



## **Forth Replacement Crossing Community Council Forum (North) Minutes**

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

**Meeting Date/Time:** 12 November 2014 – 7pm

**Subject:** North Community Forum

**Participants:**

**Community Representatives**

Bill King (Rosyth Community Council)

Wayne Morris (Inverkeithing Community Council)

**Transport Scotland – Employers Delivery Team**

Lawrence Shackman (Chair and Project Manager)

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

Charles Cozens (Governance Officer)

**Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors**

Ewen Macdonell (Community Liaison Officer)

Katrina Bruce (Assistant Community Liaison Officer)

**Apologies**

Lin Collis (North Queensferry Community Council)

Graham Porteous (Head of Special Projects,  
Transport Scotland)

		Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	
1.1	Meeting chaired by Lawrence Shackman.	Noted
<b>2</b>	<b>Review of minutes and outstanding actions North Community Forum 20 August 2014</b>	
2.1	Minutes were approved for EDT to post final version on the website with 2 minor changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 2.2, 4<sup>th</sup> bullet, 2<sup>nd</sup> line should read 'weeds' and not 'weeks'</li> <li>• Correction to 5.1 12<sup>th</sup> bullet, should be '2014' and not '2015'</li> </ul>	Noted
2.2	<b>Outstanding actions paper</b> Circulated in advance of meeting	
<b>NCF200814/5.1</b>	<b>Review of Minutes from 19 February 2014</b> Following LC requesting that the temporary traffic lights on the B981 to be switched off during the FRB Festival as traffic queues increase.  Further to this request FCBC provided a special service on the Flotilla Saturday through the day and on Fireworks Night. Special Service was manual control of the temporary traffic lights, no complaints were received.	Noted
<b>3</b>	<b>Update from Employer's Delivery Team</b>	
3.1	<b><u>Deputy First Minister Visit – 06 October 2014</u></b>  Nicola Sturgeon MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities visited the FRC project on the 06 October to announce the overall costs for the project would be £50 million lower than the previous budget estimate made in 2013. This now means that the new budget range for the FRC project is down from £1.4 billion to £1.45 billion to a new budget range of £1.35 billion to £1.4 billion.  Media were also invited on the day with positive articles appearing in all the main press titles as well as featuring on the main lunchtime and evening news bulletins for both STV and BBC Scotland.	Noted  Noted
3.2	<b><u>B800 and A90/M9 Spur Overnight Closures</u></b>  The B800 full night closures for the new B800 bridge South Beams and installations went well on the 28, 29 and 30	Noted

	<p>October.</p> <p>Similarly the 3 overnight closures of the A90 and M9 Spur south of Echline Junction for the central spans of this bridge went as expected. The final bridge beams for this bridge were completed on the 5 November.</p> <p>A further 2 nights of closure of the A90 west bound were utilised to complete the 3 advance ITS gantries at Scotstoun.</p>	
3.3	<p><b><u>Ferrytoll Information Sessions</u></b></p> <p>The Ferrytoll Information Sessions have now taken place with seven separate sessions held that included the exhibition going into the local communities of Inverkeithing, North Queensferry and Rosyth. Events that these sessions were held were attended by 385 people.</p> <p>We also took the opportunity to add forum member email addresses to the Ferrytoll Junction and Connecting Roads subscription service to provide members with updates on any local works.</p> <p>25,000 leaflets were delivered to the local community with additional leaflets being placed in the Ferrytoll Park &amp; Ride for commuters who use the area.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
3.4	<p><b><u>Annual Briefing Sessions – January 2015</u></b></p> <p>The FRC Annual Briefing Sessions to provide the public with a project overview and progress to date are scheduled to take place once again in January 2015. I can confirm these will take place over two midweek dates, here at the Contact and Education Centre and two sessions will be held each day. The CEC will also open on the Saturday following the briefing sessions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details are as follows:-</li> <li>• Tuesday 27 January 2014 at 3pm and 7pm; and</li> <li>• Wednesday 28 January 2014 at 3pm and 7pm.</li> <li>• Saturday 31 January 2014 from 10am to 4pm.</li> </ul> <p>The specifics of each session are to be confirmed and will be advertised as appropriate</p>	Noted

