



Forth Replacement Crossing Community Forum (North) Minutes

Meeting Location: Queensferry Hotel

Meeting Date / Time: 1 November 2011 – 7pm

Subject: Community Forum North

Participants:

Community Representatives

Juliet Sheriff (Inverkeithing Community Council)
Wayne Morris (Inverkeithing Community Council)
Bill King (Rosyth Community Council)
Brian Armstrong (North Queensferry Community Council)

Transport Scotland – Employers Delivery Team (EDT)

Lawrence Shackman
John Watt
Keavy O'Neill
Allan Buchan (c/o BIG partnership)

Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)

Derek Chambers
Ewen MacDonell

John Graham (Dromore) Ltd

Richard Docherty

John Sisk and Roadbridge

Elaine Barrie

Observers

5 observers

Apologies

Jim George (North Queensferry Community Council)

Continued

Page 2 of 7

	Notes	Action
1	Meeting chaired by Lawrence Shackman	
2	Review of minutes and outstanding actions North Community Forum 24 August 2011	
2.1	LS reiterated purpose of Forum meetings – including that: - in the first instance, individual issues that should be dealt with by CLOs or through correspondence / email - observers are welcome to attend, but should not participate in the meeting.	Noted
2.2	Minutes were approved for TS to post on website.	Noted
2.3	Further items from the Outstanding Actions paper presented were discussed:	
	(2.3) Environmental Management Plan (EMP) – M9 Junction 1a LS confirmed current draft has been posted on FRC website	Complete
	(3.1) List of properties in North to be surveyed	Complete
	(4.2) Date for B981 diversion Date to be confirmed when known and included in 3 month forward plan.	FCBC
	(4.2) Fife ITS 3 Month plan LS confirmed this has been published on FRC website	Complete
	(4.3) Environmental Management Plan (EMP) – Fife ITS	Complete
	(6.1) Flyer numbers Contractors to ensure all flyers are emailed to Community Groups to enable copying.	Noted
	(6.1) Engaging with Communities (EWC) LS confirmed that EWC was published on FRC website on 2 nd Sept. NQCC and ICC requested 20 copies each to make available in local centres.	Complete TS
	(6.1) Contact details	Complete
	(7.1) Meet the contractor event LS thanked Forum members for helping publicise event. Over 200 people had attended both events combined and feedback was very positive. Presentation material has been published on the FRC website.	Complete
	(10.1) Leaflet distribution Those who had said they did not receive the leaflet were outside	Complete

	the leaflet drop area.	
3	Principal Contract, Programme Overview	
	<p>EM presented an overview of the programme based on the current project management plan – key aspects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The majority of work will begin in spring 2012 - While the project completion date will remain as 2016, programme element dates will continue to be revised throughout construction - Traffic management – traffic disruption will be minimised as a considerable amount of the new roads will be built “off line” and will not interfere with existing roads – there will be some short-term disruption at the point when the roads are connected to the existing road network . The nature of existing road configurations must be maintained – i.e. if currently there are two lanes in each direction, two lanes must be maintained/provided. - Some traffic light controls will be necessary at different periods when working on the B981, King Malcolm Drive, Castlandhill Road and the north bound bus link (connection from FRB). - Key structural work in the north will include the Ferrytoll viaduct (crossing the B981), Ferrytoll gyratory bridges, B981 railway bridge and Ferrytoll tunnel extension (within the Ferrytoll gyratory). - Key activities on the main crossing include the three main towers. The central tower will require blasting on Beamer Rock with excavation work beginning on 14th Nov 2011 and a trail blast planned for 21st Nov. A leaflet will be issued to residents w/c 7th Nov. Four blasts will take place from Nov to Jan with the rock dug out and then ground down to foundation level using a rotary cutter. Other key structures include the bridge deck and 8 approach piers for the southern viaduct. Mechanical and engineering finishing works will take place near the end of the project. - Key structures in the south include Queensferry gyratory, work on the B800 and south approach roads from M9 spur. <p>Q When will the FRC be open to traffic? A EM said that the official date was 22nd Dec 2016, but traffic access may be from July/August 2016 subject to progress and finishing works. LS highlighted that this earlier date may apply to north bound traffic only and that south bound traffic may be required to use the FRB at that time.</p> <p>Q BA asked if a copy of the programme shown could be provided? A LS confirmed that the programme would not be issued in the format displayed as a presenter was required to explain the content, but a simplified version would be developed for the</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>TS/FCBC</p>

