

APSE Roads & Lighting Services Advisory Group

Friday 15 August 2014

Tayside Contracts, Perth

1. Introduction & Welcome

Cllr Paul O'Kane welcomed all to the meeting and thanked all for attending. Cllr O'Kane also thanked Tayside Contracts for their continued hospitality here in Perth.

2. Attendance & Apologies

See attached.

3. Minutes of 4 April 2014

The minutes of the meeting on 4 April was agreed to be a true and accurate record.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

5. The science behind cheaper and sustainable pothole repairs

The first presentation of the day was delivered by Robert Muir, Sales Director, Nu-Phalt/ JetPatcher UK. He began by providing a little background on the organisation and their APSE Approved Partner status. Robert then went on to talk about the first of the products (Nu-Phalt) which involves NIT technology which prevents overheating. He also provided the group with information on the company's Health & Safety and Environmental credentials.

Robert then went on to update the group on the JetPatcher product which is more suitable for weather conditions between March & October. Highlighting that the product can do a large amount of repairs in one day.

Robert finished by advising the group he'd be there over the course of lunch for anyone that had any specific questions regarding the products.

6. Achieving best practice through collaboration

The next presentation was delivered by Joe Smith and Teresa Mackin of North Ayrshire Council. Joe began the presentation by providing an overview of some of the different partnership arrangements North Ayrshire Council had undertaken with a number of organisations from various sectors. As part of this Joe highlighted the great apprentice experience which had been gained from the network rail partnership. Joe then highlighted some of the collaborative partnership contracts

which were currently in place within North Ayrshire Council including various ones through Scotland Excel as well as the All Ayrshire contracts.

The second part of the presentation was centred around the Roads Cost Manager system which has been developed by Pillar Software in partnership with North Ayrshire as the lead authority and a number of others including Ayrshire Roads Alliance and Falkirk Council. This system is a new web-based system developed to replace historic systems like the old Strathclyde GLink System and additional databases that were required to supplement the data provided by them.

Joe went on to explain some of the different tasks this system can perform and in what areas including stores, payroll, project management and invoicing. Teresa then provided the group with a live demonstration of the system via the internet, highlighting the ease of use and level of detail contained within the system itself.

There were a number of questions following the presentation and Joe highlighted to all that this wasn't an exclusive group and if other local authorities were interested in joining up they could contact him for more information.

7. Innovation and efficiencies within gully waste

An interesting and informative group discussion was held around gully waste and the initiatives local authorities were looking into introducing to help reduce waste from this. It was agreed that Tayside Contracts would present at the next meeting on the 7th November in terms of their initiatives around this area.

8. APSE/ SCOTS performance networks update

Dorothy Reid, Falkirk Council provided an update to the group. This included dates for data collection to be returned to APSE as well as dates for family group meetings which would take place in mid-September.

9. APSE Update

Louise McMillan provided a comprehensive update on the work of the Association. This included an update on the research projects which had been recently completed by APSE including the Local Water publication.

The group were also informed of upcoming research projects taking place including the bespoke report for Scotland on the Future Role of Elected Members which would be due for release at the start of November.

Louise also updated the group on the various forms of advocacy undertaken by APSE recently including a meeting with Scottish Government civil servants on the work of APSE Energy, meeting with the Improvement Service in relation to the Local Government Benchmarking Framework as well as our continued work with Scottish Government with regards to Better Eating Better Learning.

Louise completed the presentation by updating the group on APSEs services including APSE Solutions, APSE Training, APSE Energy, Performance Networks and the upcoming seminars.

10. Discussion of issues effecting service delivery

This had been covered during the discussion with regards to the Gully Waste innovations.

11. A.O.C.B & Future Agenda Items

It was agreed that should attendees have any suggestions for future topics these would be emailed to Louise McMillan in the APSE office.

12. Date & venue of next meeting

The date and venue of the next meeting will be Friday 7th November at Tayside Contracts, Inveralmond depot.

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Attendee List

Name	Council
Derek Murray	Aberdeenshire Council
Douglas Hill	Angus Council
Louise McMillan	APSE
Stuart Watson	Argyll & Bute Council
George Davidson	Ayrshire Roads Alliance
Liam Greene	East Dunbartonshire Council
Stevie McCafferty	East Dunbartonshire Council
Raymond Smith	Falkirk Council
Dorothy Reid	Falkirk Council
Bill Liddle	Fife Council
Robin Pope	Highland Council
Theresa Mackin	North Ayrshire Council
Joe Smith	North Ayrshire Council
Robert Muir	Nu-Phalt Group / Jetpatcher UK
Grant Newbigging	South Lanarkshire Council
Jamie Wright	Stirling Council
Dougie McKay	Tayside Contracts
Brenda Donaldson	Tayside Contracts
Andy Johnston	West Lothian Council

Apologies

Brian Strachan	Aberdeen City Council
Richard Blain	Aberdeen City Council
Bill Lennox	Aberdeenshire Council
Julie Bowden	Angus Council
John MacCormick	Argyll & Bute Council
Alan Simpson	City of Edinburgh Council
Scott Walker	Clackmannanshire Council
Mike Fawkes	Dumfries & Galloway Council
Grace Irvine	East Dunbartonshire Council
Cllr Paul O'Kane	East Renfrewshire Council
David Lackie	Fife Council
David Russell	Glasgow City Council
Michelle Smith	Glasgow City Council
Ian Moffat	Inverclyde Council
Mark Rankine	Midlothian Council
Cllr John Anderson	South Lanarkshire Council
George Wells	South Lanarkshire Council
Iain Waddell	Tayside Contracts