



## **Forth Replacement Crossing North Community Forum Minutes**

**Meeting Location:** FRC Contact & Education Centre, South Queensferry

**Meeting Date/Time:** 17 February 2016 – 7 pm

**Subject:** North Community Forum

**Participants:**

**Community Representatives**

**Bill King** (Rosyth Community Council)

**Jim George** (North Queensferry Community Council)

**Wayne Morris** (Inverkeithing Community Council)

**Transport Scotland – Employers Delivery Team**

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

**Raymond Kirk** (Governance and Stakeholder Liaison Outreach and Education - Secretariat)

**Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors**

**Katrina Bruce** (FCBC - Community Liaison Officer)

**Apologies**

**Lawrence Shackman** (FRC Project Manager)

**Ewen Macdonell** (FCBC - Community Liaison Manager)

**Lin Collis** (North Queensferry Community Council)

		Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	<p>Meeting Chaired by Alan Shirley.</p> <p>Alan Shirley welcomed all to the Community Forum and noted that Jim George was attending as a substitute for Lin Collis who was still absent due to ill health. The Forum again send their best wishes to Lin for a speedy recovery.</p>	Noted
<b>2</b>	<b>Review of Minutes and Outstanding Actions from the North Community Forum - 18 November 2015</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	Minutes were approved for the Employer's Delivery Team to post the final version onto Transport Scotland website.	Noted
<b>2.2</b>	<p><b>Outstanding actions paper</b></p> <p>One outstanding action from the previous minutes (5.1)</p> <p><b>King Malcolm Drive</b> – Traffic now switched to westbound carriageway. In response to concerns raised about the timings built into the traffic light system, FCBC will pursue better phasing options.</p> <p>Item will be picked up by FCBC later in the Agenda.</p>	Noted
<b>3</b>	<b>Update from Employer's Delivery Team</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<p>Alan Shirley provided an update on EDT activities over the last 3 months together with upcoming events, noting the following:</p> <p><b>Forth Road Bridge Closure</b></p> <p>During the closure in December 2015, FCBC worked closely with the Forth Road Bridge team to support works to repair the Bridge. This included use of marine plant and equipment to deliver plant, welfare facilities, scaffolding, fuel and materials to the base of the Forth Road Bridge North Tower.</p> <p>In addition, and as a result of the closure of the bridge and approach roads, FCBC were able to undertake significant works on 'online' sections without the need for additional traffic management and lane closures, which would normally have been required to undertake works of this kind.</p>	Noted

3.2	<p><b>Revised Project Budget Costs</b></p> <p>Project remains on time, expected to open to traffic by December 2016 and within a further reduced budget range of £1.325 billion - £1.35 billion - reducing the overall outturn cost by a further £50 million releasing £245 million worth of savings since construction started in June 2011.</p>	Noted
3.3	<p><b>FRC Annual Project Update Briefings and Information Day</b></p> <p>Annual Project Update Briefings were held on 26 and 27 January 2016 and an Information Day was held on 30 January 2016.</p> <p>These were well attended with <b>209</b> members of the public attending the public sessions and a further <b>31</b> attendees between the Elected Representatives, Wider Stakeholders and Media sessions.</p>	Noted
3.4	<p><b>Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee</b></p> <p>David Climie and Lawrence Shackman from the Employers Delivery Team are next due to appear in front of the Scottish Parliament Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee on <b>Wednesday 2 March – (morning session)</b>. This is part of our regular communication with the Scottish Parliament to keep Members informed on the progress and status on the Project.</p> <p>Alan Shirley advised that these sessions are broadcast live and Forum members could, if they so wished, tune in to watch the appearance.</p>	Noted
3.5	<p><b>New time-lapse video showing progress during 2015.</b></p> <p>A new video was released on 30 December 2015 which included some dramatic drone footage showing progress on the Forth Replacement Crossing Project during 2015.</p> <p>The video was widely picked up and used by on-line media platforms and social media. The video has over 14,500 views to date, over 11,000 of these views in the first 24 hours following publication</p>	Noted
3.6	<p><b>Social Media</b></p> <p>Over 131,000 people have watched project videos on the</p>	Noted

