



## **Forth Replacement Crossing North Community Forum Minutes**

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

**Meeting Date/Time:** 20 May 2015 – 7pm

**Subject:** North Community Forum

**Participants:**

**Community Representatives**

Bill King (Rosyth Community Council)

Barbara McKechnie (North Queensferry 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 - Secretariat)

**Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors**

Ewen Macdonell (Community Liaison Officer)

Katrina Bruce (Assistant Community Liaison Officer)

**Apologies**

Gordon Hood (Police Scotland, Community Sergeant)

Lin Collis (North Queensferry Community Council)

Wayne Morris (Inverkeithing Community Council)

		Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	Meeting chaired by Lawrence Shackman.	Noted
<b>2</b>	<b>Review of minutes and outstanding actions North Community Forum 12 November 2014</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	Minutes were approved for EDT to post final version on the TS website.	Noted
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Outstanding actions paper</b>	
<b>NCF180215/ 3.6</b>	LC requested posters be provided for North Queensferry advertising the Contact and Education Centre.  LC has been added to the regular distribution list and now receives copies of all flyers and posters denoting special events taking place in the CEC.	Noted
<b>NCF180215/ 6.1</b>	BK has raised an issue regarding excess mud on the footpath of Castlandhill Road, he acknowledges that the road cleaning has been maintained, however the path has been neglected.  The footpath was cleaned on 19 February.	Noted
<b>3</b>	<b>Update from Employer's Delivery Team</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Contact and Education Centre (CEC) - Update</b>  AS provided a short update regarding the CEC Outreach and Education programme.  <b><u>FRC Family Days</u></b>  The Project held two Family Days during the Easter holidays, one on Friday 10 April and the other 17 April. These were widely advertised and well attended with nearly 900 people attending over the two days.	Noted
<b>3.2</b>	<b><u>Presentation Series</u></b>  The CEC opened up again at the start of March and will	

	<p>remain open every Saturday from 10:00 to 16:00 until the end of October. The number of attendees for has varied from 50 to 75 on each day, this is despite no advertising of the venue this year.</p> <p>The FRC Presentation series recommenced at the end of March and is run on the last Friday of every month as an open event so no prior booking is required.</p> <p>The next set of presentations will take place on the 29 May and the timetable for the event is:</p> <p>10:00 am – Project Overview - an overview of the Forth Replacement Crossing Project and Queensferry Crossing – current progress and what is happening next.</p> <p>11:30 am – Health and Safety on the FRC Project - a top priority – but how is it put into practice?</p> <p>13:00 pm – Reinforced Concrete Deck – From pre-casting yard in Rosyth to in-situ on the Queensferry Crossing</p> <p>14:30 pm – Decking and Cabling – a look at how the contractors confront the task of securing the decks and adding the cables.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>3.3</b></p>	<p><b><u>Frame the Bridge</u></b></p> <p>The FRC Communications Team launched the Frame the Bridge (FTB) Campaign in March, the purpose of FTB is to create a mosaic of the Queensferry Crossing out of thousands of photographs.</p> <p>To take part you need to take a photo of yourself, family and/or friends at our dedicated signs at the project’s Contact &amp; Education Centre (on the south side) and at The Queensferry Hotel (on the north side), with the bridge works in the background.</p> <p>You would then upload the photograph to the Queensferry Crossing section of the Forth Bridges website and help build the fantastic online “People’s Bridge” mosaic. The photos will also form a key part of the celebrations when the bridge opens.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

