

**Midlothian Traffic Roads and Paths Meeting**  
**Monday 5 December, 2022, 6.00 to 7.30pm**  
**Zoom**

**Present:**

Jan Irvine (JI)	Bonnyrigg and District
Dougie West	Bonnyrigg and District
Ann Stewart-Kmicha (ASK)	Dalkeith and District
Brian Farrell (BF)	Eskbank and Newbattle
Robert Hogg (RH)	Mayfield and Easthouses
Mark Whitham (MW)	Tynewater

**In Attendance**

Wayne Clark (WC)	Midlothian Council - Operations & Asset Manager Roads
Paul Johnson (PJ)	Midlothian Council - Communities and Lifelong Learning
Diane Wilkie (DW)	Midlothian Council - Active Travel Marketing Officer

**1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

- Judy Thomson – Mayfield and Easthouses
- Diane Easton – Bonnyrigg and District
- Alan Heatley – Midlothian Council.

RH welcomed those present to the meeting

**2 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Moved by Robert Hogg, Seconded by Ann Stewart Kmicha

**3 DIANE WILKIE – ACTIVE TRAVEL MARKETING OFFICER**

- i Diane's role is to promote active travel in Midlothian. She has organised a series of activities including public cycling training courses, has recently organised a BMX stunt show, and free bike maintenance for the public.
- ii Events to develop cycling skills, support with road safety and cycle maintenance are planned for early 2023.
- iii Highlighted that the number of electric bikes for hire in Midlothian will be increased with new sites proposed for Dalkeith Country Park, Roslin Cross roads, Shawfair, and a site in Penicuik, with possible additional sites added in the future.
- iv The Active Travel team would like to develop work with the general public.

- v There is also recognition that work with people with a disability will need to be developed. Preparatory work to obtain funding to develop initiatives is already being undertaken.

#### **4 PREVIOUS MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING**

- i Edits for previous Minutes were discussed. PJ advised that they had already been addressed in the revised Minutes sent out on 5 December.
- ii Hardengreen roundabout should have been described as the 'Tesco' roundabout.

#### **5 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME UPDATE**

AH, (Midlothian Council) was unable to attend the meeting but provided updates to previous items as follows:

- i **Capital Works Programme** – 69% of annual budget spent on carriageway resurfacing, and 48% of Annual budget spent on footway resurfacing.
- ii **List of schemes** completed since 2020 still to be circulated.
- iii **Damhead 'Triple Junction'** - No further information available re signalling of the junction at this time. This is being considered by Transport Scotland as part of a wider modelling exercise including the proposed A701 re-alignment and A702 Link Road.
- iv **Burnside Road (Damhead) embankment erosion** – temporary barriers have been erected whilst options are considered for a suitable permanent repair. Erosion is being monitored by area inspector/engineer.
- v **Clerk Street footway** – still under consideration.
- vi **Speed Limit Consultation** – results and comments have been received and are being reviewed.
- vii **Joint Priorities Initiative** - List of potential schemes for consideration– suggestions have been received from Eskbank & Newbattle CC. As per discussion at October MTRaP and November MFCC meeting, CC members are asked to provide suggestions for consideration (2 footways and 1 carriageway for each CC area).

**Note: that these are resurfacing schemes as opposed to localised patching or 'Pot Hole' repairs.**

**Action:** Each Community Council to provide suggestions by **Friday 20 January**, in order to be discussed at MTRaP meeting on Monday 30 January.

## **Discussion at the meeting – Consultations**

- i BF (ENCC), highlighted concerns that many of the recent consultation exercises run by Midlothian Council could only be responded to in an online format. Therefore, he believed that people were being disenfranchised and furthermore this could be considered as a breach of equalities legislation.

## **Core Paths**

- i No update on plans at the time of the meeting  
**Action:** PJ will contact colleagues and Councillor Alexander to see if there is an update.

## **6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- i **Bonnyrigg - Traffic Signals and Yellow Line Road Marking in Bonnyrigg**  
Work on Traffic lights at Bonnyrigg Toll will commence in the first week in January 2023.  
WC (Midlothian Council) highlighted that, proposals to install yellow line road markings on Lothian Street in Bonnyrigg are still to reach agreement.
- ii **Crossing Patrol Signals**  
There was an enquiry about the Crossing Patrol warning light at Eskbank Toll. WC will make some enquiries.
- iii **Programme of installing traffic signals**  
WC highlighted that, in the long-term, a programme of installing new traffic signals will be undertaken across the county.
- iv **New Generation of Road / Warning Signs**  
WC highlighted that a new generation of warning signs will be installed in the county. These signs will be able to be more adaptable and flexible in that the text displayed can be responsible to local conditions and situations.
- v **Sunken Ironworks**  
BF noted that sunken iron works (drain and manhole covers) are causing concern.  
**Action:** BF to inform WC of the locations of sunken ironworks so that repairs can be made where required.
- vi **Provision and servicing of Grit Bins**  
WC highlighted that all 806 Grit Bins in the county have been serviced. Two staff members have been appointed to work on the provision of supplies and Grit Bins will be replenished on an ongoing basis.  
ASK (Dalkeith) highlighted that gritting is required on the path opposite LIDL in Dalkeith. **Action:** WC will investigate.

**vii Mud on Roads**

In Mayfield, there are concerns that vehicles of a local haulage company are leaving mud on the roads.

**Action:** WC advised that residents could contact John Delamar (Senior Manager Building Services, [John.Delamar@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:John.Delamar@midlothian.gov.uk)) to raise their concerns.

**viii Recruitment of Road Staff**

WC updated MTRaP members on the recruitment of additional members of staff. He noted that currently there are 11 vacancies; there had been a low numbers of applicants. MTRaP members highlighted that they are happy to support the process and will share and promote the information about job vacancies within their local communities.

**ix Roads Equipment**

WC highlighted that a Road Planner had been purchased and it is anticipated that the JCB Pot Hole pro machine will arrive in February. 2 gully-cleaning machines have been purchased and they can be refitted with to be used as Gritters.

**x CCTV systems**

WC informed group members that mobile CCTV systems have been purchased and will be used in partnership with Police Scotland. The systems have been used effectively on Cycle ways in Bonnyrigg and Danderhall.

New CCTV systems will be installed across Midlothian. The first installation will be in Dalkeith.

**xi Feedback from MTRaP members**

Street Lighting - Members highlighted the excellent work that the street lighting team have been doing.

Installation of Yellow Line road marking - RH highlighted the positive feedback that the installation of yellow line markings in Mayfield and Easthouses has received.

**7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 30 January 2023, 6.00 – 7.30**

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