



Midlothian

MINUTE OF MEETING

Subject: QUARTERLY NRSWA LOCAL CO-ORDINATION MEETING

Date: 3 November 2020
Venue: Virtual Meeting
Time: 14:00 P.M.

Present:

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| A HEATLEY | MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL ROAD SERVICES - CHAIR |
| I THOMSON | MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL ROAD SERVICES |
| D GLYNN | MIDLOTHIN COUNCIL ROAD SERVICES |
| N BISSET | MIDLOTHIANCOUNCIL ROAD SERVICES |
| C DODD | MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL ROAD SERVICES |
| S RILEY | BEAR |
| A HENZLER | OPENREACH |
| K DOUGLAS | SGN |
| C MITCHELL | SCOTTISH WATER |
| C MCQUEEN | SCOTTISH WATER |
| I FLEMING | SCOTTISH POWER |
| D MURDOCH | NETWORK RAIL |
| A MATHESON | VIRGIN MEDIA |

Apologies:

M HYMERS SGN

Absent:

Additional Circulation: I LENNOCK

| ITEM | WELCOME & APOLOGIES | Action By |
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| 1 1.1 | AH welcomed everyone to the meeting and the apologies were noted. | |
| ITEM 2 | MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 4 AUGUST 2020 | |
| 2.1 | The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved with an amendment to a missing letter in the email address provided for applications and request. | |
| 2.2 | <p>All reminded again - The timing of requests for TTROs and agreement continues to be an issue. Lead in times for TTROs is 3 weeks for notices of up to 5 days and 6 weeks for orders over 5 days. The lead in times for agreements is prescribed in the Code of Practice for the Co-ordination of Works in Roads. Applications for temporary traffic signals require a minimum notification of 7 working days for planned works. All requests must be sent to roadsapplications@midlothian.gov.uk We are now taking a firm stance on this and any applications received for planned works with shorter lead in times will be returned to the sender .</p> | ALL |
| 2.3 | <p>3.3 Virgin Media major installation project works in Midlothian. AM confirmed that a new contractor has been appointed and that a restart is being planned for Q3, 2020.</p> | Virgin Media |
| 2.4 | <p>4.2 Midlothian Council has no plans at present to remove the current improvement notice as there is no evidence of a significant improvement in performance and the category B sample inspection figure remains well below the required 90% pass rate.</p> | Virgin Media |

2.5 3.4 SGN toby covered by Virgin Media reinstatement works at Langlaw Road, Mayfield. Still requires action. **Action By Virgin Media/SGN**

2.6 5.2 NB raised concerns again about the SPEN defect on Bush Loan Road, Roslin which is on the brink of becoming dangerous, the latest inspection has also been declined. IF has been to site & hopes to combine this work with works required at The Brae, Auchendinny. **SPEN**

ITEM 3 AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 **Planned Works**

Clashes were notes between planned resurfacing works and Virgin Media proposed works at the following locations; **MLC/Virgin Media**

- Rowantree Road, Dalkeith – recently surfaced.
- Jean Armour Drive, Dalkeith
- Whitehill Drive, Dalkeith

3.2 CMcQ indicated that Scottish Water have several large projects to undertake in Midlothian including works on; **Scottish Water**

- Bush Loan Road, Bilston
- B7026
- A701
- U56, Gorebridge
- Edgehead Road, Pathhead
- Newmills Road, Dalkeith
- Rosebery Reservoir

3.3 Housing developments in Midlothian continue to require careful co-ordination to avoid unnecessary delays and disruption. The specific areas with developments are;

- Millerhill / Shawfair
 - Mauricewood Road and the north of Penicuik
 - Rosewell
 - Roslin
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| ITEM | Indicators & Statistics. | Action By |
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| 4 | All indicators and statistics are available on the Scottish Road Works Register and are still significantly affected by the ongoing pandemic. | |
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| ITEM 5 | Inspections. | |
| 5.1 | Inspections continued to be carried out during lockdown in accordance with the advice issued by OSRWC and the Scottish Government relating to the construction industry. The number of outstanding defects is very low for the vast majority of undertakers however, Virgin Media still have a large volume of outstanding defects from works carried out by their previous contractor. | Virgin Media |
| 5.2 | CAD had issued the sample inspection report to undertakers prior to the meeting and stated that the sample inspection pass rate overall is very good and well above the required 90% pass rate with the exception of Virgin Media. SGN & Scottish Power Energy Networks were to be congratulated as they had achieved a pass rate of 100% which is a real credit to their efforts especially during the current climate. | Virgin Media |
| ITEM 6 | Coring. | |
| 6.1 | CMCQ gave an update on the National Coring programme and subsequent report. The National Coring Group are to look at why the pass rate in the south east area was different to the rest of the country. The overall pass rate in the South East area was 79%. The pass rate in Midlothian was 88%, the same as the national average. | |
| 6.2 | Midlothian Council is not carrying out local coring. | |

6.3 Openreach, Scottish Water, SGN, and SPEN continue to carry out internal coring.

ITEM 7 Road Designations & Gazetteer.

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7.1 The Midlothian gazetteer & ASD is now being submitted to the OSG portal on a regular basis.

7.2 Midlothian Council is continues to work on the gazetteer to meet the new validation conventions which are currently scheduled to be applied from early 2021. This will include new software installation in the corporate gazetteer in December 2020 & January 2021.

7.3 The traffic sensitive register review is on hold to allow essential work on the gazetteer to take place.

7.4 Bear Scotland had reported to CAD that the first ESU east bound from Sheriffhall roundabout was missing in the SRWR. This was checked in Midlothian's corporate software and did not match the SRWR records. A fix has been put in place and the missing ESU should be visible after the November 2020 SRWR gazetteer load.

ITEM 8 Special Events

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8.1 All events have been cancelled or rescheduled for next year.

8.2 The Christmas / New Year 2020/2021 embargo is in place and requests to work during this time will be looked at on an individual basis however, it is unlikely that any relaxation of the embargo will be granted on main routes or around retail parks or shopping areas.

| ITEM 9 | A.O.C.B. | Action By |
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| 9.1 | AHr thanked IT for his assistance with Openreach works in Dalkeith | |
| 9.2 | Road Services staff raised concerns about the volume of early starts required by Virgin Media for major projects. | Virgin Media |
| 9.3 | All utility company requests received to extend the interim period on interim reinstatement due to the pandemic had been agreed & issued. | |
| 9.4 | Bear Scotland had asked for a consultation document on trunk road time restrictions, Appendix 117, to be circulated to the group. This was done prior to the meeting. | |

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NEXT MEETING

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AH thanked everyone for their attendance.

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The dates for the next meeting are;

Tuesday 2 February 2021

Tuesday 4 May 2021

Tuesday 3 August 2021

Tuesday 2 November 2021
