



Forth Replacement Crossing Community Forum (North) Minutes

- Meeting location:** Contact and Education Centre, South Queensferry
- Meeting Date/Time:** 27 February 2013 – 7pm
- Subject:** Community Forum North
- Participants:**
- Community Representatives**
John McKenzie (Inverkeithing Community Council)
Bill King (Rosyth Community Council)
Wayne Morris (Inverkeithing Community Council)
 - Transport Scotland – Employers Delivery Team (EDT)**
Lawrence Shackman
Keavy O'Neill
Andrew Pope
Allan Buchan (c/o BIG Partnership)
 - Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)**
Ewen Macdonell
 - Apologies**
Juliet Sheriff (Inverkeithing Community Council)
Tony Rogers (Fife Police)

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		Action
1	Welcome and introductions	
1.1	<p>Meeting chaired by Lawrence Shackman. LS reiterated the purpose of Forum meetings – including that: In the first instance, day to day issues should be raised with the Community Liaison Officers or through correspondence / email.</p> <p>Observers are welcome to attend, but should not participate in the meeting.</p>	Noted
2	Review of minutes and outstanding actions North Community Forum 20 November 2012	
2.1	Minutes were approved for EDT to post on website	Noted
2.2	Outstanding actions paper Circulated in advance of meeting	
NCF201112/ 5.1a	<p>Park Lea – standing water LS confirmed Steven Brown of EDT had issued a letter re planned works. BK confirmed letter had been received that day. LS confirmed that the damaged plants and trees have been replanted and their progress will be monitored in the coming months.</p>	Noted
NCF201112/ 5.1a	<p>Quote re community liaison efforts BK confirmed he had supplied a supportive quote to RD following the last meeting.</p>	Noted
NCF201112/ 9.1	<p>Road surface between Ferrytoll and Treatment Works EM confirmed BEAR had undertaken some remedial works before Christmas as it is their responsibility, rather than FCBC, until work on building the junction begins.</p> <p>LS confirmed the EDT were also speaking to BEAR re this issue and EDT will remain vigilant.</p> <p>EM confirmed FCBC was dealing with a complaint re cleanliness of the road from a person having to clean their car frequently. FCBC is taking steps to keep mud off the road, but people also have to recognise that, particularly with winter maintenance measures (gritting), it is impossible to keep any road completely clean.</p> <p>EM added that FCBC works account for only a</p>	Noted

	percentage of the overall dirt on the road and Fife Police is generally happy with the cleanliness from a road safety perspective.	
3	Update from Employer's Delivery Team	
3.1	<p>Fife ITS Contract LS confirmed the contract was completed in December. Variable Speed Limits are operating every morning during peak hours to help manage traffic congestion and initial feedback is that the ITS is operating successfully. On average, 5 to 10 buses are using the bus lane each day.</p> <p>LS explained the system was proving effective in slowing traffic and that adaptations are being considered to further improve traffic flow – e.g. reducing the length over which lower speed limits are deployed in advance of congestion.</p> <p>Interest has been noted from infrastructure operators across the UK.</p>	Noted
NCF270313/ 3.1	<p>JM highlighted issue at new on/off ramp at Inverkeithing/ Rosyth – i.e. difficulty at night time in seeing road markings due to lack of lighting. LS said he was surprised as scheme has passed its Road Safety Audit, but he will highlight issue to the team. NB a follow-up audit is required after first year.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note: Prior to opening, a Road Safety Audit was undertaken by an independent road safety professional, that included a night-time inspection. Although no problems were identified in the audit we do acknowledge the issue raised at the forum and the team have investigated further and consider that the road signs and markings are in accordance with the design standards and the layout is what was audited. As this is an isolated report we do not intend any amendments at present, however we shall continue to monitor and act accordingly. Notwithstanding this the site team have decided to keep the “New Road Layout Ahead” signs in place for a further 3-months to reinforce the fact that new roadside infrastructure is in place on the network.</p>	EDT
3.2	<p>Contact & Education Centre (CEC) LS confirmed that this had been officially opened in January and approx 200 people attended the public and stakeholder meetings held on 30/31 January 2013.</p>	Noted

	<p>These briefings had provided a project update with a focus on plans for the South Queensferry Junction. Similar briefings will be held with a focus on Ferrytoll in September. The CEC will still be the focus for Community liaison with FCBC and EDT.</p> <p>LS also confirmed the CEC was available to take group bookings for visits which would be tailored to suit the group.</p> <p>LS highlighted open days for the public are planned for Fri 5 and Sat 6 April and, provisionally, Fri 19 and Sat 20 April between 10am and 4pm.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note: The date for the third and fourth open days have now been confirmed as Fri 26 and Sat 27 April.</p>	
3.3	<p>Name the Bridge LS confirmed the nomination stage closed on 31 January and the naming panel will now consider the submissions in drawing up a shortlist with the final name likely to be announced this summer.</p>	Noted
4	John Sisk and Roadbridge (M9 Junction 1a Contract)	
4.1	<p>Progress update and look ahead LS confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The upgraded junction including ITS was formally opened on 1 February. Since opening the ITS has been active during morning peak hours. - There are some small snagging and fencing works to be undertaken and the compound area reinstated. - Landscaping and tree planting (over 65,000 trees) is ongoing and should be complete by the end of March. 	
5	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)	
5.1	<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"> - Southbound bus way - works are ongoing - U221 – diversion planned during spring i.e. will be realigned and tied into A904 to facilitate earthmoving works for the bridge approach roads. 	Noted

<p>NCF270313/ 5.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noise bunds and embankment at Dundas Home Farm – works progressing - Queensferry Junction - structure works will start soon and continue through to Christmas - Launch area – described process to slide steel into place for viaduct - Pier S6 – work on reinforced concrete base will start in a few weeks - Jet grouting – will move from north to south tower - Beamer Rock – will be exposed to allow concrete works, centre tower will start to appear from the summer - North tower – start to excavate and expose rock from Monday - Pier N1 – plan to seal bottom to start foundations - Pier N2 – further concrete pouring works ongoing - Winnyhill – last blast to take place this week (Friday) - Railway tunnel – 20 beams arriving next week as part of works to extend tunnel - Castlandhill Road re-alignment – excavation begun this week. EM confirmed this may be brought forward in the programme and he will advise if this is confirmed - Railway bridge over closed branch line to Rosyth – works ongoing - Ferrytoll embankment – CMC piling to strengthen soil plus rock coming from Winnyhill and spent oil shale coming from Winchburgh Bing ongoing. 	<p>FCBC</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>5.2</p>	<p>Traffic management (TM) EM confirmed TM will be required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for final blast at Winnyhill on Friday - when U221 is closed for utility diversions in mid-March and surfacing works at end of April. EM emphasised plans are still being finalised and he will clarify dates when confirmed. 	<p>Noted</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Community issues</p>	
<p>6.1</p>	<p>No topics for discussion were submitted</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Next Community Forums (proposed)</p>	
<p>7.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North Community Forum – Wednesday 22 May 	<p>Noted</p>

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	2013. Meeting to be held at CEC. - South Community Forum – Wednesday 29 May 2013.	
8	AoB	
8.1	Notice board Vandalism of notice board at Fraser Avenue, Inverkeithing was discussed. EM suggested FCBC has one more effort at repairing and if vandalised again they would remove the notice board. WM agreed.	Noted
NCF270313/ 8.1b	WM to arrange for ICC to advise local residents that if board is vandalised again it will be removed.	ICC
8.2	Viewing platform AP confirmed that if WM or any community representative wished to visit the viewing platform at FCBC/EDT offices, they would be very welcome to arrange an appointment.	Noted