3.5	<p><b>Contact and Education Centre Update</b> AS provided a short update regarding the CEC Outreach and Education programme.</p> <p><u>FRC Project Exhibition Visitors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2013 – 2,400 visitors, average 160 per day</li> <li>• 2014 – 5,800 visitors to date, average 150 per day</li> </ul> <p><u>FRC Talks and Presentations</u></p> <p>There is still a high demand for talks and presentations with more than 8,000 attendees for these since 2013. The talks and presentations have been from a wide range of interested parties from; local probus and rotary groups to international delegations and engineers from around the globe.</p> <p>AS confirmed that attendees to the FRC Presentation Series were recorded with the figures for the FRC Talks and Presentations, these total 750 attendees across 6 days. The FRC Presentation Series will commence again upon the re-opening of the CEC in March 2015.</p> <p><u>FRC Schools Education Programme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2013/14 – 3,618 school pupils over 144 school visits</li> <li>• 2014/15 – 1,000 School pupils since August 2014 with bookings already in place to 2016.</li> </ul> <p>AS also mentioned that due to the success of the free Family Day where over 400 visitors attended, plans are already being made for 2015.</p>	Noted
4	<b>Update on Forth Bridge Operating Company (FBOC)</b>	
4.1	<p>LS provided a short update supplied by GP in his absence.</p> <p>Arrangements for the Forth Bridges Operating Company (FBOC) Contract remain on schedule, with the Contract due to be awarded in December 2014 and the successful Operating Company due to commence service delivery in June 2015.</p> <p>Forth Bridges Forum Representatives updated Community Groups at an evening meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October at the FRC Contact &amp; Education Centre. The event was organised by TS Special Projects &amp; Network Rail. The Forth Bridge World Heritage process, Traffic Impact Assessments and Network Rail's proposals for a 'Forth Bridge Experience' was discussed. Information about the Forth Bridge Experience is available at <a href="http://www.forthbridgeexperience.com/">http://www.forthbridgeexperience.com/</a></p>	Noted  Noted

	<p>The next Forth Bridges Forum meeting is scheduled to take place on 26<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>Further information about the FBOC Contract, the Forum and its subgroups can be found via the Forum's website <a href="http://www.forth-bridges.co.uk/">http://www.forth-bridges.co.uk/</a> or via Transport Scotland's website <a href="http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/bridges/forth-bridges-special-project">http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/bridges/forth-bridges-special-project</a>, or by contacting Transport Scotland on 0141 272 7290. Minutes of Forum meetings are published on the Transport Scotland website.</p> <p>The First Minister, Alex Salmond MSP visited the Contact and Education Centre on the 29 October 2014 to announce £300k for a new project which will see every detail of the three bridges over the Forth digitally mapped and scanned to record their engineering excellence for future generations</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)</b>	
5.1	<p>EM provided a slide presentation to forum members that included photos of the work currently on-going, progressing from south to north:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earthmoving opposite Dundas Home Farm well advanced.</li> <li>• Earthworks for Southbound bus link substantially complete. The southbound bus link is due to be surfaced summer 2015 and will be used in the switching of traffic to construct the tie-in of the M90 to A90 in 2016.</li> <li>• B800 replacement bridge beams are all in place and works are progressing well, work has started to prepare the bridge for surfacing works.</li> <li>• Traffic switching to the replacement B800 bridge due in late spring 2015.</li> <li>• Earthmoving well advanced between Dundas and Echline. Roadwork's including drainage, sub-base, kerbing and blacktop will be progressed in 2015.</li> <li>• Surfacing works are now complete on Queensferry Junction bridges and traffic has been switched to the westbound leg over the southern bridge. This has allowed works on the B924 to commence.</li> <li>• Approach Viaduct South pier construction is on-going ahead of the launching activity. All bar from 2 launches are complete, the final 2 launches will take the South Approach Viaduct over pier S3 likely in early 2015.</li> <li>• All of the steelwork for the South Approach Viaduct is</li> </ul>	Noted

