

Anglian HAUC

Minutes for 26th Oct 2012 Affinity Water Offices, Hatfield

In Attendance

Clive Derry
Sarah Widdows
Lillian Drew
Shane Creighton
Martin Freeman
Keith O'Brien - Chairman
Nick Brown
Andy Chatfield
Paul Castleman
Tim Welsh
Gavin Jackson
Richard Boissieux
David Suddards
Peter Brigham
Bruce Mottram
Lester Kirk
Samantha Brothwell
David Giles
Chris Vinter

Organisation

Norfolk County Council
Buckinghamshire County Council
Bedfordshire Council
Luton Borough Council
Central Bedford
Cable and Wireless Worldwide
Milton Keynes Council
Cambridge County Council
Hertfordshire County Council
Suffolk County Council
Affinity Water
UK Power Networks
Anglian Water Services
Peterborough City Council
Thames Water
Southern Gas Networks
Western Power Distribution
National Grid Gas
Affinity Water

1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies:

Mark Redgewell	Essex County Council
Dianne Newson	Suffolk County Council
Vicki Stewart	Affinity Water
Andy Swift	BT Openreach

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accuracy/Matters Arising

Corrections:

- (3) Add discussion on National Coring 10% rule
- (5) Question of Sub not 3rd Party Contractors
- (9d) Lane Rental Pilot in TFL and Kent only

Matters Arising: Andy Chatfield will contact BT outside of meeting as not represented today.

3. Good Practice Working Group Reports

No Working Groups are currently active within the region.

4. Performance Information

CD Apologies that Bedford Data absent but still shows a worsening trend on Inspection failures and concern was expressed.

The Perception report for the first two quarters was passed out at the meeting and it was agreed that utilities should produce a perception report of Highways.

Suggest it is sent to HAUC as an example of good practice.

Southern Gas Networks and Scottish and Southern Electric to be added and Veolia Water East removed.

5. County HAUC Hot Issues –

All – raised concerns over worsening performance on inspections at all categories.

Disappointment expressed as there was no representative from BT present .

Hertfordshire – PC – An issue was raised around charges for drawings but this was clarified as only applicable to consultancy work not for work on behalf of highways

Suffolk – concern over emergency works on traffic sensitive roads being left open for too long and disruption being caused when no work is visible.

A letter had also been sent to NJUG from the Minister regarding the issue of leaving traffic management on site and not moving it the side when finished.

6. AHAUC Finance Report

Balance Sheet - £8,133 credit

Treasurer is now David Suddards but still having issues with getting access; forms to be signed at this meeting and sent to bank

7. AHAUC Website

This is now a standard agenda item and the minutes will be published on the website.

It was also suggested that the perception report would be published from Quarter 3 onwards.

8. HAUC (UK) Items –

Future submissions of ‘hot issues’ within the region to be compiled by secretary and approved by chair, then sent to UK. These can also be taken from section 5 of these minutes identified as AHAUC and not by county. To be sent two weeks before meeting.

There was a discussion on the HAUC business plan and comments to go through the chair or submitted as a personal view.

There was a discussion on adopting HAUC guidance notes but as all utilities must work within company guidelines then AJUG would need to discuss further.

9. TMA and Codes of Practice Update

- a. DfT Permit review** – to look at providing a common wording matrix for all conditions for new and existing schemes
- b. Eton 6 Proposal** – Now will be October 2013 but aspiration to start using as soon as possible
- c. Consequential Damage** – not yet done as HAUC UK guidance awaited
- d. Section 74** – new charges are now in operation
- e. Safety Code** – Due for publication in April 2013 and implementation in October 2013
- f. 171 Licence** – Storage of Material on Highway to be on next meeting, may produce new code of practice.

10. Health and Safety Items

New HSE regulations now allow them to claim fees for its regulatory functions including inspections under the Fee for Intervention (FFI)

11. AOB Urgent Issues

Dates for next year

25th January

26th April

17th July

1st November

Next meeting

25th January 2013 commencing 12.30pm start

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