



Forth Replacement Crossing Community Council Forum (North) Minutes

Meeting Location: FRC Contact & Education Centre, South Queensferry

Meeting Date/Time: 21 May 2014 – 7pm

Subject: North Community Forum

Participants:

Community Representatives

Lin Collis (North Queensferry Community Council)
Bill King (Rosyth Community Council)
Tony Rogers (Police Scotland)
Alison Burke (Police Scotland)

Transport Scotland – Employers Delivery Team

Lawrence Shackman (Chair and Project Manager)
Alan Shirley (Head of Policy, Governance and
Stakeholder Liaison)
William Hamilton (Policy Manager)

Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors

Ewen Macdonell (Community Liaison Officer)
Katrina Bruce (Assistant Community Liaison Officer)

Apologies

Graham Porteous (Head of Special Projects,
Transport Scotland)
Wayne Morris (Inverkeithing Community Council)

		Action
1	Welcome and introductions	
1.1	<p>Meeting chaired by Lawrence Shackman.</p> <p>LS highlighted that apologies to the meeting were received from Wayne Morris, Inverkeithing Community Council and Graham Porteous, Head of Special Projects, Transport Scotland (TS).</p> <p>LS noted that Marisa Di Fillipo had resigned from her position on the North Queensferry Community Council so would no longer be attending the FRC Community Forum. LS asked LC to thank Marisa for her contributions to these meetings.</p> <p>LS asked LC if North Queensferry Community Council would be nominating someone new from the Council to become a member of the FRC Community Forum. LC confirmed that she would be the sole representative from North Queensferry.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
2	Review of minutes and outstanding actions North Community Forum 19 February 2014	
2.1	<p>LC highlighted the wrong spelling of her surname on the minutes. This should be 'Collis' rather than 'Collins' as currently on the minutes.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note:</u> Surname amended following meeting.</p> <p>Minutes were approved for EDT to post final version on the website once the above amendment was made.</p>	<p>EDT</p> <p>Noted</p>
2.2	Outstanding actions paper Circulated in advance of meeting	
NCF200214/ 2.2	<p>BK raised the issue of the continued maintenance of the Park Lea embankment.</p> <p>LS confirmed that following the last meeting of the North Community Forum and the on-going issue of the maintenance of the Park Lea embankment by local residents, BK had met with Maggie Paterson, the EDT's Environment and Landscape Lead and William Hamilton on location to discuss the issue. A note of this meeting was produced that generated two emails from residents highlighting concerns. Both these emails had received a reply from the EDT and no further correspondence was received and thus the EDT presumed that the issue was closed.</p>	Noted

