

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

Date & Time	23 May 2023		Location	Virtual Meeting (Teams)
Present			Apologies	
Eleni Gigourtaki	ELC (Chair)	<b>EG</b>	Allan Ruthven	ELC
Alan Heatley	Midlothian	<b>AH</b>	Gavin Crowther	Lothian Buses
Sarah Ross	ELC	<b>SR</b>	John Callaghan	Midlothian Council
Margaret Millar	ELC	<b>MM</b>		
David Murdoch	Network Rail	<b>DMu</b>		
David Ross	BEAR Scotland	<b>DR</b>		
Ian Fleming	Scottish Power	<b>IF</b>		
Lee Westwood	SGN	<b>LW</b>		
Emma West	SW	<b>EW</b>		
Craig McQueen	SW	<b>CMcQ</b>		
Carol-Ann Dodd	Midlothian	<b>CAD</b>		
Sharon Burns	Go Fibre	<b>SB</b>		
John Henderson	Scottish Borders	<b>JH</b>		
Andrew Matheson	Virgin Media	<b>AM</b>		
Callum Redpath	ELC	<b>CR</b>		
Kevin Buckley	Openreach	<b>KB</b>		
Lukas Ferguson	SGN	<b>LF</b>		
Keith Johnson	Scottish Borders	<b>KJ</b>		
Neil Murray	ELC	<b>NM</b>		
Neill Bisset	Midlothian	<b>NB</b>		
Michael Douglas	SGN	<b>MD</b>		
Sarah Abbott	Netomnia	<b>SA</b>		
Allan Nicol	SGN	<b>AN</b>		
John Walker	Lothian Broadband	<b>JW</b>		
Craig Brown	SGN	<b>CB</b>		
Anna Jensen	Netomnia	<b>AJ</b>		
Cathy Jones	Netomnia	<b>CJ</b>		

1	Welcome and Apologies	Action
	Attendees welcomed. Apologies were given on behalf of non-attendees.	
2	Matters Arising	Action
	<p>Previous minutes reviewed per page.</p> <p>Previous actions reviewed.</p> <p>EG to send out meeting minutes to be published.</p>	EG
3a	Planned Works	Action
	<p><b><u>Major projects and conflicts</u></b></p> <p><b>ELC CR</b> – Yearly Capital Programme is on the Register. Biggest jobs are resurfacing works on Pinkie Road, A199 Edinburgh Road, Newhailes Road and North High Street Junction. Works on A1 NB at Old Craighall Junction and A6093 Market Street in Haddington. Current A1 works are due to finish and road to be fully open in early June.</p> <p><b>Borders JH</b> – All the programme is on the register, ongoing is Hawick flood scheme. A lot of work going on in Pinesburn for a new wind farm. Major SW project at Blackadder bridge on A6112, will be a closure.</p> <p><b>Midlothian AH</b> – Continuing with capital resurfacing programme at various locations. All info on the register. Improvement works have commenced at the Sports centre entrance on A702 which will cause disruption for a few months. Utility works due to start at Old Craighall for the developer, this will be cross boundary with ELC.</p> <p><b>SGN</b> – Everything on the register. Looking to do a gas mains replacement project on the A7 Selkirk to Galashiels. AH advised to contact BEAR as that is trunk road.</p> <p><b>SP</b> – Works on the Register. Nothing to add today.</p> <p><b>SW CMcQ</b> – Majority of works on the Register, few minor road closures in the borders. Major project in Athelstaneford for water mains, in the summer. Will contact council in due course. Midlothian – planning work in Rosewell, awaiting answers on that. Edgehead new STW going in which will require some closures to allow pipe work to be done. Will be in touch with councils in due course. <b>CAD</b> asked for a plan to be sent across as there is some potential resurfacing in the area.</p> <p><b>SW EW</b> – all works on Register.</p> <p><b>Openreach</b> – All works on the Register.</p> <p><b>VM</b> – All works on the Register. ELC continuing in Haddington and Dunbar. Midlothian continuing in Penicuik, Bilston and Roslin. AM to call EG to discuss the new Nexfiber notices that have appeared.</p> <p><b>Borderlink</b> – Most work is on the Register.</p>	CMcQ

