

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

Date & Time	22nd November 2022 10:00			Location	Virtual Meeting (Teams)
Present			Apologies		
Eleni Gigourtaki Sarah Ross Margaret Millar David Murdoch Shannon Riley Gavin Crowther Ian Fleming Mike Hymers Emma West Craig McQueen Douglas Glynn Carol-Ann Dodd Sharon Burns John Henderson Andrew Matheson Callum Redpath Alan Heatley Adrian Henzler	ELC (Chair) ELC ELC Network Rail BEAR Scotland Lothian Buses Scottish Power SGN SW SW Midlothian Midlothian Go Fibre Scottish Borders Virgin Media ELC Midlothian Openreach	EG SRo MM DMu SR GC IF MH EW CMcQ DG CAD SB JH AM CR AH AHe	Brian Wilson Allan Ruthven Neil Murray	Midlothian ELC ELC	

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>No amendments. EG to check actions and email if any outstanding.</p> <p>EG to send out meeting minutes to be published.</p>	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 – series of night closures and lane restrictions off peak. Hoping to get these completed before December. Next series of closures are planned for January. Whole project due to complete late March/early April.</p> <p>Olive Bank Road/Eskview Terrace Junction Musselburgh- Road Closure for a period of a week, mid to late February. Resurfacing and Widening.</p> <p>Clifford Road/Law Road – planned for School holidays in Feb time.</p> <p>Scottish Borders JH – Nothing to highlight, everything is on the Register. Hawick flood scheme works continue.</p> <p>Midlothian AH – Continuing with capital works programme, running in parallel with residential streets programme. Nothing major to highlight. Everything on the Register.</p> <p>SGN MH – Works in ELC ongoing job on Eskside West, still ongoing. Some unexpected issues. Job in Midlothian which is in discussion at the moment. Finalising next year's work programme and will discuss with relevant Councils when required.</p> <p>SP IF – Everything on the Register.</p> <p>SW CMcQ - Everything on the Register. Only thing not on Register are works in planning to upgrade and expand WWTW in Pathhead. No works planned on the road but may affect traffic flow. CMcQ will provide more info when received.</p> <p>SW EW – All works on the Register.</p> <p>Openreach AHe – All works on the Register.</p> <p>VM AM – All works on the Register, continuing with the expansion works.</p> <p>Borderlink SB – All works on the Register.</p> <p>Network Rail DMu – All works on the Register. All reactive in ELC. Upcoming road closure at Jonnie Copes Road, day closure.</p>	

3b	Events/Spaces for People/Embargos/Occupations/Local Policies	
	<p>ELC – Quite a few local Christmas events, no major disruptions. On Main Streets so events are covered by Christmas Embargo. Avoid works when possible or contact us for agreement.</p> <p>Midlothian – Mostly Christmas events. Xmas Embargo is already in place.</p> <p>Scottish Borders – Xmas events are on the system. No Xmas embargo on this year.</p>	
3c	Indicators & Statistics	Action
	<p>ELC – Going through the ELC Dashboard there are a lot of failures on it. Very high number of works for VM and Openreach. Very high number of FPNs issued and ES for VM. Major problem with overruns and better communication has been requested. Issuing Undue Delays for Overruns and second extensions. Lots of Reinstatements Due. AHe to contact inspectors to discuss the reinstatements. IF advised there is a meeting 22/11 with senior management to discuss the issues they are having with contractors affecting their performance. On Inspections there are very low numbers for Cat Cs and Bs. Failure also backed up with routine inspections. High number of abortive inspections, notices In Progress and no one on site. High numbers of substandard TM, not acceptable. EG will follow up with emails.</p> <p>Midlothian – Experiencing the same issues with same Utilities with Overruns. Overruns causing huge co-ordination issues. High number of FPNs for VM and Openreach. High ES for VM. Extensions are high for SP, requests coming in late or once the notices are in overrun. If notice is in overrun and extension cannot be given. Declined Inspections from VM, Andy to look in to it as contractor that declined them was not the contractor who carried out the work. Issue with noticing, no conflict checking, notices need raised on separate TS roads if working on both roads. Performance reports sent to some Utilities due to some serious issues, expecting some improvement in the next quarter. CAD asked IF to remind staff about the extension procedure.</p> <p>Scottish Borders – Consistently getting Overruns from Openreach and SP, putting undue delays on Overruns. Sample As are ok, Sample Bs issues with Openreach. Issue with SW with Sample Cs being below 90%. No issues to take further at the moment. High number of abortive inspections.</p>	
3d	Improvement notices	
	<p>Midlothian – None</p> <p>Borders – None</p> <p>ELC – None</p>	

3e	Coring	Action
	<p>ELC – All agreement meetings required with Utilities have been held, except Openreach which is planned for this Friday. EG will make arrangements for cores to be retested asap.</p> <p>CMcQ – Not part of the Coring Group anymore.</p> <p>Midlothian – Had all agreement meetings so will update Appendix A and upload to system.</p> <p>Borders – One meeting this week with BT, SGN all agreed, SW are re-testing one core and haven't heard back from SP. IF to contact SBC regarding SP results. Everything to be uploaded in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Still to be resolved is the issue with Perth and Kinross, company they are looking at using is not accredited by UKAS. 3 month delay in the final report so final report expected June 2023.</p>	
4	Matters arising from previous AREA RAUC and RAUC(S)	Action
	<p>ELC- Nothing to raise</p> <p>Midlothian – Nothing to raise</p> <p>Borders – Nothing to raise</p>	
5	Health and Safety	Action
5a	Nothing Raised	
5b	Nothing Raised	
6	Any Other Business	Action
	<p>EG – Issue this quarter with TM, temp traffic signals that should be manually controlled have not been. Also signals failing and causing major disruption, no one on site and TM companies failing to attend. Being reported early in the morning and they are taking up to 4 hours to attend. If this issues continues, permits will not be issued to specific TM companies that have failed to comply with the specific condition in the past.</p> <p>GC – Tried to gain access to SRWR a few years ago and was denied by the Scottish Road Works Commissioner. Trying to find who is working where and when is difficult and time consuming for Lothian Buses. Is there a quicker way of LB being able to report issues?</p> <p>AHe - Asked for any Openreach works that have had Traffic Signals issues to be sent to him.</p> <p>EG- Defects, time taken to get them fixed. Please attend and stick to time scales.</p> <p>Mid (AH) – Temp traffic lights, issue with TTLS going up and no work being done on site for several days. Causes complaints from the public. Issue with TTLS being left up overnight when they should be taken down.</p> <p>AR – VM defect updates: Date from C-Plan is Jan time to go in and fix outstanding defects.</p> <p>SGN – Mike will be changing jobs so there will be a new person from next year. MH to keep councils updated.</p>	

	<p>SR – BEAR Scotland have been having the same notices issues with Morrison's.</p> <p>SRO – List of defects from Allan Ruthven. AHz and IF asked for list of LA Refs to be sent to them.</p>	
7	Date & Time Of Next Meetings	Action
	Proposed date of next meeting 21 st February 2023.	