	<p>BK acknowledged that replies were received to address the concerns of residents but confirmed residents were still unhappy with the appearance of the embankment and litter accumulated between the fences with consideration of taking the matter further. BK also informed the group that although BEAR had visited to collect litter on the motorway, the litter that had accumulated in the area between fences had not been collected. As a result, residents had climbed the fence to collect the rubbish.</p> <p>LS informed BK that the EDT will contact BEAR regarding the litter situation as it is clearly unacceptable that residents should climb the fence to do this themselves. LS confirmed he would also speak with Maggie Paterson regarding the appearance of the Park Lea embankment and undertake a site visit.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note:</u> Transport Scotland checked the landscape maintenance in the woodland planting area opposite Parklea on the 3 June 2014 and noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In general, the woodland planting, which was planted two years ago, is generally growing well and is already beginning to screen the timber fence within the next five years. • Two further extra heavy trees have died. Transport Scotland's Contractor/ Operating Company will be requested to remove these trees as soon as possible. • Ring spraying with herbicide to kill grass around each plant and along the perimeter fence is evident and has been successful. • The remaining grass, which generally comprises fine grasses and few weeds, is approximately 300mm high and is considered to be appropriate in appearance to the planted area. However, the Contractor/ Operating Company will be requested to cut the grass area at the foot of the embankment, beside the green chain-link fence, as soon as possible. • It is noted that there are a number of clumps of thistles in the grass area at the foot of the embankment and beside the green chain-link fence to the south of the gantry access steps. This is not acceptable and these weeds require to be eliminated by cutting and spraying. The Contractor/ Operating Company will be requested to undertake these works as soon as possible. • No litter was observed, the Contractor/ Operating Company have been reminded that litter collection 	<p>Noted</p> <p>EDT</p>
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	must extend beyond the timber fence to include the woodland planting area.	
3	Update on Forth Bridge Operating Company (FBOC)	
3.1	<p>LS provided a short update supplied by GP in his absence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrangements for the Forth Bridges Operating Company Contract remain on schedule. The Contract is due to be awarded in December 2014, with the successful Operating Company due to commence provision of services in June 2015. It will be responsible for the Forth Road Bridge, the adjacent trunk road network, and the new Queensferry Crossing when it opens. • Transport Scotland and other Forth Bridges Forum Representatives will again update local Community Groups on its work at an evening meeting on <u>Wednesday 18th June</u>, at the Contact and Education Centre. Another Forum representative is scheduled to provide an update on either the Forth Bridge World Heritage Site Nomination, or the Forth Bridges Tourism Project, initiatives being led by Historic Scotland and Visit Scotland respectively. • A new Forth Bridges Forum Tourism Project Group, with local Community Group representation, has begun to consider how “the Forth Bridges location” can be best served by potential forthcoming tourist attractions. • The Forth Bridges Forum heard today (21st May) proposals from Network Rail for its Forth Bridge Experience. Network Rail is consulting on its proposals with local community Groups, and individuals. Additionally, the Forum approved today, subject to the successful outcome of the Scoping stage, a Traffic Management, Parking & Traffic Impact Study. This Study will assess the estimated impact North and South of the Estuary of proposals for Forth Bridge World Heritage Status, and a “Forth Bridge Experience” on the capacity of the trunk road and local road network. The impact on other infrastructure and facilities in the area will also be considered, with the precise area needing to be defined. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
4	Update from Employer’s Delivery Team	
4.1	ICI Committee Visit LS informed members that on the 6 May 2014, three	Noted

	<p>members of the Scottish Parliament's Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee visited the FRC project for a site tour. Those in attendance were Maureen Watt (Convenor), Alex Johnstone and Mary Fee as well as staff members from the Committee office itself.</p> <p>The visit itself went well with members taken to see the works at the North Abutment area, as well as the South Abutment where discussions focussed on the progress of works to date. The Committee has also published pictures from their visit onto their Facebook page.</p>	Noted
4.2	<p>ZPMC Steel Deliveries</p> <p>LS informed members that on Monday 19 May 2014, FCBC received its first major consignment of steel from China and that members may have witnessed themselves the consignment travelling up the Forth Estuary on the Zhen Hua 23 which was 250m long.</p> <p>LS also informed members that the Minister for Transport and Veterans also visited Rosyth Docks on 19 May to see where the steel would arrive and met with workers onsite along with media. STV also did a live broadcast from North Queensferry for the early evening edition of the news that contained an interview with the Minister, Keith Brown MSP and David Climie, Project Director.</p> <p>LC asked if it was possible to see the news item that appeared on STV and LS advised this should still be available on their website.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note:</u> Link to STV website:- http://news.stv.tv/east-central/275843-shipment-of-12-250-tonne-decks-arrives-for-queensferry-crossing/</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
4.3	<p>Engaging with Communities – Construction Refresh</p> <p>LS informed members on the update to 'Engaging with Communities' and hardcopies of the final draft version of the document were distributed to the members in attendance. LS advised that an electronic copy of this document would also be emailed out to all forum members the following day and that any comments would be welcomed by the close of business on the 30 May 2014.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note:</u> An email with an electronic copy of the document was issued to all NCF members at 09:26 on the 22 May 2014.</p>	Noted
4.4	Open Days at the Contact and Education Centre (CEC)	

