



## **Forth Replacement Crossing South Community Forum Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Location:** FRC Contact and Education Centre, South Queensferry  
**Meeting Date/Time:** 25 May 2016  
**Subject:** South Community Forum

**Participants:**

**Community Representatives**

David Buchanan (DB), Kirkliston Community Council  
Doug Tait (DT), BRIGS  
Les Chapman (LC), BRIGS  
Peter Fitzgerald (PF), BRIGS  
Grant Sangster (GS), QDCC  
Keith Giblett (KG), QDCC  
Bert Scott (BS), BRIGS/ Cramond and Barnton  
Community Council  
Tim Beesley (TB), Newton Community Council

**Transport Scotland – Employers Delivery Team (EDT)**

Lawrence Shackman (LS), Project Manager  
Charles Cozens (CC), Finance & Governance Officer  
(Secretariat)

**Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)**

Ewen Macdonell (EM), Community Liaison Officer  
Katrina Bruce (KB), Assistant Community Liaison Officer

**Apologies**

Janet Thornton, Newton Community Council  
David Sinclair, City of Edinburgh Council  
Alan Shirley (AS), Head of Policy, Governance and Stakeholder  
Liaison

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	
1.1	Apologies were noted as above.	
1.2	<p>EM informed the Forum that although they were probably aware of the incident at North Tower that some more information may be helpful for Forum Members.</p> <p>EM explained that our colleague, John Cousin, died as the result of an incident on Thursday 28th April 2016 on the deck at the North Tower.</p> <p>The incident is currently being investigated by the Health and Safety Executive and as such no further comment can be made until the investigation is complete.</p> <p>It was agreed that condolences on behalf of the South Community Forum be formally recorded in the Minutes.</p>	Noted
<b>2</b>	<b>Review of Minutes and Outstanding Actions</b>	
2.1	<p><b><u>Review of Minutes</u></b></p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2015 were approved as read.</p> <p>There were no outstanding actions from previous meetings.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Employer's Delivery Team (EDT) - Update</b>	
3.1	<p>LS provided an update on EDT activities over the last 3 months together with upcoming events, noting the following:</p> <p><b><u>Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee appearance</u></b></p> <p>David Climie and Lawrence Shackman appeared in front of the Committee on <b>Wednesday 2 March</b>.</p> <p>This was as part of the regular communication with the Scottish Parliament to keep them informed on the progress on the project.</p> <p>The full report from the Committee session is available on the Scottish Parliament website at the following link  <a href="http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10415&amp;mode=pdf">http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10415&amp;mode=pdf</a></p> <p>Monthly written updates are also provided to the committee.</p>	Noted

	<p>We are currently awaiting the details of the new committee given the formation of the new Parliament for our next appearance which is likely in September.</p>	
3.2	<p><b><u>Queensferry Crossing – Consultation</u></b></p> <p>A Consultation was launched by TS regarding the M90/A90 Trunk Road (Admiralty Interchange to Scotstoun)(Variable Speed limits and Actively Managed Hard Shoulders) Regulations 2016 on 31 March 2016.</p> <p>Comments are due by <b>Thursday 23 June 2016</b>.</p> <p>To date 1 reply has been received with minor points that have previously been covered during promotion of the similar Regulations for Fife ITS.</p> <p>Details of the consultation can be viewed on the SG website at the following link  <a href="https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/transport-scotland/m90-a90-trunk-road">(<a href="https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/transport-scotland/m90-a90-trunk-road">https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/transport-scotland/m90-a90-trunk-road</a>)</a></p>	Noted
3.3	<p><b><u>Compensation claims</u></b></p> <p>To date, we have received approximately <b>136</b> claims from the 316 owners/occupiers/lessees in relation to the FRC General Vesting Declaration's carried out in April and June 2011. (There has been no change to the number of claims received since the last meeting)</p> <p>Of these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>37</b> claims have been settled in full (no change since the last meeting)</li> <li>• <b>30</b> claimants received 90% part payments (increase of 1 since last meeting). The part payments are as a result of advance payment requests from the claimants.</li> </ul>	Noted
3.4	<p><b><u>Contact and Education Centre Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools Programme – on-going. Due to popularity there is now limited availability through the current academic year. To the end of April 2016 <b>over 14,700</b> school pupils visited the Project. Reference materials and lesson plans have also been provided.</li> <li>• Attendance to the Project Exhibition on Saturdays continues to prove popular and in April was <b>attended</b></li> </ul>	Noted  Noted

