



East Midlands Highways Authorities & Utilities Committee

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 7th February 2017 at

Nottingham City Council

Loxley House

Station Street

Nottingham

NG2 3NG

1.0 Present

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Company</u>
Samantha Brothwell	(SBr)	Western Power Distribution (Chair)
Chris Brown	(CB)	National Grid Gas
Andy Chatfield	(AnC)	Anglian Water
Elaine Coope	(EC)	Derbyshire County Council
Stuart Goldby	(SG)	North Lincolnshire County Council
Simon Havill	(SH)	Western Power Distribution
Liz Hiskens	(LH)	Nottingham City Council
Rhiannon Jones	(RJ)	Network Rail
Raj Kataria	(RK)	Leicester City Council
Chris Nesbitt	(CN)	Vodafone
Mandi Robinson	(MR)	Lincolnshire County Council
Paul Smith	(PS)	Severn Trent Water
Pete Warren	(PW)	Nottingham City Council
Bernie McGuckin	(BMcG)	Nottinghamshire County Council (Secretary)

2.0 Apologies

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Company</u>
Steve Burley	(SBu)	Anglian Water
Joanne Brocklehurst	(JB)	Openreach
Adam Chambers	(AdC)	Northamptonshire County Council
Ian Darbyshire	(ID)	Northern Powergrid
Dave Haxby	(DH)	North East Lincolnshire County Council
Tim Ingham	(TI)	Virgin Media
James Kenney	(JK)	Severn Trent Water
Tim Patel	(TP)	Leicestershire County Council
Steve Toon	(ST)	Highways England
Bob Woodland	(BW)	Openreach

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Action
		HA = All Highways SU = All Utilities
3.0	<u>Any Other Business Items</u> i) Network Rail – access to Rail by Road/Rail vehicles ii) Derbyshire County – Coring	
4.i	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting – Accuracy.</u> Item 6.0 b date should be 20 th January 2017	
4.ii	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting - Matters Arising.</u> Item 5.0 With Gary Toogood being off on long term leave, the Highways side on PEG is now down to 2 representatives. Item 6.0a Data Transfer Format (DTF) 8.1 has been in use by Authorities since 1 st November 2016. As there is some confusion in the use of some of the new fields available, it was suggested that GEOPLACE be invited to a future EMHAUC to explain DTF 8.1. Item 9.0 With the Old and New websites having not been updated for a while. BM said he would ask Clive Wood if he could do a last update to the Old EMHAUC website.	BM
5.0	<u>Performance Enhancement Group (PEG)</u> There was no recent meeting to report back on. a. EMHAUC website PEG will be getting together soon to discuss the website, with Gary Toogood on long term sick leave. The National Joint Utilities Group (NJUG) website is due to be launched soon. There is an intention that the HAUC website will follow the same format. The HAUC website is meant to have regional pages, but we await the draft website. b. SWA codes Awaiting a response from GEOPLACE and JAG. c. Streetworks Training Module The National Permit Group have a National training guide / guidance note out just recently. PEG will look at this to see how it works.	
6.0	<u>HAUC (ENGLAND) Update</u> a. GEOPLACE GEOPLACE have been invited back to attend HAUC. b. 7 Day Working The '7 Day Working on A Roads' will not have its second reading. So any proposed changes will not be happening. c. Permit Scheme evaluation Andrew Jones – Minister sees “Permit Schemes as the effective way to manage the network” .	

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There is to be a formal evaluation of all Permit Schemes in 2017 by the DfT this is currently out to tender.

d. Inspections Code Group Working Party

Following the consultation in 2016 on “Statutory Guidance on Inspections – Coring”, the post-consultation review is now complete and this is now being prepared for publication.

The publication date is dependent on getting DfT lawyer’s time to and a slot to publish through the Prime Minister’s Office, as is the normal process for Statutory Guidance.

e. Training and Accreditation Working Party

New Statutory Regulations will be issued in April 2017.

There is an assessment of the training modules being carried out by the Training and Accreditation Working Party. They are also looking at possible Inspector and NRSWA Admin qualifications in the future.

f. Street Works Lane Rental Review

There has been a recent review on the effectiveness of S74A ‘Lane Rental’ by the DfT, however it is felt that the findings were inconclusive.

There is a ‘sunset’ clause in the existing enabling Regulations (Statutory Instrument 2012 No. 425), which would mean that if there is no review, or it is not completed, then any Lane Rental scheme would finish on 13th March 2019.