Continued

Page 4 of 7

	<p>website with an associated map and a caveat that timings may change - this would be similar to the plan developed by FCBC for the recent meet the contractor event.</p> <p>EM explained that the 3 month look ahead is more useful in communicating planned activities as a longer term programme will be subject to constant refinement and changes.</p> <p>BA indicated that recent details re the intermittent closure of Castlandhill Road for 4 weeks during blasting was not publicised in local press or the 3 month look ahead and that NQCC only found out as Fife Council had forwarded the information. NQCC would expect to be notified direct. EM to investigate and report.</p> <p>Contractors to ensure community groups are notified of similar measures.</p> <p>LS confirmed TS and contractors were developing formats for the 3 month look ahead that would be more user friendly. This includes linking content to simplified maps to show locations of proposed works (e.g. G1 as Gantry 1 on map). Terminology used is also to be reviewed to avoid jargon.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>FCBC</p> <p>Contractors' CLOs</p> <p>Noted</p>
4	John Sisk and Roadbridge (M9 Junction 1a Contract)	
4.1	<p>Progress update and 3 month look ahead</p> <p>EB provided overview, key items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - overall programme is on schedule - haul roads are 40% complete - on-going removal of vegetation continues - earthworks on south side of M9 will start in next few weeks - trial piling will begin on 7th Nov - the compound at Kirkliston is near complete, signage has been erected and earthwork bunds for screening are near complete. 	Noted
4.2	<p>Traffic management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivery of 4 steel gantries for the M9 spur to the compound for storage is likely during January. As these are oversized loads requiring escorts, a traffic management plan to minimise disruption will be confirmed nearer the time and advice issued – e.g. evening delivery is likely. - LS confirmed the gantries will be tested then installed in spring 2012. - Temporary traffic management measures have just been put in place on the B980 and B800 - Temporary traffic management measures on the M9 spur will be in place from 3rd Nov. - Temporary traffic management measures will involve reduced speed limits of 40mph with two lanes in each 	Noted

	<p>direction maintained and average speed cameras introduced from mid-Nov. LS highlighted that a press release will be available on the FRC website from 2 Nov. Traffic management measures will take a week to implement and include the M9 hard shoulder being closed. For safety reasons the single lane sections of the spur will be extended northwards.</p> <p>Q MG asked if there would be a grace period before the speed limit is enforced? A LS advised that once 40mph speed limits were in place they must be observed.</p> <p>JS highlighted concerns re drivers speeding beyond the average speed camera zones to “catch up on time lost” – particularly at Rosyth and Junction 3 near the leisure park. LS suggested the police would be aware of such issues and feedback re compliance to date had been good.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
5	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)	
5.1	<p>Progress update and 3 month look ahead 3 month look ahead plan was circulated, further items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trial blast of beamer rock will take place w/c 21 Nov - EM Confirmed that marine investigation works will start on 7th November and continue to the year end. These will involve 24 hour working 7 days per week and can be “relatively noisy”. <p>LS confirmed that the Noise Liaison Group would be undertaking a site visit to review mitigation measures to ensure best practical means are employed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EM outlined that apart from the marine work and blasting (at beamer rock and Winnyhill), other activities within the 3 month plan should have little or no impact on the local community. 	Noted
5.2	<p>Traffic management EM confirmed FCBC plans to take occupancy of its site compound by the end of the year and it is not envisaged that this will create any traffic congestion problems e.g. as workers leave the site at night.</p>	Noted
5.3	<p>Contact & Education Centre (C&EC) LS highlighted that Dawn Construction has begun enabling works for the C&EC which is to be located near FETA’s offices.</p>	Noted
6	John Graham (Dromore) Ltd (Fife ITS Contract)	
6.1	<p>Progress update and 3 month look ahead 3 month look ahead plan was circulated and further items discussed:</p>	Noted

