



Forth Replacement Crossing Community Council Forum (North) Minutes

Meeting Location: FRC Contact & Education Centre, South Queensferry

Meeting Date/Time: 20 August 2014 – 7pm

Subject: North Community Forum

Participants:

Community Representatives

Lin Collis (North Queensferry Community Council)

Bill King (Rosyth Community Council)

Wayne Morris (Inverkeithing Community Council)

Transport Scotland – Employers Delivery Team

Lawrence Shackman (Chair and Project Manager)

Alan Shirley (Head of Policy, Governance and Stakeholder Liaison)

William Hamilton (Policy Manager)

Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors

Ewen Macdonell (Community Liaison Officer)

Katrina Bruce (Assistant Community Liaison Officer)

Apologies

Graham Porteous (Head of Special Projects,
Transport Scotland)

		Action
1	Welcome and introductions	
1.1	Meeting chaired by Lawrence Shackman.	Noted
2	Review of minutes and outstanding actions North Community Forum 19 February 2014	
2.1	Minutes were approved for EDT to post final version on the website.	Noted
2.2	Outstanding actions paper Circulated in advance of meeting	
NCF210514/ 2.1	Review of Minutes from 19 February 2014 Following LC highlighting the wrong spelling of her surname in the minutes, this was amended.	Noted
NCF210514/ 2.2	Outstanding Actions Paper – Parklea Embankment LS and members of the EDT checked the landscape maintenance in the woodland planting area opposite Parklea on the 3 June 2014 and noted:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In general, the woodland planting, which was planted two years ago, is growing well and is already beginning to screen the timber fence; • Two further extra heavy trees had died. Transport Scotland's Contractor/Operating Company would be requested to remove these trees as soon as possible; • Ring spraying with herbicide to kill grass around each plant and along perimeter fence was evident and has been successful; • The remaining grass, which mainly comprises fine grasses and few weeds is approximately 300mm high and is considered to be appropriate in appearance to the planted area. However, the Contractor/Operating company will be requested to cut the grass area at the foot of the embankment, beside the green chain-link fence as soon as possible; • It was noted that there were a number of clumps of thistles in the grass area at the foot of the embankment and beside the green chain-link fence to the south of the gantry access steps. This is not acceptable and these weeds required to be eliminated by cutting and spraying. The Contractor/Operating Company would be requested to undertake these works as soon as possible. • No litter was observed, but the contractor/Operating Company have been reminded that litter collection must extend beyond the timber fence to include the woodland planting area. 	Noted

	BK confirmed that the contractor/operating company carried out the above works on the 9 June 2014 and the area was a lot better for carrying this out. BK also highlighted that after the recent strong winds, a couple of additional trees had been knocked down.	Noted
NCF210514/ 6.2	<p>Any Other Community Business – Overnight lighting of the Contact and Education Centre</p> <p>LS informed members that the Building Operator for the Contact and Education Centre have confirmed that there are two installations for the building that control the decorative and security lighting that encompasses the street lighting.</p> <p>Decorative lighting is switched on at 5am and switched off at 11pm. This is the same timing as for the security lighting and both lights will be on daily depending on the light conditions.</p> <p>LC confirmed that that the lighting was indeed going off at 11pm.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
3	Update from Employer's Delivery Team	
3.1	<p>Ministerial Site Visit – 06 August 2014</p> <p>Keith Brown MSP, Minister for Transport and Veterans was once again visited the FRC project on the 06 August to mark the milestone for all three towers of the Queensferry Crossing reaching deck level and re-emphasise that the project remains on schedule and under budget. The Minister visited the North Abutment area for the Queensferry Crossing.</p> <p>Media were also invited on the day with positive articles appearing on the BBC News site, Forth FM news bulletin as well as publications such as the Herald, Evening News and Daily Express to name a few.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
3.2	<p>Community Forum Site Visits – 16 and 18 August 2014</p> <p>The two site visits for Community Forum Members to attend on the 16th and 18th August were attended by a total of 11 people. Four people attend the Saturday site visit including Wayne Morris, and seven people on the Monday that included Bill King.</p> <p>Another similar site visit will be organised for next year, and it is hoped as many members as possible would be able to attend.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

