

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

Date & Time	21st November 2023 10:00		Location	Virtual Meeting (Teams)
Present			Apologies	
Eleni Gigourtaki	ELC (Chair)	<b>EG</b>	Craig Brown	
Sarah Ross	ELC	<b>SRo</b>	Craig McQueen	
Claire Clarke	ELC	<b>CC</b>	Owen Harte	
David Ross	BEAR Scotland	<b>DR</b>	Julie Greig	
Ian Fleming	Scottish Power	<b>IF</b>		
Alan Heatley	Midlothian	<b>AH</b>		
Neill Bisset	Midlothian	<b>NB</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>		
Keith Johnson	Scottish Borders	<b>KJ</b>		
Neil Murray	ELC	<b>NM</b>		
Allan Ruthven	ELC	<b>AR</b>		
Allan Nicol	SGN	<b>AN</b>		
Lee Westwood	SGN	<b>LW</b>		
John Callaghan	Midlothian	<b>JC</b>		
Douglas Glynn	Midlothian	<b>DG</b>		
Alexander Crombie	Scottish Water	<b>AC</b>		
Kirsty Wright	Openreach	<b>KW</b>		
Karyn Davidson	Vodafone	<b>KD</b>		
Cathy Jones	Netomnia	<b>CJ</b>		
Emma West	Scottish Water	<b>EW</b>		
Stephen Scanlon	Openreach	<b>SS</b>		

1	Welcome and Apologies	Action
	Attendees welcomed. Apologies were given on behalf of non-attendees.	
2	Matters Arising	Action
	Previous minutes and actions reviewed. Utilities still to provide emergency details for out of hours.	All Utilities
3a	Planned Works	Action
	<p><b><u>Major Projects and Conflicts</u></b></p> <p><b>ELC CR</b> – All works are on the Register. Works likely to have major impact: works on Market Street, Haddington with a series of closures. Then on to Abbots View roundabout with overnight closures. High Street &amp; Quality Street, North Berwick – a raised table being put in late Feb/early March under a closure.</p> <p><b>Scottish Borders JH</b> – Everything is on the Register. Hawick flood prevention works are ongoing. March Street, Hawick - New crossing point going in. Pinesburn Wind farm – few closures for blade movements. Blade movements are daytime.</p> <p><b>Midlothian AH</b> – Capital works programme ongoing, on the Register. Ongoing works on A702 and ongoing closure at Old Craighall Road – extension potentially required but not agreed yet. Works almost finished on A701 at Straiton Bypass. Everything is on the Register.</p> <p><b>SGN</b> – Not aware of anything. Craig Brown will contact relevant LAs if any works coming up.</p> <p><b>SP IF</b> – Everything on the Register.</p> <p><b>SW AC</b> – Nothing to be discussed. Any issues let <b>AC</b> know to report to Craig McQueen.</p> <p><b>Openreach SS</b> – No update given. SS will look in to it and email after the meeting.</p> <p><b>VM/Nexfibre AM</b> – All works on the Register.</p> <p><b>GoFibre SB</b> – All works on the Register.</p> <p><b>Netomnia CJ</b> – All works on the Register.</p> <p><b>BEAR DR</b> – David Ross had a bad connection. Email received with planned works. Closure in Pathhead coming up.</p> <p><b>Vodafone KD</b> – No major works. All things on Register.</p>	

