

Midlothian Traffic Roads and Paths Meeting
Monday 4 October 2021, 6.00 to 7.30pm
Zoom Meeting

Present:

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| Rhona Matthews (RM) | Bonnyrigg and Lasswade |
| Dianne Easton (DE) | Bonnyrigg and Lasswade |
| Ann Stewart Kmicha (ASK) | Dalkeith |
| Constance Newbould (CN) | Damhead |
| Peter Luke (PL) | Danderhall |
| Louisa Wilson (LW) | Moorfoot Community Council |

In attendance:

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

Apologies

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| Fraser Jervis (FJ) | Moorfoot |
| Douglas West (DW) | Poltonhall and Hopefield |
| Norrie Scott (NS) | Loanhead |

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES – JULY MEETING

PJ highlighted the contents of the August minutes.

Any matters arising are included in discussion at this meeting.

Proposed: Ann Stewart Kmicha

Seconded: Peter Luke

2. Matters Arising

Capital Works Programme (CWP) update

Progress

- a. AH provided an update on the programme. See separate report.
- b. Additionally, AH highlighted the following information:
Although progressing well, the CWP is running behind the projected schedule. In part, this is due to staff isolating after covid infection and taking Annual Leave due to them.
- c. The remainder of the Capital Works Programme is going to be exclusively undertaken by external framework contactors. The additional procurement stage required and contractor availability may impact progress with the remaining schemes in the programme.

- d. Due to the focus on carriageway repair work, progress on repairs to footways have been hampered. Nevertheless it is anticipated that work on repairing footways will be accelerated where feasible.

Roslin Glen

- a. The Roslin Glen road has been closed in order to investigate the source of water that has been running on to the road.
- b. The closure of the road has facilitated maintenance and improvements such as cutting back trees and clearing drainage on the road.

Residential Streets Programme

- a. Work on the Residential Streets Programme has commenced in Bonnyrigg. It is anticipated that work on a total of 10 streets will be completed before the festive break.
- b. AH (Midlothian Council) will provide an update at the next MTRaP meeting.

Grit Bins

- a. PL (Danderhall) thanked the council for the quick response to the questions he had raised about the siting of Grit Bins.
- b. ASK noted that the small grit bins will be serviced at the same time as the larger grit bin.
- c. PJ (Midlothian Council) noted that the location of the additional large Grit Bins has not yet been decided.
- d. Those present agreed that it would be helpful if a Council Officer with an overview of planning for the winter months could attend the next MTRaP Meeting and asked PJ (Midlothian Council) to invite Derek Oliver or a colleague to the next MTRaP meeting.

MTRaP members would appreciate information on:

Winter Service Plan.

- An update on the plan for coming months
- Has it been completed?
- Are the community able to participate in the formulation of the plan?

Grit Bins

- The programme for the refilling of Bins?
- Is there an up to date list of the location of the smaller existing Grits Bins?
- The location of additional large bins
- Are there checks made on the serviceability of existing Grit Bins?

- If so, is there a replacement programme for bins that are no longer fit for purpose?

MTRaP members understand that Developers are responsible for provision of Grit Bins in their new developments.

- Do grit bins provided by developers have to meet a standard set by Midlothian Council?
- Does Midlothian Council adopt these bins in the longer term?
- Who is responsible for filling Bins in new developments?

Action: PJ to invite Derek Oliver (or a colleague to the November meeting)

3. ACTIVE TRAVEL GROUP

No update available for this meeting

4. CORE PATHS ACCESS

RM (Bonnyrigg) has contacted the local MP and MSP about the issues raised at the August meeting – Midlothian Council's responsibilities under the Land Reform Act and work that is undertaken by an Access Officer in other authorities.

There has been no progress on this since the last meeting.

Action: RM will feedback to the MTRaP members at the November meeting.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Road Markings in Dalkeith

ASK (Dalkeith) raised an issue about the misalignment of road marking at a Bus Stop in Dalkeith High Street. AH (Midlothian Council) will raise this issue with Ian Lennox (IL). AH highlighted that there had been changes in responsibilities and that the implementation of road marking is being brought in-house to Midlothian Council.

Tyres discarded in the Damhead area

CN (Damhead) highlighted that tyres have been dumped in the area. AH will check to see if this has been reported

Midlothian Outdoor Festival

ASK highlighted the Midlothian Outdoor Festival organised by the Ranger Service. There will be a long weekend of walks around the county, taking in the countryside, towns, and farmland

Sheriffhall Roundabout

There was a brief discussion about the plans for reconfiguration of the roundabout. CN suggested that the number of junctions leading on to the roundabout should be reduced to four.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is **Monday 15 November, 6.00 – 7.30 pm**

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