3.3	<p><u>Ferrytoll Information Sessions</u></p> <p>At the previous community forum held on the 21 May, members were informed that a number of information sessions would take place over the first two weeks of August to coincide with the development of the works around Ferrytoll. To ensure that the information sessions are accurate and informative, we have rescheduled these to take place week commencing 29 September 2014 over a two week period.</p> <p>The dates and locations selected are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact and Education Centre, Tuesday 30 September, 3pm to 8pm; • North Queensferry Primary School, Thursday 2 October, 3.30pm to 8pm; • Parkgate Community Centre – Rosyth, Tuesday 7 October, 3pm to 8pm; • Inverkeithing Civic Centre, Thursday 9 October, 3pm to 8pm; and • Contact and Education Centre, Saturday 4 & 11 October 10am to 4pm. • More sessions can be organised if required. <p>The purpose of these sessions is to provide a drop-in facility for the public, informing them of the temporary traffic management phasing required to construct the redesigned Ferrytoll Junction and associated roads. Leaflets providing details on the scope of works scheduled will be made available along with staff to answer any specific questions. We will also be encouraging members of the public to sign up for email alerts which will provide information on the current status of works in the area.</p> <p>Clear signage (yellow signs) will also be used to advise of the works in a similar fashion as used recently on Ferrytoll Road and King Malcolm Drive.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
3.4	<p>Engaging with Communities – Construction refresh</p> <p>The revised version of the ‘Engaging with Communities’ booklet has now been completed and published. As well as the electronic version being available on our website, hardcopies are available from the Contact and Education Centre.</p> <p>We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for taking time to look at earlier versions and provide your feedback.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

3.5	<p>Contact and Education Centre Update AS provided a short update regarding the CEC Outreach and Education programme.</p> <p><u>FRC Project Exhibition Visitors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013 – 2,400 visitors, average 160 per day • 2014 – 4,575 visitors to date, average 158 per day <p><u>FRC Talks and Presentations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013 – 3,600 attendees by 120 groups • 2014 – 3,500 attendees to date by 125 groups <p>AS confirmed that attendees to the FRC Presentation Series were recorded with the figures for the FRC Talks and Presentations.</p> <p><u>FRC Schools Education Programme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013/14 – 3,618 school pupils over 144 school visits • 2014/15 – Advertised and visits about to commence <p>AS also mentioned the success of the recent free Family Day that included bridge walks with engineers and proved to be popular.</p>	Noted
4	Update on Forth Bridge Operating Company (FBOC)	
4.1	<p>LS provided a short update supplied by GP in his absence.</p> <p>Arrangements for the Forth Bridges Operating Company (FBOC) Contract remain on schedule. The Contract is due to be awarded in December 2014, with the successful Operating Company due to commence service delivery in June 2015.</p> <p>Forth Bridges Forum Representatives will update Community Groups on aspects of its work at an evening meeting on <u>Wednesday 10th September</u> between 7-9 pm in the Community Hall, Inverkeithing. The event is being organised by Fife Council and Network Rail. The Forth Bridge World Heritage Site Nomination and Network Rail's proposals for a "Forth Bridge Experience" will be discussed.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note:</u> Following confusion over the location for the 10 September 2014 meeting, colleagues have now confirmed that the meeting will take place in the North Queensferry Community Hall.</p> <p>The Forth Bridges Forum and its sub-group, the Forth Bridge World Heritage Nomination Steering Group has commissioned a Traffic Impact Assessment to assess the</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>estimated impact North and South of the Estuary of proposals for Forth Bridge World Heritage Status, and a “Forth Bridge Experience” on the capacity of the trunk road and local road network. The impact on other infrastructure and facilities in the area will also be considered.</p> <p>The next Forth Bridges Forum meeting will take place on 27th August. Issues to be discussed at the Forum will include those same topics being discussed at the Fife Council/Network Rail meeting mentioned earlier (World Heritage Nomination and Forth Bridge Experience).</p> <p>Further information about the FBOC Contract, the Forum and its subgroups can be found via the Forum’s website or via Transport Scotland’s website. Minutes of Forum meetings are also published on the Transport Scotland website.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note: Forth Bridges Forum website can be found at http://www.forth-bridges.co.uk/ or via Transport Scotland’s website http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/bridges/forth-bridges-special-project, or you can contact Transport Scotland on 0141 272 7290.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
5	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)	
5.1	<p>EM provided a slide presentation to forum members that included photos of the work currently on-going, progressing from south to north:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earthmoving opposite Dundas Home Farm well advanced. • Earthworks for Southbound bus link substantially complete. The southbound bus link is due to be surfaced summer 2015 and will be used in the switching of traffic to construct the tie-in of the M90 to A90 in 2016. • Service protection works are on-going and early works for the B800 replacement bridge are progressing well, the north abutment being substantially complete and south abutment works well advanced. • Traffic switching to the replacement B800 bridge due in late spring 2015. • Earthmoving well advanced between Dundas and Echline. Roadwork’s including drainage, sub-base, kerbing and blacktop will be progressed in 2015. • Surfacing works are well advanced on Queensferry Junction bridges. Traffic switch to the new Queensferry Gyratory (westbound leg over the southern bridge, 	Noted

