

Midlothian Traffic Roads and Paths Meeting
Monday 2 September 2024, 6.00 to 7.30pm
Zoom

PRESENT

Dougie West (DW)	Bonnyrigg and District
Ann Stewart-Kmicha (ASK)	Dalkeith and District
Constance Newbould	Damhead
Karen Richardson (KR)	Howgate
Judy Thomson (JT)	Mayfield and Easthouses
Shona Hamilton	Moorfoot
Anna Smaill (AS)	Moorfoot

IN ATTENDANCE

Alan Heatley (AH)	Midlothian Council - Network & Structures Manager
Paul Johnson (PJ)	Midlothian Council - Communities, Lifelong Learning and Employability

APOLOGIES

Wayne Clark (WC)	Midlothian Council - Service Manager, Road Networks and Transport
Diane Easton (DE)	Bonnyrigg and District

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

- i Paul Johnson (Midlothian Council) chaired the meeting and welcomed those present.
- ii **Previous Meetings**
Proposed: Ann Stewart Kmicha
Seconded: Dougie West

2. MATTERS ARISING

- i. **Disabled Parking in Dalkeith**
 - ASK highlighted that the meeting proposed at the July meeting had not taken place.
 - WC (Midlothian Council) will be contacted to rearrange and agree a date for a member of the team to meet with ASK

Action: PJ to contact WC.
- ii. **Capital Works Programme update.**
AH (Midlothian Council) provided a brief overview of the progress of the programme.

- The team now has confirmation of the budget allocation for the current financial year. The budget for work undertaken using the Pothole Pro machinery has also been confirmed.
- AH will circulate the updated Capital Works programme once it has been finalised.
- Carriageway Schemes – AH highlighted a busy summer period of capital works including 2 resurfacing schemes in the Penicuik area, 2 ‘joint priority’ schemes and 2 ‘surface dressing’ schemes. AH noted that the team have been using an improved process for ‘surface dressing’ repairs and have been assessing the process. If successful, it is anticipated that the process will be quicker and more financially sustainable and assist with improving the rate of resurfacing works.
- AH noted that in order to support the busy capital works and residential streets programme, external contractors have been engaged.
- ASK congratulated the roads team on the installation of a crossing on the High wood road and the resurfacing work undertaken on the approach to the A7.
- Pothole Pro – proposal to use 7 days a week. Same staff who operate the PHP are also engaged in work on the Residential Streets Programme
- Triple junction in the Damhead area approach is in very poor condition. AH will chase up with WC.
- Surface of the road from Carrington not good for horses – CN. AH will discuss with the engineer for the area.
- Pavement on the A703 near the bend is in poor condition.
- KR (Howgate) highlighted the poor condition of the B7026. AH advised that the roads are regularly inspected – ‘A’ road and trunk road are inspected more regularly than ‘B’ roads. Inspectors pick up defects and are then included in a prioritisation plan.
- Some roads are only inspected on an Annual basis.
- Repairs are made subject to financial and operational resources being available.
- If members of the community have concerns about the condition of road surfaces the first point of contact is through the Midlothian Council Contact Centre where they can be reported, ☎ 0131 270 7500, Email contactcentre@midlothian.gov.uk, or website [Report problems with roads and streets | Instructions \(midlothian.gov.uk\)](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/roads-and-streets)
- The service request will be logged and then circulated to the Roads team. If it’s possible, repairs will be addressed at the earliest opportunity. More serious issues will need to be examined and assessed.

- AH noted that roads section is undergoing a service review. An element of the review is a proposal to recruit a 'technical clerk' whose role would include responding to queries about road surface repairs.
- AH provided an explanation of what Capital Works Expenditure includes – Road improvement that requires resurfacing across the width of a carriageway and could involve resurfacing of roads of lengths of between 100 – 400 meters. It is undertaken on main routes.
- The Residential Streets Programme mirrors Capital Works Expenditure but is predominantly carried out in urban areas.

A.O.C.B.

- Burnside Road – Damhead. CN noted that due to concerns about the condition of the road a sub-group of Damhead Community Council has been formed. AH noted that an engineer has been investigating the issues with drainage and long-term solutions are being identified.
- 2 new zebra crossings have been installed in the Mayfield and Easthouse area.
- ASK highlighted the Walk the Line ([Sign up to Walk The Line this September | Midlothian Council](#)) and the Midlothian Outdoor Festival ([Midlothian Outdoor Festival 2024 | Midlothian Council](#)) events.

Date of Next Meeting - Monday 14 October, 6.00 – 7.30

Zoom Meeting

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