	<p><b>by 293</b> members of the public. To date the Project Exhibition has had <b>over 14,100 visitors since January 2013.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The FRC Presentation Series re-commenced on the 26 February and was extended to the last Friday and Saturday of every month for the remainder of the year. However, due to the unfortunate events of 28 April, the April Presentation Series was cancelled as a mark of respect. <b>Almost 2,200 people have attended this event since 2014.</b></li> <li>• Presentations delivered as part of the wider Outreach and Education Programme have now been <b>attended by over 21,000</b> people interested in hearing more about the FRC Project.</li> <li>• The overall <b>Outreach and Education Programme has now attracted over 52,000 individuals across all activities.</b></li> <li>• <b><u>Industry Days</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Further to the success of the Presentation and Site Visits for Industry in 2015, the Project has organised a repeat of the events for 2016.</li> <li>○ The first visits took place in April, with the next events set for the end of June and continuing throughout the Summer holidays</li> <li>○ These have been well attended and invites were sent out to Community Forum Members to attend the first visits in April, with some members taking up the offer.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
3.5	<p><b><u>Social Media</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 177,000 people have watched project videos on the Queensferry Crossing YouTube channel, with subscribers up to 537.</li> <li>• Official Queensferry Crossing twitter account <b>@FRC_Queensferry</b> now has a total of 2,532 followers, an increase of more than 600 since the last update</li> <li>• Tweets were viewed 430,000 times by Twitter users during February, March and April.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p>

3.6	<p><b>Queensferry Crossing – Opening Celebrations Committee</b></p> <p>LS wrote to various organisations in April inviting each to nominate a potential Committee member.</p> <p>Nominations were sought and received from: FCBC, City of Edinburgh Council, Fife Council, West Lothian Council, Event Scotland, North Queensferry Community Council and Queensferry District Community Council.</p> <p>Keith Giblett has been nominated to represent QDCC.</p> <p>An update on progress will be provided during the scheduled Community Forum meetings.</p> <p>Any suggestions regarding the opening should be made via the EDT, by e-mail to the FRC Enquiries mailbox or to KG.</p> <p>The first meeting is due to take place week commencing 30 May 2016.</p>	Noted
4	<p><b>Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract) – Update</b></p>	
4.1	<p>EM provided a slide presentation to Forum members including photos of work currently on-going. Including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Northbound A90 Scotstoun</b> – blacktop is now in place and the diversion of traffic to the new northbound carriageway is planned for early June. This will release the existing southbound carriageway which will be reconfigured over the weeks to come. Traffic will merge back to the existing A90 northbound carriageway via the new northbound emergency link which, in the final configuration, could be used to divert traffic over the Forth Road Bridge in the event of a closure/incident on the Queensferry Crossing.</li> <li>• <b>B800</b> - from Ferrymuir roundabout to Echline Roundabout. Works are well underway for the installation of a new bus lane.</li> <li>• <b>Overhead Gantries</b> – these have started to arrive on site.</li> <li>• <b>South Approach Road – the lower blacktop layers</b> will be completed this summer. Then, after verges and adjacent landscaping are complete the final surfacing and white lines will be completed later in the year.</li> <li>• <b>South Abutment</b> – Concrete works ongoing. Maintenance rooms fit-out is underway.</li> </ul>	Noted

- **Pier S1** – the temporary single skinned caisson has been removed.
- **Deck construction** - EM explained the complicated methodology of the imminent segment lifts around Pier S1 and S2 of the Approach Viaduct South. First lift at S1 due 28 May. In total, as of 25 May, 68 segments out of 110 have been installed by the balanced cantilever erection method. The last deck section between the north fan and the Approach Viaduct North is due to be lifted into place on Thursday 26 May.
- **Approach Viaduct North**– Works progressing to complete the link from the North Approach to North Tower .
- **Connecting Roads North** – EM explained the recent and forthcoming changes including earthworks, surfacing, realignments and structures progress - all geared towards seeing the essential roadworks being complete by this autumn. He reminded the forum that people, through the website [www.frc-ferrytoll.info](http://www.frc-ferrytoll.info) can subscribe to receive email updates of the ongoing works in the Ferrytoll area. To date, about 500 people are using this service.
- **Castlandhill Road** –The road is partially complete such that it forms a temporary approach to the A90 northbound temporary merge.
- **King Malcolm Drive/Castlandhill Road Junction** – now functioning to provide a link to the Northbound A90. Traffic lights to be installed later in the year.
- **Hope Street** – reconfiguration of bus forecourt turning area to start early June. Temporary bus turning circle to be installed at lower level car park. Temporary ticket office and drop-off/pick-up points to be provided while the work ongoing.