	<p>running in both directions) is targeted for w/c 8th September 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach Viaduct South pier construction is on-going ahead of the launching activity. Seven launches have been carried out to date from the south abutment. • More than half the steelwork in the Approach Viaduct South has been launched. • Foundation works are on-going on piers S3 and S2. • South, Central and North Towers are now at deck level. • The second delivery of steel main deck sections arrived from Shanghai on Wednesday 13th August 2014. • On the North side, the Approach Viaduct North launch area work is complete; the B981 realignment is now 'blacktopped' with final surfacing to follow. Switching of traffic to this road is now targeted for late September 2014. Temporary traffic lights are now in place to construct the tie-in to the existing B981 one half at a time. • Major works, to last 10 months, will start on 1st September 2014 on Hope Street in Inverkeithing commencing with narrowing of lanes leading up to the park and ride roundabout (and reduction to one lane in each direction) followed by the reconstruction of Hope Street approaching the roundabout. This will also necessitate closing Hope Street to traffic over two weekends in the October school holidays and overnight between these weekends when traffic is lighter. Alternative route via Admiralty Junction/A90. • Public information sessions re the phasing of the Ferrytoll works will be held commencing end of September and into the first two weeks in October (see website for details) • Works are continuing at the King Malcolm Drive/Ferry Toll Road junction. Ferry Toll Road has been widened and has re-opened to traffic. The King Malcolm Drive/Ferry Toll Road works will be continuous into the early part of 2015. • Ground improvement works are now commencing in the vicinity of the old A90 northbound merge and, once these are completed, the new northbound merge construction will proceed in that area. In due course the temporary northbound slip road near Dunfermline Wynd will be removed and a temporary link will be introduced from the realigned Castlandhill Road. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site clearance works have been completed in the vicinity of Hillwood Terrace adjacent to the A90 northbound carriageway and towards the end of 2014 earthworks will follow in preparation for the realignment of the existing A90 northbound carriageway and addition of a hard shoulder to form what will become the M90. • Two proposed ITS gantries on and near the Admiralty northbound slip road have been piled. Foundation works to follow in October 2014. • Information will also be posted on the FRC section of the Transport Scotland website as part of the 'Weekly Traffic Management Update' that is updated at the end of each week: http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/information-road-users. <p>LC enquired if it would be possible for the temporary traffic lights on the B981 to be switched off over the two weekends of the FRB Festival as traffic queues would increase. LC also highlighted that for the festivities to celebrate the centenary of the Forth Bridge, North Queensferry had been closed off to visitor vehicles and enquired if this would happen for the Forth Road Bridge festivities? EM advised he would look into possible solutions for the first part of this enquiry while the second part would be a question for Fife Council and the Police to consider.</p>	FCBC
6	Community issues	
6.1	<p>LC highlighted the concern of a North Queensferry resident regarding the need for two sets of traffic lights to access the Ferrytoll roundabout on completion of the project as he considered that it would cause unnecessary delays to a person's journey.</p> <p>LS stated that the traffic lights would be optimised to allow, as far as possible, the free movement of traffic. The traffic light system is necessary for the safe operation of the junctions including pedestrian and cyclist movements. It would also help ensure that traffic from the B981 onto King Malcolm Drive would have guaranteed access in busy periods; particularly should any future development of the Rosyth Docks area occur.</p> <p>LS also stated that when the new B981/King Malcolm Drive/Ferry Toll road Junction first opens, it is likely be as a temporary mini roundabout until later in the project.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

6.2	<p>LC enquired if, for the FRC Presentation Series that takes place on the last Friday of each month, it would be possible to receive 12 posters to circulate around North Queensferry.</p> <p>AS confirmed there would be no problem supplying these and if any other members required the same, to let us know.</p>	Noted
7	Any Other Business	
7.1	No additional topics were brought forward for discussion.	
8	Next Community Forums (proposed)	
8.1	<p>North Community Forum – Wednesday 12 November 2014 at the Contact and Education Centre.</p> <p>South Community Forum – Wednesday 19 November 2014 at Contact and Education Centre.</p>	Noted