There is a consultation coming out this summer.

g. Street Manager Project

. The DfT have decided to review the data systems currently in place that form the basis for our noticing/permitting activities. They are proceeding through the Government’s Digital Service protocols. There will be a ‘Discovery Phase’ starting February 2017 led by external consultants to capture what we use the data for, in order to assess a suitable solution – which could be our current EToN system, or something new.

h. Scorecard submissions

A scorecard report is due on in March.

It was asked at HAUC why the East Midlands Authorities had not been submitting data to Geoplace for the Scorecard, it is an optional item not mandatory.

EMJAG asked JAG and HAUC for clarity on what the data is actually showing.

EMJAG has had no reply or response for over a year.

The data has not been used at any other regional HAUC meetings so it remains unclear as to the benefit of submitting data.

i. Co-ordination Group Working Party

A guidance note on what ‘Carriageway Incursion’ is will be issued soon.

Temporary Traffic Lights are awaiting more checking, but a guidance note should be out soon for consultation.

j. SROH Group Working Party

They have been working on questions around the ‘Air Voids’ issue.

This continues.

There will be full review of the SROH before this is completed.

k. Road Adoptions and Private Streets

There is a Development Control consultation out from the DfT.

Then a White paper out soon afterwards.

	<p>I. Road Narrows Boards issue This was an issue between LANTRA and NRSWA interpretations. The DfT have said that the Safety at Street Works Code of Practice is correct.</p> <p>m. Prosecutions Prosecutions highlighted at HAUC were, Shropshire v Openreach on a safety issue Transport for London v Vodafone for late start & stop notifications (prosecuted due to non-payment of fixed penalty notices).</p> <p>o. HAUC Conferences National HAUC Convention 21st March 2017 at Celtic Manor, Newport. Wales. London HAUC 24th May 2017 Harrogate HAUC 8th June 2017 West Midlands HAUC 21st September 2017 in Wolverhampton</p>	
7.0	<p><u>Organisation Updates</u> Derbyshire County plan to create a new Highways Hub are underway to improve the way DCC manage operations on the highway network. The aim is to oversee the coordination of all work on the highway.</p> <p>Network Rail Have changed from a National Team to route based teams, but this has no change on the staff, so effectively a rebranding as far as EMHAUC is concerned. Rob James is still the National Highways Interface Manager</p> <p>National Grid Gas Awaiting details of the new owner / organisation</p> <p>Severn Trent From 1st April 2017, the water industry is to be partially deregulated. Severn Trent will be the network operator, but water bills to the public and businesses will be dealt with by various sales teams from Severn Trent and other companies. Laing O'Rourke's will be finishing their contract with Severn Trent, any current schemes that Laing O'Rourke have started, they will finish. New jobs will be passed to AMEY.</p> <p>North Lincolnshire Are about to start a consultation to join with Lincolnshire's Permit Scheme.</p> <p>Nottingham City Are moving their Streetworks database over to Symology to work on the Nottingham Permit Scheme.</p> <p>Lincolnshire 1st February 2017 new structure for Highways. Permit Manager being advertised.</p> <p>No Changes of any significance for the rest .</p>	

8.0	<p><u>New EMHAUC website</u> Previously discussed in Item 5.0 PEG</p>	
9.0	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>i. Network Rail – Road / Rail Vehicles and how they safely access the Railway from the road network. Road Closures have been used whilst the Road/Rail vehicle converts from Road mode to Rail mode, normally at level crossings. Network Rail have been trialling using the “Temporary obstruction 15 minutes’ delay” signs in North Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire. Awaiting the end of the trial and the report.</p> <p>ii. New Materials If there has been a trial in accordance with Appendix 9 of the SROH within the UK, then that material should be accepted for use in other Authorities areas subject to the results of the trial. (Some sub base conditions may not be suitable for some materials) Yorkshire HAUC have a materials list. BM to ask Ian Darbyshire for a copy. EC to circulate the information received from YHAUC</p> <p>iii. District Heating Schemes. What is the process for plant location and working practices near the Heating pipes? Most Schemes are licensed as a Utility, so diversionary code should be followed. LH to supply details for circulation.</p>	<p>BM EC</p> <p>LH</p>
11.0	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 20th June 2017 to be held at Western Power’s West Lincoln Office. Deacon Road, Lincoln. LN2 4JB Start time 10.00 hrs</p> <p><u>EM Permit Forum followed this meeting</u></p>	