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: <http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/information-road-users>.

5	Community Issues	
5.1	<p>Two Items were raised under community issues by GS in advance of the meeting. These were:</p> <p><b>Publicity for intended road network access and restrictions (including proposed signage) following opening of Queensferry Crossing:</b></p> <p>LS advised that this matter is currently in hand and a 'Managed Crossing Strategy – Road Users Guide' is in the draft stages of production (a draft copy was briefly shown to the Forum). Once completed it will be widely publicised to coincide with the bridge opening. The Guide will provide various information, principally to show which vehicles/road users can access the Queensferry Crossing/Forth Road Bridge, local Public Transport systems and relevant road plans. LS undertook to issue the draft Guide to members of the Community Forums by the end of June for feedback.</p> <p>KG asked if the emergency link shown during EM's presentation would be for northbound traffic only and whether the existing slip roads at Echline Roundabout would be retained for emergency use?</p> <p>LS confirmed that the emergency link would be for both north and southbound traffic, will comprise at least 2 lane carriageways in each direction and still be classed as part of the trunk road network. Information on the emergency link will be added into the leaflet to clarify when this would be used. LS also confirmed that the slip roads at Echline Roundabout would be retained for public transport/emergency use. Traffic Regulation Orders would clarify usage in due course.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
5.2	<p><b>Removal of central reservation on Ferrymuir Road and pedestrian routes between Shell &amp; Tesco:</b></p> <p>LS confirmed that the existing 'central reservation' island which controlled access to the Tesco service area (preventing east bound traffic turning right into it) has been removed. This will be replaced in the new, reconfigured design by a central refuge which will allow buses and HGV's going east bound to turn right into the service area in the final road layout. Signage will be placed to notify the public that this access is not for general vehicles to use.</p> <p>Pedestrian routes between the petrol station and the</p>	<p>Noted</p>

	<p>retail park will remain as per existing. The footway remains on the north side of Ferrymuir Road, with the controlled crossing also staying in the same place adjacent to the fast food outlet. There are no provisions in the contract to have a footpath installed to the south side of the road.</p> <p>BS asked if this information would be available on Sat Nav devices?</p> <p>LS confirmed that the project has already started to appear on various maps and that it was only a matter of time before it was incorporated on sat nav systems in readiness for the opening.</p> <p>KG added that an informal pathway currently exists across the B800 from beside the petrol station which leads across the road and then down into Tesco. KG stated his concerns in relation to this unofficial path which would likely remain once the new roadworks were completed.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
5.3	<p>KG asked for it to be clarified to the local communities that when the Queensferry Crossing was open to traffic that there would still be some additional works required to be completed.</p> <p>LS confirmed that there would be some outstanding works requiring completion once the bridge was open (e.g southbound slip road at Ferrytoll), plus any snagging. A formal handover process with the Forth Bridges Operating Company would take place and it was intended that an update to the 'Engaging with Communities' document would be made to reflect the change to the operation and maintenance stage.</p> <p>DT followed up by asking if the snagging process would also involve re-instatement of land to restore it to how it was?</p> <p>LS confirmed that the works would include the re-instatement of temporary land so that it could be handed back to the relevant land owner. In addition, once the permanent boundary fences are erected there may be some areas of land that could be deemed surplus and these would be offered back to the previous owners. This would all likely be within 1 year after the completion of the project.</p> <p>KG asked for it to be noted that QDCC commends TS for the early hand back of land at the Bellway development as</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>



