



## Meeting Notes

### Environmental Liaison Group Meeting No. 35



06 September 2016, 10:00 to 11:00

### Principal Contract Project Office, Rosyth

#### Attendees:

Elizabeth Morrison      Employer's Delivery Team (EDT) – Chair  
 Maggie Paterson        EDT  
 Steven Westwater        Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)  
 Michael Richardson      FCBC

#### Apologies for Absence:

Colin Goodsir            FCBC  
 Niall Corbet             Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)  
 Jim Robb                 Fife Council (FC)  
 Kenny Bisset            FC  
 Shauna Clarke          City of Edinburgh Council (CEC)

Item	Subject	Description	Action
1	<b>Introductions and apologies</b>	EDT provided a welcome and apologies.	
2	<b>Actions from previous meeting (ELG 34)</b>	<p>EDT advised that the minutes from ELG meeting 34 have been uploaded to the website.</p> <p>EDT confirmed progress regarding actions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EDT to provide SNH with a plan of the completed fence alignment adjacent to the B981, including the otter fence, which define the future SSSI boundary and inform de-notification of peripheral areas and the SUDS detention basin.</li> <li>• EDT has issued an Instruction to FCBC to excavate channels at St. Margaret's Marsh within the tracks between the sea wall sluices and internal sluices. These works will be undertaken in autumn 2016.</li> <li>• Following meeting 08/08/15 with Scottish Badgers, provision of badger fencing requirements at B800 area remains in progress.</li> <li>• Hydro-demolition works at pier S3 have been completed with no issues.</li> </ul>	<p>Note</p> <p>ongoing EDT</p> <p>ongoing EDT/FCBC</p> <p>ongoing EDT/FCBC</p>
3	<b>General</b>		
3a	<b>Project update</b>	EDT confirmed that seeding all available areas is ongoing and maintenance of plant beds resumed in August 2016.	
3b	<b>Review/approval of environmental information for publication on website</b>	Air Quality Monitoring Reports from May to July 2016 inclusive have been uploaded to the project website. Review of the August 2016 report by EDT will commence shortly.	EDT
3c	<b>Complaints/issues arising</b>	<p>Since the last ELG, in June 2016, there have been a number of queries and complaints as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dust from construction activities</li> <li>• grass-cutting in Echline Fields</li> <li>• reinstatement of utility areas in Echline Field</li> <li>• fly-tipping (not project related)</li> <li>• wildflower seeding</li> <li>• weeding behind temporary screen</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• crocuses dug up by contractor</li> <li>• insufficient crocuses planted</li> <li>• gantry visible from Clufflat</li> <li>• rubbish blowing off site</li> <li>• large stones within grassed area at B800</li> <li>• deer in gardens</li> <li>• cement on caravan.</li> </ul> <p>All issues raised have been responded to or addressed by FCBC.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Principal Contract (FCBC)</b>		
<b>4a</b>	<b>Programme June 2016 – Aug 2016</b>		
	i) Land (north):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• King Malcolm Drive, Castlandhill Road and Castlandhill House access realignments completed.</li> <li>• North SUDs basin completed.</li> <li>• Breaking rock and earthworks, kerbing and surfacing works at southbound slip to Ferrytoll gyratory, and Hope Street/Ferrytoll Park &amp; Ride realignments ongoing.</li> <li>• Crushing and stockpiling concrete from former overbridges at Ferrytoll gyratory completed.</li> <li>• Road formation works from north abutment to Ferrytoll gyratory ongoing.</li> </ul>	
	ii) Land (south)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surfacing and white lining works on mainline from south tie-in to South Abutment ongoing.</li> <li>• Earthworks at east and west SUDs basins ongoing.</li> <li>• Installation of noise barrier adjacent to Linn Mill commenced.</li> <li>• Soiling and seeding works adjacent to mainline ongoing.</li> <li>• Installation of noise barrier at Dundas completed.</li> <li>• Drainage works at B800 adjacent to NHS ongoing.</li> <li>• Road surfacing works and utility diversions at B800 widening adjacent to Tesco car park ongoing.</li> <li>• Installation of lining at Ferrymuir SUDs basin completed.</li> <li>• Northbound public transport link completed.</li> <li>• Fabrication, delivery and installation of gantries ongoing.</li> </ul>	
	iii) Marine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of stay cables and erection of deck sections ongoing at all towers. Ninety-one deck sections have been installed to date and 19 more are required to complete the bridge deck.</li> </ul>	
	iv) Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site-wide environmental monitoring ongoing for noise and vibration, air quality and groundwater.</li> <li>• [redacted – confidential protected species information].</li> <li>• Monitoring of silt mitigation measures for site runoff ongoing.</li> <li>• Estuarine bird surveys by EDT ongoing.</li> <li>• Treatment of Japanese knotweed and Giant Hogweed ongoing.</li> </ul>	
<b>4b</b>	<b>Outline proposals Sept – Nov 2016</b>	All ongoing items detailed in 4a to be progressed.	
<b>4c</b>	<b>Consultation requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FCBC to consult with Marine Scotland and SNH for removal of the causeway at Port Edgar Barracks and the dredging and scour protection works at piers S1 to S6, pier N2 and the three towers.</li> </ul>	FCBC / Marine Scotland/SNH
<b>5</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	No items to report.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Next meeting and venue</b>	The next meeting is scheduled for 06/12/2016 at 10.00hrs.	All