

LOCAL ROADS AUTHORITY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE (LRAUC)
East Lothian Council – Midlothian Council – Scottish Borders Council
Minutes of Quarterly Meetings

Date & Time	23 th August 2022 10:00		Location	Virtual Meeting (Teams)
Present			Apologies	
Eleni Gigourtaki	ELC (Chair)	EG	Brian Wilson	Midlothian
Neil Murray	ELC	NM	Phillipa Gilhooley	Midlothian
Sarah Ross	ELC	SRo		
Margaret Millar	ELC	MM		
Allan Ruthven	ELC	AR		
David Murdoch	Network Rail	DMu		
Shannon Riley	BEAR Scotland	SR		
Gavin Crowther	Lothian Buses	GC		
Ian Fleming	Scottish Power	IF		
Mike Hymers	SGN	MH		
Emma West	SW	EW		
Craig McQueen	SW	CMcQ		
Barry Young	Openreach	BY		
Carol-Ann Dodd	Midlothian	CAD		
Tanya Fraser	Ineos	TF		
Sharon Burns	Go Fibre	SB		
William Cameron	Lothian Broadband	WC		
John Henderson	Scottish Borders	JH		
Andrew Matheson	Virgin Media	AM		
Murray Brown	SGN	MB		
Callum Redpath	ELC	CR		
Alan Heatley	Midlothian	AH		
Adrian Henzler	Openreach	AHe		
Lukas Ferguson	SGN	LF		
Nichola Millar	SGN	NMi		
Keith Johnson	Scottish Borders	KJ		

1	Welcome and Apologies	Action
	Attendees welcomed. Apologies were given on behalf of non-attendees.	
2	Matters Arising	Action
	Previous minutes reviewed per page. No amendments. All actions completed. Approved. EG to issue.	EG
3a	Planned Works	Action
	<p><u>Major projects and conflicts</u></p> <p>ELC CR – All works are on the register main ones are as follows: A1 QMU junction works. Should be back on main carriageway by mid-October for both lanes; A1087 – High Street, Belhaven; A198 – Main street, Gullane; A199 – Edinburgh Road, Tranent; B6371 – Ormiston Road, Tranent.</p> <p>Borders JH – Hawick flood scheme works continue, which are causing issues with Utilities trying to undertake works. Communications ongoing to allow works when possible.</p> <p>Midlothian AH – Dual Capital works ongoing, all info is on the register. Upcoming road closures: Lothian Street, Bonnyrigg, Newbattle Road, Dalkeith. Polton Road West, Bonnyrigg, Abbey Road, Dalkeith & Bonnyrigg Road, Eskbank – All works on the register.</p> <p>SGN MH – Proposals for Major works in Musselburgh will be sent to EG soon.</p> <p>SP IF – Everything on the Register. ED2 will be starting in October. Co-ordinators have been asked to send across any major projects or big jobs coming up. Will liaise individually with each Council.</p> <p>SW CMCQ - Everything on the Register. Putting a new kiosk in Midlothian at Rawburn WTW, narrow road and will require a trial pit in the verge to allow lorries to swing to access the junction. May cause issues as it is a dead end.</p> <p>SW EW – All works on the Register.</p> <p>Openreach AHe – All works on the Register.</p> <p>Openreach BY – R100 ongoing this Quarter in Galashiels, applications will come from Morrisons.</p> <p>VM AM – All works on the Register, continuing with the expansion works.</p> <p>Lothian Broadband WC – All works on the Register.</p>	EG

	<p>Borderlink SB – All works on the Register.</p> <p>Ineos TF – Nothing to report</p> <p>Network Rail DMu – All works on the Register.</p> <p>BEAR SR – A7 north of Ashkirk, A7 Bowside, A702 Burnham all overnight closures.</p>	
3b	Events/Spaces for People/Embargos/Occupations/Local Policies	
	<p>Midlothian – Consideration on whether the Spaces For People measures are made permanent or not. Events are all on the Register. Nothing for occupations. Embargos are on the Register. Nothing on local policies.</p> <p>Borders – – Consideration on whether the Spaces For People measures are made permanent or not. 2 Major events: Tour of the Borders 4th September, Tour of Britain on 5th Sept. Tour of Britain will cause disruption in Hawick, as one of roads to be closed for the Event is currently part of the diversion route for the flood prevention closures. No current Embargos, planning the Christmas one.</p> <p>ELC- All 20mph Spaces for People restrictions have now been made permanent. Events: part of the Tour of Britain within ELC areas no major disruptions expected. Two Racecourse Events in Musselburgh 10/11 September. Scottish Half Marathon and Kiltwalk 18th September. Poppy Scotland Cycle Event 25th September. John Muir Ultra 8th October. Most disruptions on the Register and the rest to be raised shortly. Summer Embargo finishes end of August and the next one will be for Christmas.</p>	
3c	Indicators & Statistics	Action
	<p>Indicators:</p> <p>Mid – Inspection and indicators are satisfactory. No areas of concern. Had problems in terms of performance with Openreach. Meeting has been had with Openreach last week to discuss the issues with notices coming in. AHz advised that this is being discussed with Morrisons for improvements in performance. CAD advised there has been no improvements, no checking of conflicts and not checking diversion routes.</p> <p>Borders – No issues with performance. One ongoing issue with SP works overrunning and no extension requests coming in. SP are working with Morrisons to resolve this issue, they have served an internal improvement notice on them.</p> <p>ELC – Confirmed ELC have been having the same issues with SP and Overrun notices, also noted that in their area it is not just SP but SW as well. CAD advised that Midlothian have been issuing undue delays for works more than a week in Overrun. ELC has adopted the same approach.</p>	GH

