



Forth Replacement Crossing North Community Forum Minutes

Meeting location: Principal Contract Site Offices, King Malcolm Drive, Rosyth

Meeting Date/Time: 15 August 2012 – 7pm

Subject: North Community Forum

Participants:

Community Representatives

Colin Bell (North Queensferry Community Council)
Macisa Di Filippo (North Queensferry Community Council)
Wayne Morris (Inverkeithing Community Council)
John McKenzie (Inverkeithing Community Council)
Bill King (Rosyth 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)

Ewen Macdonell
Derek Chambers
Sally Chambers

John Graham (Dromore) Ltd

Richard Docherty

John Sisk and Roadbridge

Elaine Barrie

Observers

Andy Brechin (Jacobs Arup)

Apologies

Juliet Sheriff (Inverkeithing Community Council)

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	Notes	Action
1	Meeting chaired by Lawrence Shackman	
2	Review of minutes and outstanding actions North Community Forum 1 May 2012	
2.1	LS reiterated the purpose of Forum meetings – including that: In the first instance, individual issues 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 EDT to post on website.	Noted
2.4	Outstanding actions paper Circulated in advance of meeting	
NCF250112/ 2.3	Community notice boards EM has supplied keys to CB.	Complete
NCF010512/ 5.1	Piling Method EM confirmed that the Controlled Modulus Columns (CMC) piling method would be used at St Margaret's Marsh – i.e. a sand/cement mix is injected as the drill is withdrawn. This sets to improve the bearing capacity of the ground.	Noted
NCF010512/ 7.3a	Schools Bridge Building SC confirmed Inverkeithing Primary School had been approached but had not responded to an invitation to take part in the May sessions. Further correspondence was issued in June, as part of invitation to school heads to attend informal evening session at the site offices. FCBC is awaiting response.	Noted
NCF010512/ 7.3b	FCBC to advise ICC if no response received as they might wish to approach the new school head.	FCBC
NCF010512/ 7.4	Whinny Hill Road – road cleaning EM informed group that existing measures had been reviewed and were proving effective.	Complete
NCF010512/ 7.5	South Community Forum Minutes KON confirmed draft minutes had been forwarded to North Community Forum members.	Complete
NCF010512/ 7.6	J1a Community Forum JW confirmed meeting had not taken place in May due to the resignation of Kirkliston CC's representative, but a meeting was planned for 22 August.	Noted

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3	Update from Employers Delivery Team (EDT)	
3.1	General LS provided EDT update presentation .	Noted
3.2	Contact & Education Centre LS emphasised that CEC will be open later this year with fitting out complete by November. A facility will be provided for organisations and schools to book visits formally from January 2013. The Traffic Control Centre section will start a phased entry from late this year to be operational in early 2013.	Noted
4	John Sisk and Roadbridge (M9 Junction 1a Contract)	
4.1	Progress update and 3 month look ahead EB provided presentation of works progress with project overview and look ahead – including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - photos showing extent of works (as at July) with verbal update on significant progress since then - M9 eastbound diverge – embankments complete, road surface to be applied soon - M9 westbound merge – almost complete, safety barriers to be introduced soon - loop – road surfacing to be complete by end of next week - southbound merge to M9 – almost complete with noise barriers to be erected by end of August (weather dependant) - M9 overbridge – 10 to 12 weeks for full completion - Newmains Bridge – framework/wall on south side is in place, aiming to pour concrete for north wall next Mon/Tue, complete works by November - Community liaison – further tidy-up works have been undertaken at Kirkliston Primary School and in supporting the environmental improvements by Pikes Pool volunteer Group. 	Noted
4.2	Traffic Management EB provided presentation of traffic management measures including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - M9 overbridge – some intermittent overnight closures required - Overton Road Bridge – aiming to re-open road by end of October - Newmains Bridge – possible road closure 30/31 August to allow lifting of beams, very short 	Noted