	<p>LS confirmed that following the recommencement of the open days every Saturday since the 29 March 2014, the CEC had received 521 visitors to find out more information regarding the Forth replacement Project. Over the eight open days have been held at the CEC in 2014, this is on average 65 visitors for each Saturday.</p>	Noted
4.5	<p>Technical Presentations</p> <p>LS informed members that commencing on Friday 30 May 2014; a technical presentation series will be held at the CEC and will continue to take place on the last Friday of every month. The purpose of these presentations is to provide the public with additional, specialised presentations on the various aspects of the Forth Replacement Crossing.</p> <p>LS advised that the programme for the 30 May 2014 was as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1000 – The History of Crossing the Forth 1130 – Forth Replacement Crossing Project Overview and Update 1300 – Forth Replacement Crossing Geotechnical Engineering 1430 – Forth Replacement Crossing Marine Operations</p> <p>Each talk and presentation will last approximately 45 minutes with an opportunity for an interactive question and answer session. LS also advised that a list of the presentations will be advertised on the FRC website.</p>	Noted
4.6	<p>Bellyeoman PSA Sponsored Bridge Walk</p> <p>LS advised members that on Sunday (18 May), the CEC was opened to support a sponsored bridge walk by Bellyeoman Primary School that is situated in Dunfermline. On the day 159 people came into the CEC to use the facilities and take part in a quiz.</p> <p>LS also informed members that FCBC also generously provided a keepsake for those taking part in the sponsored walk – a Queensferry Crossing emblazoned water bottle.</p>	Noted Noted
4.7	<p>Name the Bridge Schools Competition</p> <p>LS informed members that on the 22 April 2014, pupils from Madras College (St Andrew's) were welcomed to the CEC as VIP guest winners of the Name the Bridge Schools Competition. On the day, 12 pupils from S3 arrived for a tour of the North and South Abutment areas, an FRC Project presentation and also undertook an Educational Bridge Building Activity.</p>	Noted

