sept 2014. Any suggested venues or themes to be reported back to Alison.

### **7.** TREASURER'S REPORT

• DL on behalf of AH ran through the Treasurer's Report. Due to Income received from this years SEHAUC event, SEHAUC account balance is healthy.

### **8.** HIGHWAYS AGENCY REPORT / ISSUES

• HA will be forgoing ETON 4 & 5 and going straight to ETON 6.

### **9.** AGENDA ITEMS & ISSUES TABLED FOR DEBATE

- Sustainability: DL mentioned that a KCC Director would like the Sustainable WG resurrected. DH will be the contact for the JUG Group. To be raised at next JUG /JAG where subject matter experts can be identified.
- Sharing Good Practice: KLRS DfT are looking at whether KLRS provides what it should do, and whether there are ways to avoid works becoming emergency works. Also looking at ways to register an 'interest' in the street, so that when works involving a road closure are taking place, the Utility undertaking the works can walk the street & identify any defective apparatus (covers & frames) belonging to other Utilities so that collaborative working can take place within the road closure. BB will lead this initially. Works well in Wokingham unless the additional works increase duration of road closure or H&S constraints exist with the primary promoter.
- **Performance**: GB reported that meetings with Virgin Media & Openreach will take place in January to discuss noticing performance.
- HAUC(UK): A meeting took place on 8<sup>th</sup> October. New Constitution still to be re-issued, agreed & ratified. Safety CoP Coroner's case in Suffolk WG have said if new CoP had been applied then death may not have occurred. Compliance for Utilities is now (although current Red Book is the Legal document until 1<sup>st</sup> October) as new document is considered 'best practice', with HA's having to be compliant by 1<sup>st</sup> October). HAUC(UK)/DfT looking at who will prosecute HA suppliers for breach of CoP, and whether Traffic Managers have authority to do so. There is a requirement for Regions to roll out the Safety CoP. S72 Advice Note imminent, Forward Planning Note imminent. Dave Capon is now HA Side Chair of the SRoH WG. KPI's data still required from HA's.
- **Venues for future meetings:** Either Brighton or Runneymede for Fri 13<sup>th</sup> June, Aldershot for Sept & December at Wokingham / Berks.

# **10.** ANY OTHER BUSINESS

• English Heritage – SSE found a bone at Winchester Cathedral, so there is a need to identify how promoters work with English Heritage. BB has forwarded them the link to Elgin, or alternative is to identify sites via the NSG SED (Hants CC already doing this) & flag anything if within 10m. Suggestion is that all HA's do this. IAck & JW to do this for Kent.

IAck/JW

- **BB** expressed his thanks to IL for all his work on behalf of SEHAUC & especially the consequential damage document. IAck expressed the same on behalf of the Working Group. All from SEHAUC wished Ian well.
- MC thanked all members of SEJUG regarding their support of the SEPS

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standard conditions. BB mentioned that it is in the interest of SEJUG to help make Permit Schemes work. WS mentioned that Bracknell is currently consulting on joining SEPS—consultation open till 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. http://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/portal/transport/permit\_scheme

DD stated that the B&H Permit scheme consultation has been released.
 DD to send to RAC for cascade to SEJUG members.

DD/RC -Done

- DD mentioned that B&HCC & Southern Water are going into arbitration regarding the SRoH. Likely will be put forward to HAUC(UK).
- DP mentioned that he is expecting Network Rail no to pay a s74 charge.
   BB stated that this can go to arbitration if issue is over application of Section 74.

### 11. SUBMISSION DATE FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda items to be submitted to the Secretary by Friday 14th March 2014 and Agenda circulated by the Secretary prior to meeting.

## **12.** DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 28th March 2014 Venue: Oakwood House, Maidstone, Kent