



Forth Replacement Crossing Community Council Forum (North) Minutes

Meeting Location: FRC Contact & Education Centre, South Queensferry

Meeting Date/Time: 20 November 2013 – 7pm

Subject: North Community Forum

Participants:

Community Representatives

Lin Collis (North Queensferry Community Council)

Marisa Di Fillipo (North Queensferry Community Council)

Bill King (Rosyth Community Council)

Wayne Morris (Inverkeithing Community Council)

Transport Scotland

FRC Employers Delivery Team

Lawrence Shackman (Chair and Project Manager)

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

Katrina McDonald (Policy Manager)

William Hamilton (Policy Manager)

Trunk Road and Bus Operations

Graham Porteous (Head of Special Projects)

Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors

David Gough (Commercial Director)

Ewen Macdonell (Community Liaison Officer)

Apologies

Tony Rogers (Police Scotland – Fife Division)

		Action
1	Welcome and introductions	
1.1	<p>Meeting chaired by Lawrence Shackman.</p> <p>LS introduced W Hamilton and K McDonald who both joined the EDT in September and invited introductions around the table.</p> <p>LS highlighted that apologies to the meeting were received from Tony Rogers.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
2	Review of minutes and outstanding actions North Community Forum 22 May 2012	
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	
NCF220513/ 3.2	Public Meeting re Ferrytoll Works LS confirmed public meetings will take place in 2014 and forum members will be notified in due course. The public meetings will be organised as soon as possible and be similar in format to those held early in 2013.	Noted
NCF220513/ 3.5	Traffic monitoring on M9 Junction 1a and bus lane usage (M90/M9 J1a) LS stated that a monitoring report would be produced to cover the first full year of operations. LS indicated that there were some encouraging initial results for the Fife ITS system with travel time savings of between six to eight minutes recorded during morning peak time travel. LS also stated that the number of buses using the Fife ITS bus lane was likely to increase as works in the Ferrytoll area are progressed and also when the Halbeath Park and Ride scheme opens at the end of the month.	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
NCF210813/ 3.1	Update from Forth Bridges Forum LS confirmed this will be a regular agenda item, and Graham Porteous was present to provide a presentation.	Noted

NCF2108 13/ 3.5	Name the Bridge LS confirmed that a breakdown of the voting summary for the 'Name the Bridge' competition had been inserted as a 'Post Meeting Note' from the minutes of the 21 August 2013 North Community Forum meeting.	Noted
NCF2108 13/ 6.1	Site Visit LS confirmed that a successful site visit for Community Forum members took place on the 16 September 2013. A further site visit will be organised in 2014. MD asked if consideration could be provided to hold a site visit in the evening outside of working hours or possibly a Saturday morning. LS confirmed this would be taken into consideration. MD also raised the possibility of a site visit out onto one of the Caissons. EM explained this would not be possible, and only a dry-land visit could be arranged due to health and safety, and programme of works. MD then asked if it is possible to charter a private boat to go out on the water. EM explained there is no problem to do this, although there is an exclusion zone around FRC works on the water.	Noted Noted Noted
NCF3108 13/ 6.3	The One Show LS confirmed that the filming undertaken by 'The One Show' had now been televised on the 18 November 2013. For those who missed the show, it would be accessible through the BBCs iPlayer service. Post Meeting Note: The video is no longer available to view on BBCs iPlayer service.	Noted
3	Update on Forth Bridge Operating Company (FBOC)	
3.1	GP provided a presentation as part of the FBOC update that included:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FBOC contract responsibility will include the connecting roads from M90 Junction 3 Halbeath in the North through to M9 Junction 1A Kirkliston in the South. • Procurement process timetable: Invitation to participate, December 2013; Tender return, August 2014; Contract award, December 2014. • Three Participants invited to tender: Amey LG Ltd, Ringway-Jacobs-Cofiroute and Scotland 	Noted