	<p>now on site, nearly all of this has been launched.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The large Gantry Crane situated at the SAV has now been dismantled and has been re-assembled by the Approach Viaduct North to assist in the assembly of the steel sections.</li><li>• Foundation works are on-going on piers S3 and S2.</li><li>• South, Central and North Towers are now all around pour 22 out of 54.</li><li>• A special Shear Leg crane was on site for a total of 58 days where it lifted into place the temporary steel supports and platforms for each tower, a total of 12 deck segments and 6 deck erection travellers, which will lift all future deck segments up to the towers at around pour 41.</li><li>• On the North side, the Approach Viaduct North launch area work is complete; the B981 realignment is now nearing completion with traffic switching to this road 25 November 2014.</li><li>• Progress on Ferry Toll Viaduct has progressed well. In December and through to January 2015, dates to be confirmed, there will be temporary night time road closures on the B981 to facilitate the lifting and landing of the viaduct beams on the abutments and piers of Ferry Toll Viaduct. It is anticipated that there will be three lifting periods each lasting three days. The community will be informed in advance and during the lifts with road signage and appropriate road diversions will be in place.</li><li>• Commencing this month, there will be night time deliveries of large loads of steel to the North abutment for the launching, next spring, of the Approach Viaduct North. The first shipment will gain access to the site via the B981 without any traffic management. Then there will be a couple of nights in mid-December where the large delivery vehicles will take access to the site by travelling south on the north bound carriageway of the A90 between Admiralty and the Welldean layby from which they will access the site via a purpose built ramp. This will involve stopping traffic on the north bound A90 for a few minutes at a time via a rolling road block and this will be co-ordinated by the haulier and the police. There will be a repeat of these manoeuvres over 4 nights in mid-January 2015 and final loads mid/late</li></ul>	
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	<p>February 2015. Dates are fluid due to many variables – e.g. arrival at dock timing/weather etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All of the above, beam lifts and deliveries (where loads are “abnormal”), will be carried out overnight when traffic movements in the vicinity are minimal.</li> <li>• Major works, to last 10 months, started on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 on Hope Street in Inverkeithing. This required Hope Street to be closed to traffic over 1 weekend in the October school holidays and a number of overnight closures during the same period.</li> <li>• Controlled Modular Columns (CMC’s) are being installed to the north of Ferrytoll to strengthen the earth to accommodate the additional weight of the new road.</li> <li>• North Ferrytoll beam lifts are due to take place week commencing 17 November 2015.</li> <li>• Information will also be posted on the FRC section of the Transport Scotland website as part of the ‘Weekly Traffic Management Update’ that is 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>.</li> </ul>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Community issues</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<p><b>BK has raised an issue regarding the south end of Castland Hill Road where there is no pedestrian footway south of the old A90 slip road where the old layby used to be situated.</b></p> <p>EM advised that he would check the original photographs for the area to ascertain whether there was a pedestrian access in place prior to the works. If there were a temporary footpath will be installed. EM also confirmed that the new Castland Hill Road will have full pedestrian access through its entirety</p>	FCBC
<b>6.2</b>	<p><b>EM requested that a note be added and circulated to all NCF members regarding funding opportunities for local educational initiatives, where FCBC may be able to provide additional funding where needed. All requests should be sent direct to EM</b></p>	Noted
	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	No additional topics were brought forward for discussion.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Next Community Forums (proposed)</b>	

8.1	North Community Forum – <b>Wednesday 18 February 2015</b> at the Contact and Education Centre. South Community Forum – <b>Wednesday 25 February 2015</b> at Contact and Education Centre.	Noted
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