Continued

Page 6 of 7

	<p>Current works include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - site clearance at gantry locations - installation of ducting for fibre optic communications linking gantry sites - drainage, including cutting trenches - mine consolidation at limited number of gantry sites– works will start soon, subject to approvals. Timescales will depend on the size of voids identified. - work will ramp up while the weather is favourable. - Park Lea – BK noted that he had seen contractors setting out stakes earlier in the day. RD explained that it was likely gantry works would most likely begin at the end of November and, if this was the case, works would complete by late Jan/early Feb. RD emphasised these dates have not been confirmed and he will advise residents as soon as the project plan has been confirmed. RD is developing a communications plan for Park Lea and Craig Street which will include letter drops and meeting with key individuals three weeks in advance of the start of works. 	RD
6.2	<p>Traffic Management RD confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - traffic management measures were installed on 23 Sept - two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained at all times - initial media reports that traffic management measures had been introduced well in advance of activity were incorrect as there has been an enormous amount undertaken. This misrepresentation could have been as a result of the work being spread across all the gantry sites. - the 40mph speed limit will remain for the duration of the works. - For safety reasons, an application has been made to close for 5 days the M90 northbound on slip road at the Admiralty Junction to facilitate works for Gantry 1. This application is awaiting approval. BK emphasised that he hoped Castlandhill Rd would not be closed at the same time as this would cause significant congestion. RD to liaise with other contractors re this. LS suggested the Traffic Management Working Group (TMWG) be advised / consulted. LS confirmed that the local authorities and emergency services were represented on the TMWG, and are therefore alerted to any road closures by the contractors. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>TS/Contractors</p> <p>Noted</p>
7	AOB	
7.1	FRC Website	

Continued

Page 7 of 7

	<p>JW highlighted that a refresh of the FRC website structure and content is planned and asked the Forum members to feedback any thoughts.</p> <p>LS explained that feedback had already been received from Newton CC and Ross Hornsey planned to meet with them next week.</p>	<p>Community representatives.</p> <p>Noted</p>
7.2	<p>Notice Boards</p> <p>EM to liaise with community representatives re establishing notice boards for FRC updates.</p> <p>EM indicated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - there was the potential for community councils to use half the space for non-FRC information - FCBC was happy to donate the boards at the end of the project - obtaining permissions from councils regarding sites might lead to some delay. <p>JS stated that it would be helpful if the libraries were furnished with updated project information.</p>	<p>EM/Community representatives</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
7.3	<p>Working Groups</p> <p>LS explained that all working group minutes were now published on the FRC website, but there may be a delay in publication as minutes are only approved at the subsequent meeting.</p> <p>LS confirmed that TS can arrange for representatives to attend future meetings to explain their remit and activities to Forum members if this would be of help.</p> <p>Community representatives to advise if a presentation would be useful to help explain the terminology used at the other working groups, as some of the topics covered can be fairly technical.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Community representatives</p>
7.4	<p>Contacts</p> <p>LS encouraged Forum members to encourage their local communities to contact the CLOs and hotline if they have any queries.</p> <p>JS explained that Inverkeithing Community Council were publishing updates including the contact details in their regular newsletters.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
8	Next Community Forums	
8.1	<p>Dates were confirmed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 24 January 2012, South Community forum - 25 January 2012; North Community forum - 01 February 2012; Junction 1a Community Forum 	<p>Noted</p>
8.2	<p>LS thanked attendees.</p>	<p>Noted</p>