	<p>Transerv.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forth Bridges Forum and its five key functions. • Rather than setting up separate community forums for FBOC, GP will attend FRC Community Forums to provide regular updates unless there is a need to hold separate meetings. • The FBOC team or the Forth Bridges Forum can be contacted at: forth_bridges@scotland.gsi.gov.uk but any contacts/complaints received by the email address in regards to the Forth Replacement Crossing are sent to the frcenquiries@scotland.gsi.gov.uk for reply; • World Heritage site application for the Forth Bridge to be submitted by the end of January 2014. <p>LC highlighted that she is still awaiting a copy of the World Heritage Management Plan. GP confirmed that an email should have issued that morning providing a copy of the Management Plan but would check this with colleagues.</p>	<p>GP</p> <p>GP</p>
4	Update from Employer's Delivery Team	
4.1	<p>Newton Traffic Calming Work</p> <p>LS confirmed that the Newton Traffic Calming Measures have now been completed by West Lothian Council on behalf of FRC and that we were not aware of any issues.</p>	Noted
4.2	<p>Contact and Education Centre (CEC)</p> <p>LS provided members with an update on the attendance figures to the CEC for the Open Days held over the last three month period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27/28 Sept 2013 - 140 People • 18/19 Oct 2013 - 334 People • 15/16 Nov 2013 - 660 People <p>LS explained that the Open Days will recommence in March 2014. Meantime, EDT will review the format for the Open Days, including the possibility for these to be more frequent as figures show there is good demand.</p> <p>LC requested that forum members are notified when new Open Day dates are confirmed so these can be</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	promoted through the community councils and communities.	
4.3	<p>Ministerial School Visit</p> <p>LS confirmed that the Minister for Transport and Veterans, Keith Brown MSP had visited Cleish Primary School and Madras College on the 30 October 2013 as winners of the Name the Bridge school competition. As part of the competition, pupils from each school will visit the FRC site later in the academic year.</p>	Noted
4.4	<p>“Engaging with Communities” document</p> <p>LS confirmed that as indicated at the previous meeting, the EDT are revising the current edition of the ‘Engaging with Communities – Construction’ document to ensure it is suitable for the on-going needs of the project. Forum members should have received an email requesting contributions to the revised version. Contributions should be received no later than 6 December 2013.</p>	Noted
4.5	<p>Website Update</p> <p>LS confirmed that the ‘Year look ahead’ was currently being prepared for issue in January 2014. This would be published on the website, and a copy will also be placed in the next ‘Project Update’.</p> <p>LS also confirmed that a refresh of the FRC website is currently underway that would update the information already held as well as improving accessibility of information. As part of the refresh, the FRC team was also looking to use official FRC project social media accounts. Forum members were also advised that the FRC website had received over 15,500 unique visits for the month of October 2013.</p>	Noted Noted
4.6	<p>Part 1 Compensation Claims</p> <p>LS advised that it is now approaching a year since the opening of the two subsidiary FRC schemes Fife ITS (4 December) and M9 Junction 1a (1 February). Adverts will be placed in the press and on the FRC website for both schemes in advance of these dates to alert the public to the fact that they may be eligible to claim.</p> <p>LS provided some background regarding the compensation process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Land Compensation (Scotland) Act 1973 	Noted Noted

