

NBG Report for KCC Meeting 14 Dec 2016

Again there have been no significant changes over the last month. However those discovered are shown at the bottom of the report along with a little more detail about the progress (or otherwise) of the known cabinet locations. Progress of your individual connectivity can be checked on either of the WhereandWhen pages of the BT Openreach or Digital Scotland websites. The Stirling Council Broadband Supplier Event at Balfron was attended by a similar group of suppliers as the Kippen event but had many more members of the public who were able to discuss their individual circumstances. The R100 report, outlining how everyone in Scotland can receive 30Mbps, is on track but is not expected to be public knowledge until Spring. Until then it is very hard to determine how broader progress will be made to supply fibre speeds to the majority of premises in the village via the Digital Scotland programmes.

- Another month has gone by without any work starting on the Crosshead Rd cabinet. The cabinet suggested at a location near Baptiston Farm is still shown as live by June 2017;
- Digital Scotland and BT Openreach both have updated WhereandWhen websites showing the roll-out process for an individual location. This allows a clearer view of the upgrade process. Premises shown to be in the early stages of the upgrade process, however, do not appear to be consistent with other available information;
- Digital Scotland continues to create the R100 requirement report, identifying the work required to bring 30Mbps+ to everyone in Scotland. They are continuing to conduct reviews with potential suppliers as to how this might be achieved. The first contracts are now expected to be awarded later than had been expected in 2017, although reference to “Intervention Areas” will continue to raise concerns until these are clarified;
- The latest Broadband Delivery Group meeting is tonight where updates on the various focus topics are expected including, hopefully, positive news on the proposal for the Ben Gullipen mast, that might provide a wireless route to Balfron premises for example, and on the upgrades being carried out on the mobile phone masts;
- BT continue to promote their Broadband Partnership route however, along with CBS routes, this seems to have proved very slow and also requires use of community funds to achieve what the Scottish Government is already funding through the current Fibre upgrade programme;
- You may have seen in the press that Ofcom is applying increased pressure on BT to separate Openreach into a more independently managed operation. Also in the Autumn Statement the UK Government has said it will give more support to alternative suppliers to promote competition and also possibly enable connection of the hardest to reach premises;
- The KBG team have produced feedback to the Scottish Government’s consultation on their Digital Strategy;
- The Digital Scotland “Better Broadband Scheme” provides a subsidy to establish a better connection using either satellite or wireless for those currently getting download speeds of less than 2Mbps. See the KCC website for specific links;

- **Cabinet status summary:**
 - Balfron cabinets: no change from last month;
 - Balmaha cabinets: no change from last month;
 - Blanefield/Strathblane cabinets: an extra cabinet has been added to the list, 2 cabinets, at unknown locations have appeared, are now Doing Design and planned to be live by Dec 2017;
 - Buchlyvie cabinets:
 - Croftamie/Drymen cabinets: no change from last month; listed timescale now seems impossible;
 - Fintry: cabinet E1 now scheduled for Sept 2017 instead of Jan otherwise no change from last month;
 - Killearn: 3 cabinets have been removed from the list;
 - Milton of Buchanan no change from last month;

See below for the latest detail cabinet information. Note that the reliability of dates shown is uncertain, as are the specific locations, which refer to the often large areas within a single rural postcode. Previous data has been supplemented this month with samples against the postcodes below using the BT Openreach WhereandWhen website:

Latest cabinet information:

Please see June NGB report to KCC for maps of the areas below.

Balfron (Boquhan) (440xxx) (4 cabinets) – P1 cabinet at G63 0LH now live since 9 Aug 2016, P3 at G63 0LE maybe Being Built but only live April 2017) but certainly In Scope, and 2 **not available** (P2 at G63 0RA & Exchange 6 at G63 0QU). Note that some premises at G63 0QU appear to be on the Buchlyvie exchange and are marked as In Scope rather than Exploring Solutions;

Balmaha (870xxx) – 10 cabinets all **not available** at G63 0JQ, G63 0AD, G63 0AQ, G63 0AH, G63 0AW (twice), G63 0AR (twice), G63 0AW, G63 0JU, and G63 0AJ. All these are shown as Exploring Solutions;

