



Meeting Notes

Environmental Liaison Group Meeting No. 26



5 August 2014, 10:00 to 12:00

Principal Contract Project Office, Rosyth

Attendees:

Maggie Paterson	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT) - Chair
Jon Moore	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Liam Soden	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Stuart Swainson	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)

Apologies for Absence:

Steven Brown	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Elizabeth Morrison	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Niall Corbet	Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)
Rod McCullagh	Historic Scotland (HS)

Item	Subject	Description	Action
1	Introductions and apologies	EDT provided an introduction and apologies.	
2	Actions from previous meeting (ELG 25)	<p>EDT advised that the draft minutes from ELG meeting 25 had been amended to reduce the technical detail of construction activities. The finalised minutes have been uploaded to the website.</p> <p>EDT confirmed progress regarding actions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Headland's Archaeological Watching Brief 2012 report to be updated by FCBC to incorporate removal of the entrance wall at St. Margaret's Hope Lodge. FCBC are awaiting LBC from Fife Council to remove remaining section of the wall. Materials Management Plan has been updated. Updates to the remaining Sustainability Management Plan subsidiary plans by FCBC are in progress, following EDT comments in April 2014. FCBC submitted final drawings for the design of sluice gates at St. Margaret's Marsh which were approved by SNH 09/07/14. FCBC confirmed that anecdotal evidence of marine mammal and other ecological activity in vicinity of marine foundation works and throughout the site will be included in FCBC's ecological reports. Following SEPA's inspection of floating matter in the estuary at pier S4 on 30/04/2014, SEPA confirmed that the floating matter was not associated with the project and was an algal bloom originating upstream of the works. EDT's review of Sustainability Reports for M9 Junction 1a and Fife ITS is ongoing. 	<p>Note</p> <p>FCBC</p> <p>FCBC</p> <p>Note</p> <p>FCBC</p> <p>Note</p> <p>EDT</p>
3	General		
3a	Project update	<p>Installation of noise barrier and planting on noise bund at east Dundas completed.</p> <p>Seeding undertaken beside the U221 early July 2014.</p>	<p>Note</p> <p>Note</p>

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		<p>Following approval by SNH of FCBC's design for sluice gates at St. Margaret's Marsh, FCBC confirmed that installation is likely to be commenced September 2014.</p> <p>Roof repairs at St. Margaret's Hope Lodge were completed late July 2014.</p> <p>Completion of Estuarine bird survey quarterly report QR12 (March to May 2014) is imminent and will be issued to SNH and FCBC when completed.</p>	<p>FCBC</p> <p>Note</p> <p>EDT</p>
3b	Review/approval of environmental information for publication on website	<p>Updates to all Environmental Management Plan subsidiary plans were submitted by FCBC by the end of July 2014 and are currently under review by EDT, prior to finalisation and uploading to the website.</p> <p>Air Quality Monitoring Reports for April and May 2014 have been uploaded to the project website. FCBC addressed CEC's comments on the Air Quality Monitoring Report June 2014 and submitted to EDT for final review, prior to being uploaded to the project website.</p> <p>FCBC are currently preparing Air Quality Monitoring Report for July 2014.</p>	<p>FCBC/EDT</p> <p>Note</p> <p>FCBC</p>
3c	Complaints/issues arising	<p>Complaints and other issues recorded in this period have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirt in driveway at Echline Farm Cottages while FCBC's footpath sweeper was broken. Sweeper subsequently repaired and fully operational. • Request to have Beamer Lighthouse relocated in Rosyth. EDT has written to North Queensferry Heritage Trust and awaiting a response. • Request from resident of Echline for groundwater monitoring data from adjacent boreholes. Data has been provided by FCBC. • Complaints regarding night-time noise and delivery lorries have been addressed by the Noise Liaison Group and Traffic Management Working Group. 	Note all
4	Principal Contract (FCBC)		
4a	Programme June – July 2014		
	i) Land (north)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of Ferrytoll Road/King Malcolm Drive realignment ongoing. • Construction of Ferrytoll gyratory overbridges and Ferrytoll viaduct ongoing. • Road and footpath construction works at B981 ongoing and verges seeded. • Roof repairs at St. Margaret's Lodge completed. • Concrete finishing works at North Abutment and earthworks at north launch ongoing. 	
	ii) Land (south)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of Queensferry Crossing deck progressed to pier S6 on the south shore. • Painting and welding works at southern launch steelwork assembly area ongoing. • Road and footpath construction works at A904 ongoing. • Excavation and rock breaking at west Dundas/Echline. • Painting and waterproofing at Queensferry gyratory overbridges ongoing. • Construction of embankments and road formation from Dundas to Queensferry gyratory ongoing. • Construction of abutments and piers at B800 overbridge (ESQ04) ongoing. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation works at gantries in vicinity of Scotstoun and M9 spur ongoing. 	
	iii) Marine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North and South towers approaching deck height and Central Tower now well above deck height • Piling works at S2 completed. This concludes all piling works. • Foundation works ongoing at piers N1, S1, S2 and S3 and completed at S4. • Pier lifts completed at S5. 	
	iv) Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site-wide environmental monitoring ongoing for noise and vibration, air quality, met data and groundwater. • Monitoring of silt mitigation measures for site runoff ongoing. • Water quality monitoring at Linn Mill Burn ongoing. • MMO and PAM monitoring around works at S2 completed; no cetaceans observed. • [Redacted – protected species information]. • Estuarine bird surveys ongoing by EDT. • Treatment of invasive species ongoing. • Monitoring of tern activity ongoing. • Appendix R process ongoing for design changes or changes in construction. 	
4b	<i>Outline proposals Aug-Sept 2014</i>	All ongoing items detailed in 4a to be progressed.	Note
4c	<i>Consultation requirements</i>	None	
5	<i>Any other business</i>	None	
6	<i>Next meeting and venue</i>	The next meeting is scheduled for 07/10/2014 at 10.00hrs in the Principal Contract Project Office, Rosyth.	All