

**Midlothian Traffic Roads and Paths Meeting**  
**Monday, 16 June 2025, 6.00 to 7.30pm, Zoom.**

**PRESENT**

Dougie West (DW)	Bonnyrigg and District
Ann Stewart-Kmicha (ASK)	Dalkeith and District
Brian Farrell (BF)	Eskbank and Newbattle
Jacqueline Frankitti (JF)	Gorebridge and District
Robert Hogg (RH)	Mayfield and Easthouses
Judy Thomson (JT)	Mayfield and Easthouses
Shona Hamilton (SH)	Moorfoot
Jim Orr (JO)	Tynewater

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Alan Heatley (AH)	Midlothian Council - Service Manager - Roads Network, Structure and Flood Risk
Joe Gordon (JG)	Midlothian Council - Operations and Asset Manager
Paul Johnson (PJ)	Midlothian Council - Communities, Lifelong Learning and Employability

**APOLOGIES**

Karen Richardson (KR)	Howgate
Anna Smail (AS)	Moorfoot
Suzanne Ross (SR)	Bonnyrigg and District
Constance Newbould (CN)	Damhead and District

**1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

- a. Brian Farrell (ENCC) chaired the meeting.

**2. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (12 May 2025)**

**Proposed:** Ann Stewart Kmicha

**Seconded:** Jacqueline Frankitti

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

a. **Amendment to May minutes**

ASK noted that a sentence re response from Dean Anderson had been repeated.

**PJ will make the required amendments.**

#### 4. CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME, JOINT PRIORITY SCHEMES (2025–2026)

- a. AH (Midlothian Council) has circulated his June Capital Works Programme update.
- b. **Damhead** - CN has contacted AH re some matters in the area. AH noted that the drainage issues fall under the revenue programme rather than the Capital Works expenditure. He will investigate the issues this year and then follow-up if possible.
- c. **Burnside Road** - again not under the Capital Works expenditure programme. Midlothian Council is investigating the issue with some work having been undertaken. This could be a relatively simple fix with a culvert being reinstated but could be a much bigger job. In the short term.
- d. **Howgate** - AH advised that carriageway work on the section from the B6372 to Loanstone Village will be undertaken in this financial year.
- e. **Budget** -The Roads team has had the budget confirmed for this financial year.
- f. **Additional work** - AH noted there may be additions to the proposed Residential Streets and Capital Works programmes. Three schemes are set to commence in July.
- g. **Work in Eskbank Road**. This will be delay until SGN have completed its work.
- h. **Successful Co-priorities projects**. An enquiry was made re the unsuccessful projects. AH noted that any projects not listed as being in the programme were not successful. However, all proposals that had been submitted, will be taken into account and may be added to the programme.

#### 5. RESIDENTIAL STREETS PROGRAMME

- a. JG (Midlothian Council) advised that the programme for work during the period until March 2026, will be finalised by the end of the week. Once the programme has been completed, JG will circulate for the attention of MTRaP members.

#### 6. ACTIVE TRAVEL

- a. **Active Travel update** - PJ had been communicating with the Active Travel team and had received an update. This has been circulated to MTRaP members.
- b. **A7 Urbanisation (Phase 1)** - JG provided an update on progress of the A7 urbanisation project that will facilitate improved public transport. There was recognition that the wider A7 Urbanisation project could have had improved communication re. the positive benefits of the proposals.
- c. **Secure cycle storage - E-Bike charging stations and Brompton Hire Scheme**. PJ advised of a survey. The deadline for submission is Friday 27 June.  
**PJ will circulate the link to the survey.**

## 7. CORE PATHS

- a. ASK (Dalkeith) expressed frustration that the path from central Dalkeith to Ironmills Park remains closed. ASK also noted that the overgrown vegetation on the path alongside the Indoor Bowling Centre is restricting access.
- b. Gorebridge - JF noted that on routes 835 & 836, there is overgrown vegetation obstructing the paths.
- c. RH reminded those present that checks should be made when new housing developments are under or have completed construction. There is the possibility that Core Paths are blocked.
- d. Those present noted that if Core Paths are blocked or vegetation is overgrown, the Midlothian Ranger service could be notified.

Email - [MidlothianRangerService@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:MidlothianRangerService@midlothian.gov.uk)

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Road markings** - JT (MAECC) sought clarification re the hierarchy of road markings, in particular Zig-Zag lines (adjacent to crossings) and double yellow lines. JG advised that Zig-Zag lines are immediately enforceable with 3 points on a license if someone parks on them. Parking on a Yellow line will incur a fine.
- b. **Appreciation of work of Midlothian Council** - JT (MAECC) thanked JG for the work of Midlothian Council in getting construction workers to park in the housing estate rather than the road next to the Primary School.
- c. **Flooding**
  - **Eskbank Toll** - JG will make efforts to push the repairs or drain cleaning further up the maintenance schedule.
  - **Dalkeith High Street** - outside WH Smith & Nationwide office, drains are flooding.
- d. **Dalkeith**
  - **A68 diversions through town centre** - ASK expressed concerns that BEAR is diverting traffic through the centre of Dalkeith (citing safety concerns for staff) when overnight work on the A68 is undertaken. AH advised that although Midlothian Council are provided with notices about works, it is not involved in the route chosen.  
**AH will discuss with members of his team to see if any action can be taken.**
  - **Crossing next to Dalkeith Country Park** - Noted there is no 'dropped kerb' and this makes it very difficult for parent with prams\pushchairs and people using wheelchairs to make the crossing from Dalkeith High Street to the Park.  
**JG will contact colleagues to see if this can be investigated.**

e. **Carrington**

- SH highlighted that the area around the Village Hall is subject to flooding after heavy rainfall. This may be due to drains being covered over.
- SH also noted that road markings in the village could do with renewed. There is concern that poor road marking are leading to road users being unaware of give-way junctions in the village.

**SH to email JG who will investigate both issues and facilitate repairs if required and resources are available.**

f. **Eskbank**

- **Scottish Power works** - BF (ENCC) noted that Scottish Power have been undertaking work in the area. Although they had installed warning signs the signage had been blocking footways. BF had been informed that it was Midlothian Council who provide instruction on where signs are placed. AH advised the Midlothian Council did not have responsibility for Traffic managements signs.

**AH will request that a member of the team contact Scottish Power to seek further information.**

- **Eskbank - Sunken Roadworks** - BF advised that that the repairs undertaken were now subsiding in the Cortleferry Park\Terrace area.

**AH will ask an Inspector to look at the site.**

g. **Tynewater**

**Pathhead - Pathways**

- JO (Tynewater) raised safety concerns about a public footway in the village to Ford. JG noted that the Road Safety team are aware of this situation, and that it is in the calendar of work for this year. Drawings will be made, and it anticipated that once proposals have been completed, a consultation with local residents will be undertaken.
- In **Oxenford Drive** the paving slabs have large gaps between them.
- **Cousland** - noted that a number of Street lights on Hadfast Road are not working and in other areas they are permanently on. Noted that this is an issue for Scottish Power. BF advised that there is work in the area planned for 17 - 25 June.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 25 AUGUST, 6.00 - 7.30, ZOOM.**

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