Blanefield/Strathblane (770xxx) (8 cabinets) – P1 cabinet (Netherblane) live; P2 cabinet at G63 9BQ maybe Being Built (live by Feb 2017) but certainly In Scope, P3 cabinet undergoing Field Survey (location unknown, live by Apr 2017), 2 cabinets P4 & P5 (at unknown locations) Doing Design and live by Dec 2017, plus 3 **not available** (PE1 at G63 9AH although showing a mix of In Scope and Being Built, Exchange 2 at G63 9EH (change of postcode from 9EF) also showing a mix of In Scope and Being Built, and Exchange 8 at G63 9BP (change of postcode from 9BU) but showing as In Scope); E3 (removed));

Buchlyvie (850xxx) (10 cabinets) – P2 cabinet at FK8 3LP Being Connected (live by Jan 2017), plus 9 **not available** (Exchange 2 at FK8 3ET although Being Connected, Exchange 3 at G63 0QX, Exchange 4 at FK8 3PA although showing a mix of some In Scope and most Being Connected, Exchange 5 (removed) & Exchange 11 at FK8 3LZ although showing as Being Connected, Exchange 6 & 12 at G63 0QY although showing a mix of some In Scope and most Being Connected, Exchange 7 at FK8 3PB although showing a mix of some In Scope and most Being Connected, Exchange 8 at FK8 3NS (removed), Exchange 9 at FK8 3NY although showing a mix of In Scope and Being Connected, Exchange 10 at FK8 3PD (removed), Exchange 13 at FK8 3NR although showing as Being Connected; and E1 location unknown (removed)). See also comment above on G63 0QU under Balfron exchange;

Croftamie (660xxx) (1 cabinet) – P2 cabinet (between village and A811 junction to Balloch) live since Dec 2015;

Drymen (660xxx) (9 cabinets) – P1 cabinet at G63 0BY Being Built (live by Feb 2017), 2 cabinets P3 & P4 at G63 0BD and G63 0HT allegedly undergoing Field Survey (live by Dec 2016) but certainly In Scope; 1 allegedly in Design (E4 location unknown, live by Jan 2017); plus 5 **not available** (Exchange 2 at G63 0BA although listed as Exploring Solutions, Exchange 3 is also Exploring Solutions at G63 0NG, Exchange 5 at G63 0AB is also Exploring Solutions, Exchange 6 at G63 0BG is also Exploring Solutions, & Exchange 7 at G63 0BL although showing a mix of Exploring Solutions and In Scope);

Fintray (860xxx) (14 cabinets) – E1 cabinet in Design (location unknown, live by Sept 2017) and 13 **not available** (PE1 & Exchange 4 at G63 0LP although listed as Exploring Solutions, Exchange 2 & 11 at G63 0YH, Exchange 3 at G63 0LR, Exchange 5, 6 & 14 at G63 0XH although listed as Exploring Solutions, Exchange 8 & 15 at G63 0QF although listed as Exploring Solutions, Exchange 10 at G63 0LT certainly Exploring Solutions although allegedly accepting orders!, Exchange 12 at G63 0XJ although listed as Exploring Solutions, and Exchange 13 at G63 0XG although showing a mix of Exploring Solutions and In Scope). Note that some premises at G63 0LT appear to be on the Balfron exchange and are marked as Accepting Orders rather than Exploring Solutions;

Killlearn (860xxx) (8 cabinets) – now showing no cabinets live (but 2 **are** live: E1 and E3) plus P1 at G63 9LD (near Baptiston) allegedly in Field Survey (live by June 2017) but certainly listed as In Scope, and 5 **not available** (PE1 at G63 9PT although listed as In Scope, PE3 at G63 0LF although showing a mix of Exploring Solutions, In Scope and allegedly accepting orders!, Exchange 1 at G63 9LQ (change of postcode from 9LH) although showing a mix of Exploring Solutions and In Scope, Exchange 2 at G63 9LB (removed), Exchange 5 at G63 9PX (change of postcode from 9PL) although listed as In Scope, Exchange 6 (removed) & Exchange 10 at G63 9LB (change of postcode from OPB) although listed as In Scope, and Exchange 11 at G63 9PT (removed));

Milton of Buchanan – see Balmaha above;

Note: the stages in “the Fibre Journey” are:

Exploring Solutions, In scope, Design, Field Survey, Build, Connect, Activate, Accepting Orders.

The timescale for “the journey” is likely to be about 12-18 months.