3b	Events/Spaces for People/Embargos/Occupations/Local Policies	
	<p><b>Midlothian</b> – Christmas Embargo on the Register. No changes to Spaces for People or Events.</p> <p><b>Scottish Borders</b> – Few Christmas events, not sure if they are on the register. No Christmas embargo this year, asking utility companies to not work in town center over Xmas.</p> <p><b>ELC</b> – Christmas Embargo on the Register. No major occupations or anything for Spaces for People. Few Christmas light Events over the next few weeks, all on the Register but nothing major.</p>	
3c	Indicators & Statistics	Action
	<p><b>Midlothian</b> – Low returns for Sample A for SPEN and Sample B for Virgin Media. Extensions – SW, SPEN, Borderlink are higher than where they should be. Openreach received the most FPNS this quarter. 2 low sample inspection pass rates that are of concern. AM- VM have put partners on internal improvement plans so should improve. IF – SPEN issue is with senior management, Morrisons are on an improvement plan. Will issue updates when required.</p> <p><b>Borders</b> – No dashboard for SBC. No major concerns with performance. Apart from issues with GoFibre – closing works Nox when there has been excavation. SP works taking far too long- TM in place and no works happening. Considering an improvement plan for GoFibre.</p> <p><b>ELC</b> – A lot of extensions for SP. Poor performance for Sample B for Virgin Media and sample A for Nexfibre. A lot of abortive inspections, this issue has been raised with Openreach and Nexfibre. Poor management of notices and communication. Some Sub-standard TM with Nexfibre and SP on some sites, issues needs addressed and response sent to EG. Undue delays – Nexfibre, SW and SP – this is not acceptable. Quite a few reinstatements due for Openreach, to be fed back to Adrian. IF – passed defects on to reinstatement managers, can pass them on again. AR to email IF.</p> <p>Dashboards to be sent out and utilities to respond as required.</p>	

<b>3d</b>	<b>Improvement notices</b>	
	<p><b>Midlothian</b> – None.  <b>Borders</b> – None.  <b>ELC</b> – None.</p>	
<b>3e</b>	<b>Coring</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Final report has been issued. Commissioner has made comments. There will be a follow up meeting to discuss issues for the next programme.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters arising from previous AREA RAUC and RAUC(S)</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p><b>EG</b> – Nothing to raise. ERAUC Minutes amended and issued. Amendment made on issues raised regarding notice requirements at Traffic Sensitive junctions.</p> <p><b>AH</b> – Nothing to raise.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Health and Safety</b>	<b>Action</b>
5a	Nothing to raise	
5b	<b>EG</b> asked for updated emergency contact details for ELC area.	<b>All Utilities</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p><b>EG</b> – ELC have had an issue/complaint regarding safety on sites and provisions for disabled and visually impaired people. Everyone should check their internal processes and discuss these issues. We have asked the charity, Sight Scotland, to provide information regarding accessibility for visually impaired people in road works.</p> <p><b>AH</b> – Brought up the issue of GoFibre using cones and ticker tape. This is not acceptable for Traffic Management in urban areas.</p> <p><b>AH</b> – Issues with Morrisons working for BT and SP – turning up setting up works and then disappearing for days. Openreach to look into High St, Bonnyrigg works. IF confirming that for SP it is a resource issue. New Construction Manager joining the team and more information will follow.</p> <p><b>AH</b> – Currently works on the A702 near Easter Howgate, causing tailbacks. <b>DR</b> - SP dug the hole so waiting for SP to come back. No notice on the Register for these works. <b>IF/DR/AH</b> to stay on the call at the end to discuss.</p> <p><b>CAD</b> – Lots of declined inspections. SW agreed to clear them but haven't yet. VM same one over and over been asking for a site meeting. Also, VM have lots of paid FPNs but not accepted on Aurora. AM to look into both issues.</p>	

	<p><b>CAD-</b> Gazetteer enquiries due to people creating notices on private roads. Advising everyone that when it says Midlothian Private Street, this means this is a road in the council area it doesn't mean it belongs to the council.</p> <p><b>EW</b> – Potential conflict issue. There is a restriction on the road. Looking to get in before the restriction ends. EG advised that this has been sent to us and a site meeting has taken place. Can go ahead with specific reinstatement.</p> <p><b>AM</b> – VM working with one of the partners on noticing in ELC so should see an improvement soon.</p> <p><b>SS</b> – Advised there was a presentation on RAUCS last year regarding roadworks and visually impaired people. EG to look into this.</p>	
7	<b>Date &amp; Time Of Next Meetings</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Proposed date of next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.</p> <p>May meeting will clash with an area RAUC so the day has been moved to a Wednesday.</p>	