

## NBG Report for KCC Meeting 16 Nov 2016

Again there have been no significant changes over the last month. However, Stirling Council has arranged a further Broadband Supplier Event with the aim of bringing together poorly connected individuals and businesses in our local area, and the suppliers of alternative technologies. This will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at Balfron High School starting at 6pm. It will consist of a series of presentations from suppliers followed by the opportunity for a closer Q&A. It is hoped to be able to target invitations specifically at those premises most directly affected in addition to providing more general publicity via notice boards and in Killearn Courier. The R100 report, outlining how everyone in Scotland can receive 30Mbps is now not expected to be public knowledge until Spring and 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 currently conducting reviews with potential suppliers as to how this might be achieved and will go to Public Consultation about the Intervention Areas in the Spring. The first contracts are still expected to be awarded early in 2017, although reference to “Intervention Areas” raises concerns that not all remaining premises will be covered;
- The latest Broadband Delivery Group meeting was held last week where updates on the various focus topics were given. There were no revelations and both of the focus projects continue to run into bureaucratic difficulties of one kind or another. The upgrade proposed for the Ben Gullipen mast, that might provide a wireless route to Balfron premises for example, is now being delayed over legal concerns about site ownership and is in danger of being abandoned;
- Stirling Council Broadband Delivery Group site now has a list of currently active Community Broadband projects in the region. Concern was expressed at the BDG meeting though about the long delays and bureaucratic process that was involved with following the CBS route to deliver a better connection;
- 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: 1 cabinet previously Undergoing Field Survey now Being Built. See detail below;
  - Balmaha cabinets: no change from last month;
  - Blanefield/Strathblane cabinets: no change from last month;
  - Buchlyvie cabinets: no change from last month;
  - Croftamie/Drymen cabinets: no change from last month;
  - Fintry: no change from last month;
  - Killearn: no change from last month;
  - 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:

**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 Being Built but only live April 2017), and 2 **not available** (G63 0RA & G63 0QU);

**Balmaha** (870xxx) – 10 cabinets all **not available**;

**Blane/Strathblane** (770xxx) (7 cabinets) – P1 cabinet (Netherblane) live; P2 cabinet at G63 9BQ Being Built (live by Feb 2017), P3 cabinet undergoing Field Survey (location unknown, live by Apr 2017), plus 4 **not available** (PE1 at G63 9AH, Exchange 2 at G63 9EF, Exchange 8 at G63 9BU & E3, location unknown);

**Buchlyvie** (850xxx) (14 cabinets) – P2 cabinet at FK8 3LP Being Connected (live by Jan 2017), plus 13 **not available** (Exchange 2 at FK8 3ET, Exchange 3 at G63 0QX, Exchange 4 at FK8 3PA, Exchange 5 & 11 at FK8 3LZ, Exchange 6 & 12 at G63 0QY, Exchange 7 at FK8 3PB, Exchange 8 at FK8 3NS, Exchange 9 at FK8 3NY, Exchange 10 at FK8 3PD, Exchange 13 at FK8 3NR plus E1 location unknown);

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

**Drymen** (660xxx) (9 cabinets) – P1 cabinet at G63 0BY Being Built (live by Feb 2017), 2 cabinets P3 & P4 at G63 0BD and G63 0 HT undergoing Field Survey (live by Dec 2016) and 1 in Design (E4 location unknown, live by Jan 2017) plus 5 **not available** (Exchange 2 at G63 0BA, Exchange 3 at G63 0NG, Exchange 5 at G63 0AB, Exchange 6 at G63 0BG & Exchange 7 at G63 0BL);

**Fintry** (860xxx) (14 cabinets) – E1 cabinet in Design (location unknown, live by Jan 2017) and 13 **not available** (PE1 & Exchange 4 at G63 0LP, Exchange 2 & 11 at G63 0YH, Exchange 3 at G63 0LR, Exchange 5, 6 & 14 at G63 0XH, Exchange 8 & 15 at G63 0QF, Exchange 10 at G63 0LT, Exchange 12 at G63 0XJ, and Exchange 13 at G63 0XG );

**Killlearn** (860xxx) (11 cabinets) – now showing no cabinets live (but 2 **are** live: E1 and E3) plus P1 at G63 9LD (near Baptiston) undergoing Field Survey (live by June 2017), and 8 **not available** (PE1 at G63 9PT, PE3 at G63 0LF, Exchange 1 at G63 9LH, Exchange 2 at G63 9LB, Exchange 5 at G63 9PL, Exchange 6 & 10 at G63 0PB, and Exchange 11 at G63 9PT);

**Milton of Buchanan** – see Balmaha above;

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