

NBG Report for KCC Meeting 21 June 2017

There is not a lot to report this month as no further visible work is taking place. We still await news of developments as the R100 programme gets underway and contracts start to be made. Hopefully that may become available, we are told, in September. Apparently a contract has been issued by Stirling Council for a consultant to report on what may be achieved from the proposed mast on Ben Gullipen.

It does seem however that another cabinet is planned for both Buchlyvie and Killlearn each to be available early next year.

Remember the status of your individual connectivity can be checked on either of the WhereandWhen pages of the BT Openreach or Digital Scotland websites or in the tables at the end of this report.

ALSO do not forget 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.

The latest status of cabinets in each of the villages is shown below:

- **Cabinet status summary:**

- Balfron cabinets: no change since last month;
- Balmaha cabinets: no change since last month;
- Blanefield/Strathblane cabinets: no change since last month;
- Buchlyvie cabinets: a 2nd cabinet has appeared, location unknown, apparently planned for March 2018;
- Fintry cabinets: no change since last month;
- Killlearn cabinets: another cabinet has appeared, located at G63 9PT (Oakwood), apparently planned for March 2018;
- Milton of Buchanan – see Balmaha above;

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. You can check your own situation using the BT Openreach WhereandWhen website:

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.

Doug Ashworth

Chair, Killlearn Broadband Group