	<p>remain? A EM confirmed it will remain as it is not part of this project.</p> <p>Q When complete, will the road travel distance from Inverkeithing to Edinburgh increase? A LS confirmed it will increase by around 1 mile.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SC confirmed there has been ongoing engagement with a range of groups including primary and secondary schools, day care centres, rotary clubs, universities and local clubs. - SC confirmed that FCBC had re-secured the Bridges for Schools programme model and a week of events will be organised next year - DC highlighted plans to arrange day for visit by people involved in building the original Forth Road Bridge. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
5.2	<p>Traffic Management</p> <p>EM presentation covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On-going rock blasting (fortnightly) at Whinny Hill will continue for 2 months and will require a nighttime rolling road block on A90 (up to 30 minutes) along with Castlandhill Road closures for up to 1 hour and stopping traffic on B980 for up to 30 mins. - Closure of the B981 is required for 10 mins to accommodate 3 further rock blasts at St Margaret's Hope (complete in 3 weeks) - In September, Ferrytoll Road utility works will require temp traffic lights with one lane running. 	<p>Noted</p>
6	John Graham (Dromore) Ltd (Fife ITS Contract)	
6.1	<p>Progress update and 3 month look ahead</p> <p>RD provided presentation of works progress with project overview and look ahead – including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - photos showing extent of works - on-site works are largely complete - one cantilever gantry has been installed - the remaining gantry beams are being fitted out and tested, 5 will be installed at the end of August and then commissioned, the remainder (12) will be installed during September. - Post meeting note; Earliest gantry installation will now be 12 September - LS advised the bus lane will become operational following the gantry installation and subsequent 	<p>Noted</p>

	<p>testing and commissioning. Information leaflets for the public and bus drivers are being produced to help explain the ITS and bus lane operation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LS confirmed Fife Council's Halbeath Park & Ride project will begin construction at the end of August and is likely to take a year. <p>Q What is a gantry base? A RD confirmed these are areas to accommodate the columns which the gantry beams are mounted on. They also include maintenance areas.</p> <p>Q Will the bus lane remove the hard shoulder? A LS confirmed it will still be available as a hard shoulder for emergencies, in such circumstances any buses would be directed into the other lanes.</p> <p>Q Query re likely bus routes and how Halbeath and Ferrytoll park & rides will operate? A LS expected buses would pick up at both destinations and then travel through to Edinburgh and destinations south of the Forth.</p> <p>Q Query re size of buses being allowed in bus lane having been reduced from +28 to +24 seats? A LS confirmed this was the case and followed consultation with a number of stakeholders including Stagecoach.</p> <p>Q Who will be responsible for maintaining embankment grass areas at Park Lea? A LS confirmed that Graham Construction is responsible for first 5 years and then Transport Scotland through its appointed maintenance contractor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RD highlighted issue re standing water at Park Lea which will be rectified. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
6.2	<p>Traffic Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traffic Management measures on M90 were removed during July and August returning the speed limit to normal. - Phased removal of traffic management measures on the A92 and A823(M) will be confirmed soon - Aug/Sep will see night time rolling road closures while the gantry beams are installed, this will take place during Mon to Fri and no major disruptions are anticipated. 	<p>Noted</p>

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7	Community issues	
7.1	No further topics had been submitted or were discussed.	Noted
8	Next Community Forums (proposed)	
8.1	North Community Forum : 20 November 2012 (attendees agreed to again meet at Principal Contract Site Offices) M9 Junction 1a Community Forum; 21 November 2012 South Community Forum : 28 November 2012	Noted
9	AoB	
9.1	FRC Newsletter LS confirmed new project newsletter was due to be published on Fri 24 Aug.	Noted
9.2 NCF150812/ 9.2	Ferrytoll LS indicated plan to organise a separate briefing (likely in 2013) to explain phased construction and traffic management in the Ferrytoll area. EDT to confirm dates and arrange. Q Will vehicles continue to travel through Inverkeithing and under the railway bridge (Jamestown Viaduct) to access the motorway. A LS confirmed they would, using the new Ferrytoll junction to access the motorway.	EDT Noted