	<p>provides for compensation attributable to public works. Part 1 of the Act, extends compensation to those from whom no land has been taken but are affected by the use of the works. Part 1 stipulates that where the value of a qualifying interest in land is depreciated by physical factors caused by the use of the public works then compensation becomes payable for that depreciation where the claimant is entitled to that interest. The physical factors are noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, artificial lighting and the discharge of solid or liquid substance. However, it should be noted that Part 1 compensation does not cover disturbance during construction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first claim date is one year after the scheme opens to traffic and offers statutory compensation for the depreciation in value of the property due to the use of the road. • Claims should be submitted within 5 years of that date. <p>LS advised that there is an online FRC compensation booklet available and a link would be provided to forum members.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note</u></p> <p>Link to the online FRC publication – Guidance on the Parliamentary Process, Compulsory Purchase Process and Compensation booklet:- http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/files/documents/reports/j11012/j11012.pdf</p>	EDT
5	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)	
5.1	<p>Progress Update</p> <p>EM provided a slide presentation to forum members that included update pictures of the work currently on-going.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earthmoving opposite Dundas Home Farm and around the B800 will be complete in Spring 2014. • Earthworks for Southbound bus link substantially complete. The service protection works are on-going and preparation for the B800 replacement bridge is underway. • Earthmoving well advanced between Dundas and Echline. Road works including drainage, sub-base, kerbing and blacktop will be progressed in 2014. 	Noted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queensferry Junction bridges are now ready for deck beam placement with this planned for week commencing 25 November 2013 – very weather dependant due to wind. • Earthworks substantially complete for East tie-in of A904 realignment. Drainage and road works will continue on the A904 into Spring 2014. • South Approach viaduct steel is almost ready for the first launch in December. • Pier S7 is approaching full height. • Pier S5 and S4 foundation concrete bases are in place. • Society Road improvements are complete. • South and North Towers are approaching start of tower construction. • Central Tower shuttering almost ready for tower pour number three. This is the third of 54 pours which will take another 19/20 months to complete. • On the North side, various road works activities are on-going on the B981 Castlandhill Road and King Malcolm Drive realignments and piling has commenced for the Ferrytoll viaduct. 	
5.2	<p>Traffic management (TM) EM confirmed TM will be required –</p> <p><u>North:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B980 Castlandhill Road – for installation of gas and vodaphone road crossings near Dunfermline Wynd (November 2013) • Castlandhill – footpath diversion for services works(December 2013 to February 2014) • Ferrytoll - realignment of existing Northbound merge slip road to facilitate and execute ground improvement works (December 2013 to March 2014) • A90/B981 – Temporary ramp for steel deliveries (February 2014 to March 2014) <p><u>South:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach Viaduct South - Steel deliveries Ongoing (police escort) • A904 west tie-in - phased lane diversions/delineations continuous to April 2014. • A90 ITS Gantry construction - lane closures (January 2014 to April 2014) 	Noted

5.3	<p>Virtual Reality Model</p> <p>LS provided a demonstration of a new Virtual Reality Model of the project which will be used as part of the new material within the CEC in the new year.</p>	Noted
6	<p>Community issues</p>	
6.1	<p>Q: LC raised concerns from North Queensferry regarding deer that she considered had been disturbed from their habitat in the woods south of the Ferrytoll Junction.</p> <p>A: LS confirmed that there are still regular sightings of deer in St Margaret's Hope woodland, the shoreline, St Margaret's Marsh, Castlandhill woodland and the wooded area around the Queensferry Hotel. The numbers observed around North Queensferry may indicate more frequent use of the shoreline access and general increase in the population.</p> <p>Q: LC asked if there was an environmental impact undertaken for the area and what had been suggested for the deer?</p> <p>A: LS confirmed that an assessment had not been undertaken as deer were not nationally or internationally protected with regard to their conservation importance.</p> <p>LC confirmed she had also spoken of the issue to the SSPCA who confirmed that there was a growing population of deer across the Central Belt of Scotland.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
7	<p>Any Other Business</p>	
7.1	<p>BK raised the issue of the continued maintenance of the Park Lea embankment. In particular, 18 trees that had been planted had now died, and although advised that grass would be cut twice a year, this had not yet happened.</p> <p>LS advised that the large trees which had died would not be replaced, as the smaller planted trees in this area were growing very well and would effectively take their place. Regarding grass, generally this would not normally be cut in such areas but he undertook to check this. BK highlighted that he had previous correspondence from Raymond Kirk of EDT that stated maintenance would be carried out approximately twice a year.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>EDT</p>

	<p><u>Post Meeting Note:</u></p> <p>Confirmation has now been received that the grass at Park Lea has already been cut twice this year and this will not take place again until next year. It is the intention not to cut the grass too short, to provide a natural habitat for local wildlife.</p>	
8	Next Community Forums (proposed)	
8.1	<p>North Community Forum – Wednesday 19 February 2014 at the Contact and Education Centre.</p> <p>South Community Forum – Wednesday 26 February 2014 at Contact and Education Centre.</p>	Noted