



Forth Replacement Crossing Community Forum (North) Minutes

Meeting location: Principal Contract Site Offices. King Malcolm Drive, Rosyth

Meeting Date/Time: 20 November 2012 – 7pm

Subject: Community Forum North

Participants:

Community Representatives

Colin Bell (North Queensferry Community Council)
M Di Filippo (North Queensferry Community Council)
Bill King (Rosyth Community Council)

Transport Scotland – Employers Delivery Team (EDT)

Lawrence Shackman
Keavy O'Neill
Allan Buchan (c/o BIG Partnership)

Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)

Ewen Macdonell
Derek Chambers
Sally Chambers

John Graham (Dromore) Ltd (Grahams)

Richard Docherty

John Sisk and Roadbridge (SRB)

Elaine Barrie

Fife Police

Tony Rogers

Apologies

Wayne Morris (Inverkeithing Community Council)
Juliet Sheriff (Inverkeithing Community Council)

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		Action
1	Welcome and introductions	
1.1	Meeting chaired by Lawrence Shackman	Noted
2	Review of minutes and outstanding actions North Community Forum 15 August 2012	
2.1	LS reiterated the purpose of Forum meetings – including that: In the first instance, individual issues should be dealt with by CLOs or through correspondence / email. Observers are welcome to attend, but should not participate in the meeting.	Noted
2.2	Minutes were approved for EDT to post on website	Noted
2.3	Outstanding actions paper Circulated in advance of meeting	
NCF010512/7.3b	Schools Bridge Building SC confirmed new head teacher from Inverkeithing had attended presentation to local school principals.	Noted
NCF150812/9.2	Ferrytoll meeting LS confirmed meetings would be organised for autumn 2013 to brief local residents regarding the proposed works around Ferrytoll, prior to changes in the road use. Further briefings will be held in 2014 before the new roads are tied in.	Noted
3	John Sisk and Roadbridge (M9 Junction 1a Contract)	
3.1	Progress update and 3 month look ahead EB provided presentation of works progress with project overview and look ahead – including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pavement works (i.e. resurfacing M9 and Spur) should be complete early December - Landscaping will continue to end January/early February - Once paving works are complete, will finalise loop - Safety barrier on M9 to complete second week in Dec - M9 over bridge and existing bridge are near complete - Overton Rd re-opened October – works will complete in two weeks, following completion of Overton Bridge - Newmains Bridge – drainage works are complete, some barrier and snagging works 	Noted