	<p><b>Network Rail</b> – All on the Register. Usual overnight closures for bridge inspections. Wall at Wallyford in for repair in July. TM plans have been sent to ELC. Contractor to contact ELC to chase up. Borders – Slope stabilisation works on C114 at Reston in Sept/Oct.</p> <p><b>LB</b> – All works on Register.</p> <p><b>BEAR</b> – Low impact overnight works.</p> <p><b>Netomnia</b> – Noticing to start soon for works in Musselburgh.</p>	
<b>3b</b>	<b>Events/Spaces for People/Embargos/Occupations/Local Policies</b>	
	<p><b>Midlothian</b> – All Embargos are on Register (Christmas and Lets Rock). Embargos in for Penicuik Hunter Lad/Lass. Local Gala season has started, Embargos on for these. SFP – no changes.</p> <p><b>Borders</b> – Embargo on the Register for Jim Clark Rally. No embargos on for common ridings at the moment. No Christmas embargo but would ask utilities to avoid town centres in the lead up to Christmas. UCI world cycling championships in August, various closures for that, once confirmed will be on the Register.</p> <p><b>ELC</b>- Summer embargo is on the Register, any conflicts please contact us. Edinburgh Marathon and the Scottish Golf open embargos are on the Register. Local Galas planned but these are not on the Register so you might be contacted for low impact works. Fringe by the Sea in August that will affect North Berwick area.</p>	
<b>3c</b>	<b>Indicators &amp; Statistics</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p><b>Midlothian</b> – No major concerns, seems to be improving slightly.</p> <p><b>Borders</b> – No major issues at the moment. Some issues with GoFibre doing work without proper TM but is being discussed directly with them.</p> <p><b>ELC</b> – There are still issues with performance as can be seen on the Sample Inspections and Routine Inspections. There is a small improvement for some Utilities. Still lots way off 90%, will be discussed off line. If no significant improvement is recorded then action would be taken via improvement notices. High number of abortive inspections for Openreach which needs to be addressed. High number of early starts for Openreach.</p> <p><b>EG</b> will send the Local Performance Dashboards out with the minutes and would appreciate if Utilities would respond regarding their performance.</p>	<b>All Utilities &amp; EG</b>
<b>3d</b>	<b>Improvement notices</b>	
	<p><b>Midlothian</b> – None;</p> <p><b>Borders</b> – None;</p> <p><b>ELC</b> – None at the moment.</p>	

3e	Coring	Action
	<p><b>Midlothian</b> – Complete in the area, the Co-Chairs and Commissioners Office are pulling together results to produce a draft report.</p> <p><b>Borders</b> – All complete just waiting for the report</p> <p><b>ELC</b> – All complete just waiting for report.</p>	
4	Matters arising from previous AREA RAUC and RAUC(S)	Action
	<p><b>ELC</b>- Asked Utilities for an update on how the 2 hour stop/start window is going for their Organisations. Also requested Lothian Broadband to confirm if an approved RQP is in place now.</p> <p><b>VM</b> – No real issues with Start/Stop.</p> <p><b>NR</b> – Finding it challenging trying to pull the information in time. Something they are working on to address.</p> <p><b>LB</b> – RQP now in place.</p> <p><b>Midlothian</b> – Nothing to raise.</p> <p><b>Borders</b> – Nothing to raise.</p>	
5	Health and Safety	Action
5a	Nothing Raised	
5b	Nothing Raised	
6	Any Other Business	Action
	<p><b>EG</b> – Invited the group to raise a hand for AOCB.</p> <p><b>CAD</b> – Reminder that all emails should be sent to the correct address, not copying personal email addresses. Asked that Early Starts are requested within the time frames stated in the Code of Practise.</p> <p>Utility companies unticking the TS box on Aurora because they are working outside of peak times. Some roads are TS outside peak times 7am-7pm. So to check before unticking the box.</p> <p>Issues with TM going up but no work starting, one in centre of Dalkeith currently that has been in place for 2 days and no work commencing yet.</p> <p><b>NB</b> – SP defects in Midlothian that need carried out, eg: one from 2015 that still has not been carried out. <b>IF</b> advised issues with Morrisons, new person started to look after defects. Programme of works being produced and sent out to all LAs.</p> <p><b>AH</b> – Issue with interim reinstatements being left for more than 6 months. Reminder for utilities that interim reinstatements should not be left longer than 6 months.</p> <p><b>EG/CAD</b> advised these should be photographed and FPNs under 129 issued.</p>	

	<p><b>CMcQ</b> – SW Edgehead job and resurfacing works will be cross over. SW to go ahead with works as no notice for resurfacing works in yet.</p> <p><b>EG</b> – All requests for Agreements and Applications should come to the Roadworks email address only. Awaiting confirmation of sample sizes from VM and SW. Defects overdue and defective apparatus that are overdue to be addressed. Noticed a lack of attendance at D1s by Utilities. Looking for an update on the damaged bridge at Meadowmill from SP. <b>ID</b> to discuss with <b>EG</b> after the meeting.</p> <p><b>CAD</b> – advised there was a message on SRWR regarding sample inspection figures. Figures might change as NOX works are being recorded. Message is on SRWR if anyone wants to look.</p> <p><b>AN</b> – Advised <b>AN</b> and <b>LW</b> will be taking over in SGN due to previous staff members leaving.</p> <p><b>SR</b> – Asked for all utilities to ensure correct contact details are put on notices.</p>	<p><b>All Utilities</b></p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time Of Next Meetings</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Proposed date of next meeting 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2023.	