

**Midlothian Traffic Roads and Paths Meeting**  
**Monday 8 March, 5.30 to 7.00pm**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Present:**

Diane Easton (DE)	Bonnyrigg and Lasswade
Ann Stewart Kmicha (ASK)	Dalkeith
Peter Luke (PL)	Danderhall
Alan Symon (AS)	Eskbank and Newbattle
Ian King	Howgate
Robert Hogg (RH)	Mayfield and Easthouses
Douglas West (DW)	Poltonhall
Mirabelle Maslin (MM)	Roslin and Bilston
Louisa Wilson (LW)	Moorfoot
Norrie Scott (NS)	Loanhead

**In attendance:**

	Midlothian Council
Paul Johnson (PJ)	Communities and Lifelong Learning
Alan Heatley (AH)	Structures Manager

**Apologies**

Constance Newbould, Ann Montague, David McNeill

**1. PREVIOUS MINUTES – JANUARY 2021 MEETING**

**Proposed:** Douglas West

**Seconded:** Norrie Scott

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

- 1. Active Travel Meeting** - Jeremy Adderley, Robert Simpson and David McNeill had met to discuss. They have spoken to Councillor Hackett and are going to propose some ideas before meeting with Council officer Lindsay Haddow.
- 2. Cycle Paths** - There was a discussion about cycle paths and the need for a continuous, well-made made, path between Midlothian (Dalkeith) and Edinburgh.
- 3. 30mph signs on Refuse Bins** - Have been used on refuse bins in the Eskbank and Newbattle area. They have also been on put on lampposts in the area.

### **3. ROAD WORKS (CAPITAL EXPENDITURE) PRIORITISATION FOR 21/22**

#### **CONDITION OF MIDLOTHIAN'S ROADS**

##### **ROADS BUDGET**

1. A question was raised about the level of funds available for repairs to Midlothian roads.
2. It was pointed out that the existing budget will cover repairs for 1% of the roads system.
3. There had been announcement about the sum of £15 million available for expenditure on Roads. AH highlighted that the sum was for a period of 5 years and covered a wide range of projects including street lighting. The underspend for the current year is likely to be carried over to be spent in the next financial year.
4. A question was raised about particular materials used to fill-in potholes. AH responded that currently Midlothian Council was not currently using these materials
5. Is Midlothian Council using recycling materials? The Council have particular specifications and research is being conducted at the moment. AH is going discuss the use of recyclable material with colleagues.
6. Alan had previously provided an update on the progress on the joint prioritisation of Capital expenditure.
7. Progress on existing projects has been delayed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, lockdowns and poor weather conditions.
8. 3 schemes of the original 8 due to be carried out 2020-21, will now be carried forward. 5 have been completed
9. AH welcomed the input of MTRaP and its members.

#### **4. SPEEDING TRAFFIC IN NORTH MIDDLETON**

1. This is also an issue in other areas of Midlothian and will be raised with Michelle Lindsay (Police Scotland) at the April MFCC meeting.

#### **5. CORE PATHS**

1. There has been no update from the Midlothian Access Forum re details of its survey.
2. It appears that the number of paths where access is blocked is increasing and it was agreed that it would be useful for the data to be collected on the location of paths where access has been blocked or accessibility is difficult.
3. This can then be used to support action on the removal of barriers to access.

**Action: MTRaP members to seek details of barriers to access and/or consult with their Community Councils in order support data collection.**

## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### Anti-social behaviour

1. Those present highlighted concerns about anti-social, dangerous behaviour whereby people are riding motorcycles off-road and often at excessive speeds.
2. Members are encouraged to report such incidents to Police Scotland. Police officers may not always be able to respond to specific incidents but reporting will nevertheless provide evidence that would support the provision of additional resources.

**Action: MTRaP members to encourage reporting of anti-social behaviour on motorcycles**

### Proposed Roslin Glen Road Closure

1. Although it has been noted that the proposed road closure has not gone ahead there has been no official notification.

## 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Monday 19 April 2021**

17:30 – 19:00

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88371833108?pwd=R1Nadk1rN28yZXRCOUJaa1pjVVZkQT09>

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