



Meeting Notes

Environmental Liaison Group Meeting No. 8



28 February 2012, 10:00 to 12:00

Principal Contract Project Office, Rosyth

Attendees:

Elizabeth Morrison	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT) - Chair
Steven Brown	FRC Employer's Delivery Team EDT)
Maggie Paterson	FRC Employer's Delivery Team EDT)
Rebecca Spalton	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Rebecca McClenaghan	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Carolyn Clark	Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)
Rod McCullagh	Historic Scotland (HS)
Gavin Martin	City of Edinburgh Council (CEC)
Brian Carmichael	West Lothian Council (WLC)
Neil Abraham	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Steven Cox	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Zoe Miller	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Richard Docherty	John Graham (JG)
Kirsty Strannigan	John Graham (JG)
Rory McFadden	John Graham (JG)
Roland Tarrant	Sisk Roadbridge (SRB)
Barry O'Riorden	Sisk Roadbridge (SRB)

Apologies for Absence:

Niall Corbet	Scottish Natural Heritage
Colin Megginson	Marine Scotland
Chris Gall	Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
Douglas Mayne	Fife Council

Item	Subject	Description	Action
1	Introductions and apologies	All parties introduced themselves.	
2	Minutes of previous meeting(s)	EDT confirmed that the minutes from ELG meeting 6 are now available on the website and no comments were received on the draft minutes from ELG meeting 7. Minor typos are to be amended on the draft minutes from ELG meeting 7.	
3	Actions from previous meeting (ELG 6)	EDT confirmed that the following actions remain outstanding or ongoing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EDT estuarine bird surveys are on-going – the second quarterly report to be issued to FCBC and SNH in March. FCBC to meet with CEC to discuss air quality monitoring (rescheduled to immediately following ELG meeting 8). 	EDT FCBC/CEC
4	General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project update 	Advance planting has commenced at Castlandhill.	
	General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review/approval of environmental 	Environmental Management Plans (EMP) are to be updated periodically as required. If significant updates are made, the relevant section of the EMP will be provided to the statutory	

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	information for publication on website	<p>consultees for review prior to publication.</p> <p>Dust monitoring results have been published on the website. WLC and CEC requested to see air quality monitoring results prior to publication on website.</p>	FCBC
	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complaints /issues arising 	<p>The following queries and concerns were received during February:</p> <p><u>Fife ITS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents at Parklea were concerned that the site clearance of existing vegetation exceeded the length of the proposed visual barrier. The barrier is to be extended to address this concern. 	EDT
5	<p>Principal Contract (FCBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme and outline proposals 	<p><i>Land</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All trees requiring soft felling under licence were removed prior to the bat licence expiry at the end of January. Planting at Castlandhill has commenced. Advance planting at Castlandhill and Echline to be completed by the end of March. Site clearance and earthworks are ongoing at Whinny Hill, Castlandhill and Echline. EDT requested that FCBC provide EDT with the Archaeological Clerk of Works sign-off for the top soil strip at Castlandhill. Site clearance of vegetation to be completed by the end of March. Environmental monitoring ongoing, including noise, air quality, met data, groundwater and ground gas. Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) visits ongoing. Land-based ground investigation ongoing, due to be completed during March. South Shore Access construction ongoing. CAR licence for the abstraction of water at South Queensferry Cutting (permanent works) was approved by SEPA. Excavation of the South Queensferry Cutting to commence in March. Blasting at N2, northern abutment and Whinny Hill to be undertaken in March/April, with blasting at N2 and the northern abutment completed before 01/05/12. <p><i>Marine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blasting at Beamer Rock completed. Excavation of Beamer Rock has commenced and is due to be completed in late March. Excavated rock used for road construction at Castlandhill. Noise monitoring of the milling trial at Beamer Rock was undertaken 30/01/12 and results approved by SNH and EDT, with all milling/excavation works on Beamer Rock approved. Appendix R process for marine foundations ongoing. Dredging works to commence 05/03/12 as a 24 hour / 6 days per week operation. Foundations for Central Tower to commence late March. Shipment of caissons for marine foundations to commence late April. Cofferdam Trial Pit between S4 and S5 scheduled to be undertaken between April and June. 	FCBC

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	Principal Contract (FCBC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation requirements 	<i>Marine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation regarding dredging is complete. • Consultation ongoing with Marine Scotland and Forth Ports regarding individual elements of work required in the estuary. 	FCBC
	Principal Contract (FCBC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMP 	EMP currently being updated.	FCBC
6	Fife ITS (JG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme and outline proposals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site clearance completed. • Earthworks completed at Gantry 02F, and ongoing elsewhere. • Drainage works ongoing. • Ducting works ongoing. • Piling works ongoing. • Concrete works were commenced 28/02/12 and are ongoing. • Visual barrier was erected at G02F and to be extended as instructed by EDT. • Planting will commence at G02F and G19F week beginning 05/03/12 and to be completed by end March. EDT requested to be kept informed regarding plant delivery requirements. • Road surfacing will begin in April/May. • Erection of gantries will begin in April/May. • Dust monitoring ongoing. • Noise and vibration monitoring ongoing. • Groundwater monitoring as part of the mine consolidation works at G18 and G20 is ongoing. • ECoW visits ongoing. 	
	Fife ITS (JG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation requirements 	None required at present.	
	Fife ITS (JG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated EMP was submitted to EDT 28/02/12. • Materials Handling and Management Plan submitted. • Materials Register submitted. 	
7	M9 J1A (SRB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme and outline proposals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site clearance and tree felling ongoing within and adjacent to the loop. The Arboriculturalist and Landscape Clerk of Works undertook a site walkover to agree the extent of site clearance required due to storm damaged trees. • Topsoil strip ongoing. • Earthworks and piling undertaken at G13-16. Layby construction and ducting installation ongoing at gantries G13-16. • Gantry structures G13-16 to be erected early March. • Piling was undertaken at G03J. • Temporary sheet piling undertaken at Newmains and Overton bridge. • Removal of Overton bridge south wingwalls commenced. • Earthworks and drainage ongoing at the M9 westbound slip road. • Electrofishing and over-pumping at Niddry Burn was undertaken. • Niddry tributary north extension of culvert to be undertaken. • Swine Burn culvert extension commenced. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversion and deactivation of existing services ongoing. • Fortnightly dust monitoring ongoing. • Surface water monitoring on-going. Sampling undertaken 21/02/12 showed no impact to the water courses. • Noise and vibration monitoring ongoing. • Topsoiling embankments, cuttings and verges in preparation for seeding, as advised by Landscape Clerk of Works to be undertaken. • Construction of attenuation ponds and drainage works across site to recommence. 	
	M9 J1A (SRB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation requirements 	Awaiting response from SEPA regarding consultation certificate for compensatory storage. [Post meeting note: signed certificate received at end of February]. Consultation ongoing with Kirkliston Community Forum and Gateside Residents Group.	
	M9 J1A (SRB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMP 	An update to the EMP is to be provided. SRB advised there have been three occurrences of fly-tipping of asbestos sheeting on site. CEC and the police have been informed. SRB also advised to report problem to SEPA.	SRB SRB
8	Any other business	None	
9	Next meeting and venue	The next meeting will be held 03/04/12 at 10.00hrs in Principal Contract Project Office, Rosyth.	All