	<p>Queensferry Crossing YouTube channel, with subscribers up to 414.</p> <p>Official Queensferry Crossing twitter account <b>@FRC_Queensferry</b> has attracted over 100 new followers last month and now has a total of 1,939 followers.</p> <p>74,500 twitter impressions during December and January.</p>	
<b>3.7</b>	<p><b>St Margaret's Marsh</b></p> <p>Transport Scotland met with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) on site on 24 November to discuss options for management of the marsh.</p> <p>We have also met with the Fife Council access officer on 2 February to discuss the Core Path through the site.</p> <p>The first Steering Group meeting has been arranged for <b>23 February 2016</b>.</p> <p>Representatives from the North Queensferry Community Council, Fife Coast and Countryside Trust and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) will be attending.</p> <p>JG advised that David Shields would represent North Queensferry Community Council on the Steering Group.</p>	Noted
<b>3.8</b>	<p><b>Park Lea Embankment</b></p> <p>Transport Scotland can confirm that BEAR Scotland have committed to undertake the additional planting at Parklea embankment in March 2016.</p>	Noted
<b>3.9</b>	<p><b>Contact and Education Centre Update</b></p> <p>Raymond Kirk provided an update on EDT activities over the last 3 months together with upcoming events, noting the following:</p> <p><b>Education Programme</b> – on-going. As at end January <b>over 11,200</b> school pupils have visited.</p> <p><b>FRC Presentation Series</b> – held on the last Friday of the month for the public, over 1100 people attended in 2015 (March - October). These will recommence on Friday 26</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>February - 27 February and will be held on the last Friday <b>and</b> Saturday of each month for the remainder of 2016.</p> <p><b>Project Exhibition</b> - over 4,500 visitors in 2015. Over 12,500 visitors since April 2013. The Project Exhibition re-opened on 30 January 2016 with 96 visitors attending the Annual Project Update briefings. The Project Exhibition will be open every Saturday for the remainder of 2016.</p> <p><b>Outreach and Education Programme</b> - Presentations delivered as part of the wider programme have now been attended by almost <b>19,000 people</b> interested in hearing more about the FRC Project. Overall, <b>over 42,000</b> have attended the wider outreach programme.</p> <p><b>Exhibition Room Information Boards</b> - updated prior to January briefing sessions.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	<p>Katrina Bruce provided a slide presentation to Forum members including photos of work currently on-going.</p> <p><b>Connecting Roads South</b> – advances made on road configuration on completion of South and North Transport Links.</p> <p><b>A90</b> now barriered off at Dakota Hotel. Traffic switched onto this link for A90 southbound traffic.</p> <p><b>B800 Bridge</b> – Transport links set to be completed to allow a working space to be cleared to allow work to take place to construct a large retaining wall.</p> <p><b>M90 South</b> – First construction layer (sub-base) in place and ready for black top between Dundas and the south abutment.</p> <p><b>Approach Viaduct South</b> – Reinforced concrete deck well underway on the Approach Viaduct South, cantilever pours 5m either side of each carriageway will follow soon.</p> <p><b>Deck Lifting</b> – 39 out of 110 lifts have now taken place.</p> <p><b>King Malcolm Drive</b> – In response to concerns raised about the timings built into the traffic light system, FCBC agreed a better phasing.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

	<p><b>Northbound A90</b> – The blacktop in place and diversion of traffic only a few weeks away.</p> <p>Email alerts relating to the works at Ferrytoll are being issued for those who sign up for them at <a href="http://www.frc-ferrytoll.info">www.frc-ferrytoll.info</a>. The current phasing can also be viewed here.</p> <p>Information is also posted on the FRC section of the Transport Scotland website as part of the 'Weekly Traffic Management Update' updated at the end of each week: <a href="http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/information-road-users">http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/information-road-users</a>.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Community issues</b>	
	<p><b>5.1 - Road Sweeping</b></p> <p>Jim George suggested that road sweeping on the north side is not always necessary and should be done on an 'as and when' required basis. This is because when dry, the road is fine but when the bowser 'wets' the road this is when cars get dirty.</p> <p><b>5.2 - St Margarets Hope</b></p> <p>Jim George asked what the intentions were for St Margaret's Hope once the Project was complete. Alan Shirley said that it was unlikely that this would be retained by Scottish Ministers and it would be disposed of.</p> <p><b>5.3 - Crocuses</b></p> <p>Jim George asked if Transport Scotland would be planting crocuses around the area of the B981 as had been the case prior to works taking place. Alan Shirley intimated that he did not think that this was the plan for this area.</p> <p><b>5.4 - Traffic Light sequence on King Malcolm Drive.</b></p> <p>Jim George wished it noted that the thanks go to FCBC for the work that they done to re-sequence the traffic light order as this had made a significant difference to people of North Queensferry using these lights.</p> <p><b>5.5 - Contact and Education Centre – External Lighting</b></p> <p><b>Lin Collis</b> had written in requesting that the strip lighting outside the CEC be switched off at 11 pm as this was a waste of electricity.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	Raymond Kirk confirmed that this had previously been agreed to and a re-set of the timing system resulted in the timers reverting back to their default setting. The matter has been raised with the building Facilities Operator who will revert back to previously agreed timings.	EDT
<b>6</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	No additional topics were brought forward for discussion.	Noted
<b>7</b>	<b>Next Community Forums</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	North Community Forum – <b>Wednesday 18 May 2016</b>  South Community Forum – <b>Wednesday 25 May 2016</b>	Noted