	<p>LS also confirmed that Cleish Primary School who was also named winners of the Name the Bridge Schools Competition will be visiting the CEC as VIP guests on the 28 May 2014. 26 pupils will be attending from their P3 to P6 classes and will receive a visit similar to that of Madras, but customised for their own age group.</p>	Noted
4.8	<p>Ferrytoll Briefing/Exhibitions</p> <p>LS informed members that to coincide with the development of the works around Ferrytoll, a number of briefing/exhibitions sessions will take place over the first two weeks in August. The purpose of these sessions will be to show the main phases of the of the temporary traffic management that will be required to construct the redesigned Ferrytoll gyratory junction.</p> <p>Individual sessions will be held at venues in Inverkeithing, North Queensferry and Rosyth with a further session also to be held at the CEC during the same two week period. Information supplied at these briefing/exhibition sessions will also be made available at the CEC commencing from the 9 August for the remainder of the month and members will be notified when dates have been confirmed.</p> <p>LS also confirmed that leaflets showing the various phases of works around Ferrytoll would also be produced to coincide with the Ferrytoll Briefing/Exhibitions, but members could be reassured that external signage and the FRC website would be regularly updated to reflect any changes.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
5	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)	
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"> • Earthmoving opposite Dundas Home Farm well advanced. • Earthworks for Southbound bus link substantially complete. The southbound bus link is due to be surfaced late in 2015 and will be used in the switching of traffic to construct the tie-in of the M90 to A90 in 2016. • Service protection works are on-going and early works for the B800 replacement bridge are progressing well, the north abutment being substantially complete and south abutment works well underway. Traffic switching to the replacement B800 bridge due in spring 2015. • 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 complete to deck level including waterproofing. Traffic switch to the new Queensferry Gyratory is targeted for end July 2014. • Approach Viaduct South pier construction is on-going ahead of the launching activity. Four launches have been carried out to date from the south abutment. The launches will continue through to Spring 2015 at which time the launching equipment will be moved to the north abutment and will be engaged in launching activities there through to the end of 2015. • Foundation works are on-going on piers S3 and S2. • Society Road improvements are complete. • South, Central and North Towers are at respective heights 21m, 52m and 40m. Target completion dates for the towers are spring and early summer 2015. • The first big load of steel main deck sections and support steel sections and staging arrived from Shanghai on Monday 19th May and will be off loaded during the course of the week. • On the North side, the Approach Viaduct North launch area work is complete, the B981 realignment is now blacktopped with final surfacing to follow. Switching of traffic to this road is targeted for summer 2014. • Works have started (off-line) at the King Malcolm Drive/Ferrytoll Road junction. • Ferrytoll Road is due to be closed for a period of 6 weeks between start July 2014 and mid-August 2014 to accommodate road widening works on the approach to the new junction with the B981 (Please see Post Meeting Note at the end of this update). Traffic management will be placed on King Malcolm Drive and Ferrytoll Road for a period of four months also to facilitate the junction works. • Ground improvement works are now commencing in the vicinity of the old A90 northbound merge and, once these are completed, the new northbound merge construction will proceed in that area. In due course the temporary northbound slip road near Dunfermline Wynd will be removed and a temporary link will be introduced from the realigned Castlandhill Road. • Some site clearance works have progressed in the vicinity of Hillwood Terrace adjacent to the A90 northbound carriageway and towards the end of 2014 earthworks will follow in preparation for the realignment of the existing A90 northbound carriageway and introduction of a hard shoulder to form what will become the M90. • Preparatory works for a new gantry on the Admiralty northbound off slip are imminent. 	
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	<p><u>Post Meeting Note:-</u></p> <p>Forum members were advised that Ferrytoll Road is due to be closed for a period of six weeks between the start of July 2014 to mid-August 2014 for a period of six weeks. We are still awaiting confirmation from Fife Council regarding this road closure but most likely to take place from 29 June 2014 for the six weeks covering the Fife school holiday period.</p> <p>Once confirmation is received, details will be posted on the Fife Council website at the following link providing diversion details: http://www.fifedirect.org.uk/roadworks.</p> <p>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: http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/information-road-users.</p>	
6	Community issues	
6.1	<p>LC asked if there is there provision for a footpath and cycleway on the new North Queensferry Road (B981).</p> <p>LS confirmed that there will be a footpath and cycleway provided on the realigned B981 and proceeded to show forum members a diagram of the Ferrytoll area to indicate the proposed footpath and cycleway provision. LC confirmed the question was only raised by residents due to a belief that the new road taking shape (B981) looked narrow.</p>	Noted
6.2	<p>LC asked what Transport Scotland's policy was in regards to saving energy as the light at the CEC was usually on all night.</p> <p>LS confirmed that Transport Scotland takes the issue of energy efficiency seriously and that is part of the reason that the CEC building was designed for natural ventilation (louvres) to reduce need and energy cost of air-conditioning systems etc.</p> <p>LS also reminded members that the CEC also has the Traffic Scotland National Control Centre within it and is manned 24 hours a day. In addition, as part of the FRC project, a number of evening events also take place in the main exhibition space. The buildings internal lights are also operated by sensors so should only come on when there is a need for them.</p> <p>LC confirmed that the question was in regards to the band of white light that can be seen under the main exhibition</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>window of the centre. LS confirmed that this is not only a feature of the building, but provides security for the North side of the building and allows CCTV cameras to see if there are any potential intruders. This light is also set to be on at the same timings as the car park street lights.</p> <p>LC highlighted that the light in question is sometimes left on until 5 am in the morning, and other nights like recently, the light has been switched off at 11 pm. LS confirmed that the EDT would look into this having been informed that the light was on as a security measure.</p>	EDT
7	Any Other Business	
7.1	No additional topics were brought forward for discussion.	
8	Next Community Forums (proposed)	
8.1	<p>North Community Forum – Wednesday 20 August 2014 at the Contact and Education Centre.</p> <p>South Community Forum – Wednesday 27 August 2014 at Contact and Education Centre.</p>	Noted