3.4	<p><b><u>FRC Schools Education Programme</u></b></p> <p>The schools programme continues to be a great success with the projected total pupils attending the CEC in the 2014/15 academic year to be around 8,000.</p>	Noted
4	<p><b>Update on Forth Bridge Operating Company (FBOC) and Forth Bridges Forum (FBF)</b></p>	
4.1	<p>LS provided a short update regarding FBOC and the FBF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Forth Bridges Operating Company (FBOC) Contract was awarded in December 2014 to Amey who are due to commence service delivery on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015.</li> <li>• Further to the FBF public event on 18 March 2015, where the public were updated on the Traffic Impact Assessment, the Tourism Consultation and the new Forth Bridge Operating Company Contract as well as The Forth Bridge world heritage nomination – Amey will be providing a FAQ regarding the FBOC commencement and the FETA website will be updated with this info too. For further info on this see - <a href="http://www.forthroadbridge.org">www.forthroadbridge.org</a></li> <li>• The Traffic Impact Reports and Executive Summary are now on the Forth Bridges website and should there be any questions please contact <a href="mailto:forth_bridges@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">forth_bridges@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></li> <li>• On 4<sup>th</sup> March the Forth Bridge's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was celebrated by a flypast of a replica Spitfire and a RAF Tornado.</li> <li>• The next Forth Bridges Forum meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and will be followed with Representatives from the Forum hosting a public drop in session (4.00pm – 7.30pm) to meet with and update the community at the FRC Contact &amp; Education Centre.</li> <li>• 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's Special Projects team on 0141 272 7473. Minutes of Forum meetings are published on the</li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	Transport Scotland website.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<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>• The replacement B800 Bridge is required because increased spans are needed to accommodate 2 lanes and hard shoulders of the two carriageways of the M90. This is programmed to be open to traffic Summer 2015 with the existing bridge to be demolished and removed in September 2015.</li> <li>• South Bound Bus Link is to be surfaced in 2015 and will be used in 2015/16 for accommodating traffic temporarily while tying in the new M90 to the existing A90. Buses will commence using this bus link at the end of 2016.</li> <li>• The main carriageway from the South Abutment to east tie in (B800 bridge) continue to progress with works including surfacing continuing throughout 2015 through to 2016.</li> <li>• The Queensferry Junction gyratory roadworks are complete with associated traffic lights to be erected and commissioned in summer 2015. The footpaths will be complete in Autumn 2015. Landscaping will be carried out, on completion of earthworks, in the planting season.</li> <li>• The removal of existing A904 'plug' is 80% complete. Only rock is remaining which will be pecked into summer, thereafter pecking for drainage and utilities will continue through to end 2015.</li> <li>• The Approach Viaduct South final North Bound and South Bound Carriageway launches are scheduled to take place in June 2015. Thereafter the erection of shuttering and commencement of reinforced concrete deck construction will be continuous through to early 2016.</li> <li>• The towers are progressing well with ST and CT completing 39 pours out of 54, NT has completed pour 40 of 54. The completion of the towers is due in summer 2015. The first of the Cable Anchor boxes started to be installed into the towers in April 2015 at pour No 38.</li> <li>• The first cable installation is scheduled to take place in June 2015. Deck segment lifting/installing will</li> </ul>	Noted

	<p>commence summer 2015 and completing in summer 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Approach Viaduct North steel fabrication in ongoing in tent and will be completed in summer 2015. This will then be launched in autumn when the reinforced concrete deck will be added through to spring 2016.</li><li>• Works on the Ferrytoll roundabout and associated roads is currently in phase 5 of 15. The works will be ongoing through to summer 2016. The construction of the Ferrytoll viaduct will be completed in summer 2015.</li><li>• Traffic on Hope Street, Inverkeithing, is to switch to west of Jamestown Viaduct columns in June 2015. Infilling to the west of the viaduct columns to commence in summer 2015 followed by utilities installation.</li><li>• The Castlandhill Road reinforced earth wall and embankment continues to progress with completion due in summer 2015.</li><li>• Traffic using the existing A90 will be switched to the newly realigned A90 between summer and autumn 2015. 40mph average speed cameras will be installed on A90 Admiralty roundabout through to Scotstoun in summer 2015.</li><li>• The A90 North merge will be returned to its original position off Caslandhill Road which will allow an embankment to be constructed up to Dunfermline Wynd.</li><li>• Email alerts relating to the works at Ferrytoll are being issued for those who sign up for them at <a href="http://www.frc-ferrytoll.info">www.frc-ferrytoll.info</a>. The current phasing can also be viewed here.</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> <p>BM thanked FCBC for providing a donation to the North Queensferry Community Trust fun day.</p> <p>LS mentioned that FCBC had also done some work for the local primary school (provision of a container for gym equipment, relocating a bench and disposing of rubbish) and had also been recognised by the construction industry's Considerate Constructors' Scheme by having been presented with a Gold Award at the recent CCS Awards</p>	
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	<p>Ceremony in Edinburgh.</p> <p>EM commented that whilst it is always pleasing to receive such plaudits FCBC's focus will remain on continuing to apply the processes which lead to high standards rather than focussing on the awards themselves.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Community issues</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	No community Issues raised	
	<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>	
<b>8.1</b>	<p>North Community Forum – <b>Wednesday 19 August 2015</b> at the Contact and Education Centre.</p> <p>South Community Forum – <b>Wednesday 26 August 2015</b> at Contact and Education Centre.</p>	Noted