	<p>this has helped the local Queensferry community.</p> <p>LC also asked when the access road around the south abutment would be completed as currently this would go through the Echline compound.</p> <p>LS confirmed that this was part of the main construction and his understanding was that it would need to be completed at project opening.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
	<p>PF asked for confirmation if deliveries of red shale have now been completed?</p> <p>EM confirmed that there are still some deliveries outstanding, although these are infrequent.</p> <p>DT asked whether the 'rumble strip' paving was designed to slow cyclists down at the pedestrian crossings as there are a small number of these that look to be positioned incorrectly and would allow cyclists to pass unimpeded. The issues are at the crossings for the A904 and B924.</p> <p>EM confirmed that the paving should indeed slow cyclists down and he would arrange for these to be checked to ensure they are installed correctly.</p> <p><b><u>Post Meeting Note</u></b></p> <p>EM checked the positioning of the tactile paving with the and confirms that this has been installed correctly.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p><b>FCBC</b></p>
<b>6</b>	<b>AoB</b>	
6.1	<p>KG raised an issue with planned traffic management and FRC works due to take place from Friday 27 May 2016 to Sunday 28 May 2016. KG was concerned that these works could have a significant impact on the Jutland 100 Year Commemorative Services in and around the Queensferry Area, which were to be attended by a number of VIP's</p> <p>LS confirmed that a lane closure on the A90 would be required between the Dalmeny railway bridge heading northbound and end just after the Scotstoun junction. This would comprise the traffic merging into 1 lane on the A90 northbound at Dalmeny Railway bridge, then merging with traffic from the M90 spur which would be maintained as 2 lanes of traffic up to the B800 bridge, at which point the road would revert back to 3 lanes.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>The restrictions will be in place at the following times:  Lane 1 closure  Friday 27 May 0900 – 1530 &amp;  Friday 27 May 2000 - Saturday 28 May 2000  Lane 2 closure  Saturday 28 May 2000 – Sunday 0600</p> <p>These restrictions were tabled at the Traffic Management Working Group who were aware of the Jutland services and it was deemed that the works would not affect the event.</p> <p>DB expressed his concern for potential disruption as during this temporary restriction City of Edinburgh Council will be closing the B800 south of Kirkliston to undertake repair works on the damaged bridge supporting the M9.</p> <p>KG added that, as with any incident in the surrounding area, Queensferry becomes a rat run and as a consequence grounds to a standstill taking a number of hours to clear. He implored TS and FCBC to reconsider the planning of these works.</p> <p>LS agreed to investigate this with utmost priority and provide a response to KG before the works go live.</p> <p><b><u>Post Meeting Note</u></b></p> <p>LS contacted the TMWG who re-assessed the aforementioned traffic management and concluded that the works and associated traffic management should go ahead. LS subsequently contacted KG on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> to confirm this. The subsequent works were undertaken as planned, with very little disruption to traffic flows in and around Queensferry.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p><b>FCBC / EDT</b></p>
6.2	<p>PF asked who is responsible for grass cutting at Echline Corner as this is in need of cutting.</p> <p>EM confirmed that this is the responsibility of FCBC and will arrange for it to be cut</p> <p><b><u>Post Meeting Note</u></b></p> <p>Grass cutting at Echline Corner was undertaken on 1 June 2016.</p>	<p><b>FCBC</b></p>

6.3	<p>LC asked who is responsible for the re-instatement of land where Scottish Power undertook cable works at Echline?</p> <p>EM was unsure and agreed to look into this for the Forum.</p> <p><b><u>Post Meeting Note</u></b></p> <p>EM checked and confirms that FCBC are responsible for the re-instatement of this land, which will be undertaken prior to the completion of the contract</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p><b>FCBC</b></p>
6.4	<p>DT advised that many of the crocuses planted at Echline Corner failed to bloom this year and asked for this to be looked at. However, he also commented that the ones planted adjacent to the driveway for 1 and 2 Echline did bloom and were excellent.</p> <p>EM agreed that less flowered than expected and that he would investigate.</p> <p><b><u>Post Meeting Note</u></b></p> <p>EM advised that an assessment of potential further planting requirements will be carried out at Echline Corner</p>	<p><b>FCBC</b></p>
6.5	<p>DT stated that further to the previous meeting in item 5.1 Dave Sinclair had agreed to discuss the provision of a grit bin at Echline Corner out with the Forum, this has so far not happened and asked for this to be noted in the minutes as an action for DS to confirm the position on this.</p>	<p><b>DS</b></p>
6.6	<p>DT asked for it to be noted that further to DT and LC's meeting with the EDT's Steven Brown (SB) in early February, SB had undertaken to investigate their query regarding traffic monitoring statistics and respond in due course, but that this had not yet happened.</p> <p>LS advised that SB had taken DT and LC's comments on board and was in the process of completing the annual traffic monitoring report so as to incorporate their comments into the report which should cover their query.</p> <p>LS also agreed to see if SB could clarify this issue in respect of the previous year's traffic monitoring report. LS was hopeful that the new report would be sufficient to cover the issue.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p><b>EDT</b></p>

7	Date of next meeting	
7.1	<p>The next meetings of the Forum will take place on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• North Community Forum: Wednesday 24 August 2016 at 7pm.</li><li>• South Community Forum: Wednesday 31 August 2016 at 7pm.</li></ul>	Noted

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