

# SOUTH EAST HIGHWAY AUTHORITIES & UTILITIES COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013, South East Water, Snodland

### PRESENT

DAVID LATHAM - KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (CHAIRMAN)	ROY CLARKE (SECRETARY) SOUTHERN WATER
IAN ACKERMAN - HANTS COUNTY COUNCIL	OLU AIKULOLA - SOUTH EAST WATER
EMMA WENHAM - SOUTH EAST WATER	GRAHAM BARNWELL - WOKINGHAM BC
DAVID PARKER – SLOUGH BC	PAUL DOOLEY - UK POWER NETWORKS
WAYNE SCOTT – BRACKNELL FOREST BC	PETER SMITH - BBMM
KEVIN ORLEDGE – SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL	BRUCE MOTTRAM - THAMES WATER
EDWINA KACZOR - ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD	DEXTER DAVID – BRIGHTON & HOVE COUNCIL
STEPHEN MORTON – MEDWAY COUNCIL	TREVOR HOATH - SGN
GEOFF SPILLER - AFFINITY WATER	STEVE YOUELL – PORTSMOUTH WATER
IAN ADAMS – SUTTON & EAST SURREY WATER	BERNIE GORRINGE, GRAHAM LAKE - EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
MICHAEL FUNNELL – VIRGIN MEDIA	

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

BOB BEANEY OPENREACH (JOINT CHAIRMAN)	KEITH O'BRIEN - CABLE & WIRELESS WORLDWIDE
ROBERT HUDLESTON – NETWORK RAIL	TREVOR PROUT – VIRGIN MEDIA
BRIAN WATSON – SEMBCORP WATER	DONNA COOPER - SCOTTISH & SOUTHERN ENERGY
JAMES PENMAN – READING BC	ROGER HOWARD – WEST SUSSEX CC
MALCOLM LYONS - SSE TELECOMS	MARTIN MORRIS - MEDWAY COUNCIL

2. CONTACT DETAILS  
A list had been circulated for updating.
3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013 – Accuracy  
Item 7 – MJ to send info pack to Elgin as opposed to Highways Agency  
Item 8 – Event committee to print off c500 copies as opposed to DL
4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013
  - Streetlighting – this was raised at SEJAG
  - SEHAUC coring procedure - BB has added SEHAUC Addendum to National Document.
  - SEHAUC exhibitor pack sent to MJ.
  - BB has asked Darren Hunter to collate SRoH issues & approach Alan Rainford.
  - Core & Vac – 2 HA's have notified IACK of approval. KO mentioned there have had experiences with it. Issue to be discussed at SEJAG.
  - Kent CC 'Good Practice' SLG credit card checklist – DL to email PDF to RAC for circulation to SEHAUC.
  - Cone Penetration Testing (Panda Testing) – KO to resolve.
  - HAUC(UK) Discussion Document – RAC sent out points of discussion to DL/BB & response sent to HAUC(UK). Document has been revised but DL has not seen updated version.
  - Immediate Works – ongoing discussion between KO/BB in Surrey.
  - SE Permit Scheme – Scheme go live date is 11<sup>th</sup> November, with 1