	<p>ELC Dashboard reviewed.</p> <p>FPNs – 40 for Openreach, 4 for SW, 6 for SGN, 17 for SP, 49 for VM, 5 for Lothian Broadband and 0 for Borderlink. High number for Openreach and VM, there are issues with performance, to be taken back for a review.</p> <p>Early Starts – High number for Borderlink.</p> <p>Extensions – High % for SP and VM. Issues with requests for extensions that are already in overrun.</p> <p>Sample inspections – Not satisfactory. To be taken back and reviewed. Discuss with inspectors if required. If this does not improve, improvement notices will be issued.</p> <p>Routine inspections – These numbers back up the sample inspections and shows that there is an issue that needs addressed.</p> <p>Abortive inspections – High Number for Openreach, VM & Borderlink.</p> <p>Registrations Due – High amount for LB. WC to take that back and resolve.</p> <p>Undue Delays – ELC started issuing them again for second extension requests.</p> <p>Reinstatements – Some due. Discuss with the inspectors if there are any issues.</p>	All Utilities
3d	Improvement notices	
	<p>Midlothian – None Borders – None ELC – None</p>	
3e	Coring	Action
	<p>CMcQ – SE Area has been problematic due to West Lothian Council’s lack of resources. City of Edinburgh Council were to step in and take over the co-ordination but has not happened yet. WLC were expecting a new start but they never started. Spoke directly to the contractors (Trojan) for an update, the contractor advised that they thought they were up to date and complete in the SE Area.</p> <p>Midlothian – Had no contact since the Coring started. Inspector has spotted several places where the coring has been carried out.</p> <p>Borders – As far as they are aware, all the Coring has been done. Have not visited every site but every site that has been visited has been completed.</p> <p>ELC – If it is a matter of organising and distributing results EG happy to take that on at the moment. To be taken off line.</p>	

4	Matters arising from previous AREA RAUC and RAUC(S)	Action
	<p>ELC- Nothing to raise Midlothian – Nothing to raise Borders – Moving in to a different Area RAUC</p>	
5	Health and Safety	Action
5a	Nothing Raised	
5b	Nothing Raised	
6	Any Other Business	Action
	<p>CAD – Asked Lothian Broadband to supply contact details for FPNs, Inspections and onsite details. Reminder for VM, still a lot of outstanding defects that should be finished. AM advised that they now had prices back from C-Plan and the defects started by September at the latest. CAD- Mention of VM gone quiet in regards to major notices. A701 – have never replied regarding the ES that was applied for. AM to bring this to the attention of the project manager.</p> <p>Borders – Tour of Britain event, will be putting TM on the A1 at the Reston Junction. Potential for up to 20 min closure of the A1 using Temporary Traffic Lights.</p> <p>ELC – All issued already covered. Note of no communications with residents for VM Major works in Port Seton. AM will chase up.</p> <p>NM – Openreach works in Carlaverock walk, BT works still not complete. Footway potentially has been resurfaced so BT cannot undertake the work. To be discussed off line.</p> <p>SRO- Chased up SP work on Belhaven Road, Dunbar.</p> <p>AR – Defects are building up again and getting no dates of completion, BT/SP/SW. IF advised SP have a meeting with Morrisons to get answers and to advise AR. AHz has escalated the Morrisons defects to the senior project manager for R100 in ELC area. AR chased the works at Oaktree, as has been open for a long time. AHz to check and advise.</p> <p>BEAR- Asked AHz for an update on the high risk defective apparatus for BT, 6 weeks since they were reported and heard nothing back. Been passed to the defective apparatus team and hasn't heard back. AHz will chase and escalate again.</p> <p>CMcQ – advised that they have ongoing works in the area of Johnnie Copes road, incase it affected the planned closure for NR. EG/NM advised that they shouldn't impact each other. CMcQ will advise the project team of the overnight closures on the 25th&26th October.</p>	<p>WC</p> <p>AM</p> <p>IF</p> <p>AHz</p> <p>AHz</p>
7	Date & Time Of Next Meetings	Action
	Proposed date of next meeting 22 nd November 2022.	