	<p>remain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fencing – substantially complete, introduced as sections complete, 20 meters to complete this week - EB confirmed letter updates are being issued regularly, particularly to residents at Buie Rigg and Kirklands Park Grove. - SRB is continuing to engage with the local primary school, including helping paint school playground games and providing funding for an environmental project. - SRB hope to offer the Community Information Boards to the local Community Council. - Works are on schedule and will be largely complete before Christmas with contractor aiming to be off site by March 2013. <p>EB emphasised all quoted deadlines were provisional, e.g. subject to weather.</p> <p>LS confirmed M9 J1a scheme is likely to open in early February.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
3.2	<p>Traffic Management TM EB provided presentation of traffic management measures including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - M9 north bound is running normally - M9 south bound – hoping to reinstate first week in Dec - Temporary TM required for remaining pavement and painting works - Diversion in place this weekend as closing Spur for pavement works – diversion to J3 - Stirling Rd running under New Mains Bridge – hope to reinstate and remove temporary traffic lights by Christmas. 	<p>Noted</p>
4	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)	
4.1	<p>Progress update and 3 month look ahead EM provided presentation of works progress with project overview and look ahead including photos/progress on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - South tie-in works west of Dundas until New Year - Dundas Home Farm and Ferrymuir noise bunds - B800/South bound bus link – EM noted strategy to keep three lanes open when tie in to M9 spur takes place - Echline Corner – A904 west tie-in 	<p>Noted</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - South Queensferry gyratory – rock breaking to continue until Jan - South shore abutment excavation – near complete - South approach viaduct – trial coffer dam to check interaction with rock - Beamer Rock – rock anchors installed - North tower – excavations underway - St Margaret’s Hope – blasting complete - Ferrytoll embankment – various ground improvement works, to complete June/July 2013 - B981 realignment – CMC piling to strengthen ground - Winnyhill – blasting to complete Jan and structure over railway line is progressing <p>Q Query Re road cleaning in north works areas? A EM recognised concerns, but this is difficult – roads are as clean as can be achieved.</p> <p>Q Query re description of “visibility” required to check central towers? A EM confirmed that “visibility” referred to the need to check caisson fit with rock, and that this was usually undertaken at low tide.</p> <p>SC provided update of community activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations are ongoing – to date no group has been refused although a planned presentation to senior citizens was cancelled as they couldn’t agree a date. This should be rescheduled. - Presentations have been made at various local schools including school for deaf in Linlithgow. - Presentation made to local head teachers this was well attended - Painting competition organised – local schools contacted, prize award planned for March. More details in next project update newsletter - FCBC is planning an event for former Forth Road Bridge workers. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
4.2	<p>Traffic Management EM presentation covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On-going rock blasting (10pm Friday, fortnightly) at Winnyhill will continue to require a short nighttime rolling road block on A90 along with Castlandhill Road closure (1 hour) - U221 close tonight for 3 hours (between 8pm 	Noted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - and 6am) to allow water main to be capped - B800 will require TM/lane closures between 14 and 20 January (between 8pm and 6am) for water main works. 	
5	John Graham (Dromore) Ltd (Fife ITS)	
5.1	<p>Progress update and 3 month look ahead RD provided presentation of works progress with project overview and look ahead – including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last gantry installed - Testing and commissioning is taking place - Site demobilisation is being planned, including tidy up - No further local impacts are envisaged - Although project is near complete, community engagement will go on through the established hotline and email – RD confirmed he is still available if contact required. <p>RD thanked the local communities for their support and emphasised that the feedback will benefit future projects.</p>	Noted
NCF201112/5.1a	<p>Q BK asked for clarification re the standing water at Park Lea A RD emphasised that situation is being monitored and plan of action is being developed, but they will have to wait for right moment to rectify as soil is too saturated at present. RD to monitor and update BK.</p>	Grahams
NCF201112/5.1b	<p>BK thanked RD for his community liaison efforts which he described as “brilliant”. BK to provide quote on behalf of Rosyth Community Council for newsletter.</p>	Rosyth Community Council
5.2	<p>Traffic management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None discussed 	Noted
6	Update from Employers Delivery Team (EDT)	
6.1	<p>LS provided EDT update presentation including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scotland’s first house noted in archeological survey – attracted significant UK publicity 	Noted
6.2	<p>Contact & Education Centre LS confirmed finishing works are ongoing. Traffic Scotland is beginning fit out and phased entry. CEC part will open to public at beginning of Jan. LS confirmed CEC will start taking bookings for visits.</p> <p>Q How will CEC be advertised? A LS confirmed communities would be advised but</p>	Noted Noted

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	<p>January would be a “soft opening” and the CEC would be promoted more heavily as summer approaches.</p> <p>Q Will CEC stay after bridge is complete? A LS confirmed it would.</p>	Noted
6.3	<p>ITS managed motorway ITS video presentation was shown. LS confirmed delivery strategy for phase 1 (Fife) – including radio ads and leaflets – launch date 4th Dec, subject to weather. Phase 2 would involve the formal opening of M9J1a in early February and Phase 3 when scheme is complete.</p> <p>Q Re how learner drivers will cross bridge? A LS confirmed they must switch with the instructor before crossing the bridge and will not be able to use the Forth Road Bridge.</p> <p>Q Query if snow ploughs are allowed to cross the new bridge? A Yes, as they are maintenance vehicles.</p> <p>Q Query re how 50cc motorcycles will be differentiated – i.e. other motorcycles might also try to use FRB? A LS confirmed that if an issue it will have to be policed.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
6.4	<p>Bridge naming LS confirmed event for website launch and start of nominations will take place on 27th Nov. This will be publicised in media. Nominations will be open until the end of January and the shortlist from the advisory panel will be subject to a public vote.</p> <p>Q Will CEC be named? A LS confirmed this has still to be agreed.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
6.5	<p>CGI EM demonstrated virtual reality model and emphasised model is still to be completed. There are also plans to add photos and video on ongoing basis.</p>	Noted
7	Community Issues	
7.1	No topics for discussion were submitted	Noted
8	Next Community Forums (proposed)	
8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North Community Forum - 27 February 2013. Forum members agreed meeting will be held at CEC. 	Noted

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- M9 J1unction 1a Community Forum – tbc- South Community Forum – 6 March 2013.	
9	AoB	
9.1 NCF201112/9.1	Road surface CB highlighted concerns re condition of road surface between Ferrytoll and Treatment Works and requirement for patch repair work. EM to examine situation and contact CB (NQCC).	FCBC