**ACTION**

**SEJAG**

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|  | <p>month of no charge for permits. Standard conditions being revised &amp; will be available shortly. IAd suggested that FPN's should not be chargeable for the 1<sup>st</sup> month, which all Utilities supported. KO to look into this.</p> | <p><b>KO</b></p> |
| <p>5. Item Redacted</p>  |  |                  |
| <p>6. REPORT FROM SEHAUC JOINT WORKING GROUPS (IAck)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IL Chaired the meeting in IAcks absence.</li> <li>• Inspections – likely training will be rolled out early next year, and it may or may not take into account the recent HAUC(UK) advice note currently under consultation.</li> </ul>   |  |                  |
| <p>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JW on behalf of AH ran through the Treasurer's Report. Income already being received from exhibitors at this years SEHAUC event, so SEHAUC account balance is healthy.</li> </ul>  |  |                  |
| <p>8. HIGHWAYS AGENCY REPORT / ISSUES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ETON system is still 'imminent'.</li> </ul>   |  |                  |
| <p>9. AGENDA ITEMS &amp; ISSUES TABLED FOR DEBATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sustainability:</b> Agreed that 3R will be removed from the agenda, and item will be renamed 'materials &amp; sustainability'. SEHAUC expressed sadness at the loss of Terry and his great forward thinking contribution to the Industry. Best wishes were expressed to Terry's family.</li> <li>• <b>Sharing Good Practice:</b> DP mentioned that Slough BC are working with SSE regarding their capital works, and investing to resurface the highway after SSE have upgraded their Network. DP to bring paper to SEHAUC once completed. DD mentioned that B&amp;HCC had been working with SGN to remove a 'bottleneck' in the City on the main seafront road. 17 repairs had previously taken place, but SGN have now removed this section of network. WS has been working with National Grid Gas &amp; Elgin to create a new customer service module, which will have photos, videos uploaded by NG Gas so that customers have information. WS suggest all Utilities should look at this once up and running. Olu mentioned that SE Water have introduced a training tracker for Permits, Conditions, Noticing etc which will be rolled out shortly. Olu to feed back at next meeting on results &amp; improvements. KO mentioned road closure where a culvert failed due to SGN works, which had to be repaired. Resulted in good working together with SGN where adjacent valves were repaired as well as the culvert. IAd mentioned the Sutton &amp; East Surrey Water initiative where they are working with Google Co-ordinate to send all plans, photos, information through this, and are the 1<sup>st</sup> Utility in the world to do so. SESW have won a telecoms award for this from the Water Industry. IAd will liaise with IT to see what can be presented at next meeting.</li> <li>• <b>Performance:</b> DP mentioned that coring has started at Slough with 68% failure rate (testing for depth, material, air voids). DL stated in Kent there had been a dramatic improvement in the perception of the quality of reinstatement. GL mentioned that Openreach carrying out own coring programme at 80% pass rate.</li> <li>• <b>HAUC(UK):</b> DL ran through main points of meeting that took place at Islington on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Enfield colour tag rating and laying services under 'expensive' coverings were discussed; Constitution draft</li> </ul> | <p><b>RAC</b></p> <p><b>DP</b></p> <p><b>Olu</b></p> <p><b>IAd</b></p>   |                  |

consultation document will be resubmitted. Superfast Broadband EU Regs- DfT trying to push back on these & seeking UK impact assessment. Safety CoP will be enforced in October 2014. Cumbria Council has 74 Court cases for minor breaches of s65. DL mentioned that SLG compliance has greatly improved in Kent using the SLG checklist credit card. It has not been thought through how an HA would be prosecuted for Red Book non compliance after October 2014 – possibly by the HSE or HA would have to prosecute its contractor. DL suggested its better to work with Utilities regarding breaches (Joint Site Safety surveys etc) so that performance is improved rather than taking the prosecution route. HAUC(UK) Conference – Birmingham 16<sup>th</sup> October. HAUC(UK) Advice note on s74 and White Lines & s58 Advice note now out. Non Dangerous Defects HAUC(UK) Consultation out & SEJAG have done a response. RC has done response for Southern Water, and agreed Utilities would send in separate responses if they wished (copy to WS if possible). BM mentioned that ‘3 bites of the cherry’ was not legal. Draft post 2015 Permit Scheme Regulations and Guidance – DfT have asked Regional HAUC’s for comment – SEHAUC members at the meeting did not wish to respond. RAC has made a few bullet points, so DL suggested adding to these as SEHAUC comments. RC to forward to DL. DL is on the Permits WG and post 2015 all future schemes will need to be checked by an Advisory group, but its not been agreed how this will be resourced.

**RAC** –  
**Done**

- **Venues for future meetings:** DL will look for March 2014 venue (Fri 14<sup>th</sup> March) in Kent, and KO offered Runnymede for Fri 13<sup>th</sup> June. December 2013 SEHAUC at Wokingham – could all confirm attendance & any special dietary requirements to [street.works@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:street.works@bracknell-forest.gov.uk) by 2<sup>nd</sup> December.
- **Yellow mark up paint on apparatus** – RAC mentioned that Sewer gangs had been using yellow paint to mark up defective apparatus in Brighton & Hove. Traditionally, yellow is for Gas, blue for water. SEHAUC agreed that sewer covers should be marked up in blue and not yellow, as this could cause confusion with gas apparatus.

**DL**

**All**

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Kent Lane Rental Scheme** – DL mentioned that early indicators show that behaviour is changing than expected. The initial £9M projected income was lowered to £5M projected, and is now likely to be around £1-3M.
- **SEHAUC Event** – Opens at 8.30, 28 Exhibitors so far, with room for 2 more.
- **BM** said his final farewell to SEHAUC –SEHAUC expressed best wishes to Bruce and thanked him for his input and expertise

**11. SUBMISSION DATE FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

Agenda items to be submitted to the Secretary by Friday 30th Aug 2013 and Agenda circulated by the Secretary prior to meeting.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013 Venue: Easthampstead Park Conference Centre Off Peacock Lane Wokingham, RG40 3DF <http://www.eastpark.co.uk/>