



Forth Replacement Crossing Community Forum (North) Minutes

Meeting location: Queensferry Hotel

Meeting Date/Time: 25 January 2012 – 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)

Colin Bell (North Queensferry Community Council)

Transport Scotland – Employers Delivery Team (EDT)

Lawrence Shackman

John Watt

Andy Pope

Allan Buchan (C/o BIG Partnership)

Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)

Ewen MacDonell

John Graham (Dromore) Ltd

Richard Docherty

John Sisk and Roadbridge

Elaine Barrie

Observers

2 observers

Apologies

Derek Chambers (FCBC)

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	Notes	Action
1	Meeting chaired by Lawrence Shackman	
2	Review of minutes and outstanding actions North Community Forum 1 November 2011	
2.1	LS reiterated the purpose of Forum meetings – including that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. 	
2.2	Minutes were approved for TS to post on website	Noted
2.3	Further items from Outstanding Actions paper presented were discussed	
	(2.3) Date for B981 diversion EM confirmed phase 1 undertaken from 15 th January and phase 2 to take place from 3 rd February.	Noted/complete
	(2.3) Engaging with communities Copies supplied.	Complete
	(3) Programme AP confirmed copy of construction programme was published on FRC website on 1 st December.	Complete
	(3) Intermittent closure of Castlandhill Road EM confirmed that advance notification would be addressed for upcoming works. To accommodate rock blasting, EM confirmed that further closures on Castlandhill Road will be required on a weekly or fortnightly basis (tbc – subject to volume of rock blasted) for 1 hour (between 8pm and 10pm) from 8 th February (date tbc). Traffic will be diverted around Rosyth. A rolling road block will also be required on the A90 dual carriageway during the blasting with traffic held for approx 10 to 20 mins. When date is confirmed, the traffic management measures will be publicised.	Complete Noted
	(6.1) Park Lea Noted communication was undertaken and is continuing.	Complete

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	<p>(6.2) Simultaneous road closures Noted issue was considered in planning traffic management. RD confirmed closure at Admiralty Junction slip road was completed with no issues.</p>	Complete
	<p>(7.1) FRC Website JW confirmed refresh should be complete by w/c 30th January 2012.</p>	Complete
NCF250112/ 2.3	<p>(7.2) Community notice boards EM confirmed notice board locations had been agreed at Inverkeithing Civic Centre, Ferrytoll Park & Ride, outside Ferrybridge Hotel, Scotmid South Queensferry and Newton shop. BA confirmed FCBC were supporting installation of notice board purchased by NQCC at top part of town. JS asked if it would be possible to install a second notice board in Inverkeithing near the school at the top of Fraser Avenue as there is greater pedestrian traffic than at the school. EM to confirm if budget is available.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Noted/complete</p> <p>FCBC</p>
	<p>(7.3) Presentation re Working Groups JW confirmed no request had been received for speakers but that the EDT would be happy to organise if required.</p>	Noted/complete
3	John Sisk and Roadbridge (M9 Junction 1a Contract)	
3.1	<p>Progress update and 3 month look ahead EB provided overview, key items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overall programme has slipped slightly but should be recovered - Piling works at north end of M9 Spur is well underway - Piling works behind the slip road to the M9 will be on-going for the next week - General earthworks are likely to take longer than expected but should complete mid-April - Culvert construction and demolition at Niddry Burn and Swine Burn has slipped slightly but still should complete by end Feb. - First gantry delivery will not require to come through Kirkliston – gantry will be delivered to back of housing estate and moved onto site during the day at off-peak period. Gantry will be 	Noted

	<p>delivered under escort on Tue 31st January during the evening after the peak traffic period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further two gantries due to be delivered w/c 6 Feb. 	
3.2	<p>Traffic Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overton Road closure is in place for two weeks to allow piling to begin next week. Pedestrian access will be provided at all times. - There will be an overnight closure (north and south bound) required on the M9 Spur for installation of gantries 13, 15 and 16. The date is likely to be the 3rd or 10th of March (tbc) - A southbound overnight closure will be required around 6th April (tbc) to enable installation of gantry 14. <p>NB JS&R is currently liaising with the police re dates and timings which are likely to be between 9-10pm and 9-10am.</p>	Noted
NCF250112/ 3.2	<p>EB to confirm dates and timings when available.</p> <p>Q Query re if still on programme for completion? A There has been some delay due to the recent high winds, but we hope to still complete on time.</p>	SRB Noted
4	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)	
4.1	<p>Progress update and 3 month look ahead</p> <p>3 month look ahead plan was circulated, further items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exposing rock at North Abutment (Pier N2) - Ground testing is taking place at Ferrytoll embankment - Preparing working platform on B981 - Soil stripping at Winnyhill - Preparing wheel wash at access 3B (Ferrytoll) - Planting and fencing erection at Castlandhill - Ground and marine investigations are on-going - Further blasting at Beamer Rock will take place on 26th January – previous blast noise was limited and no disturbance to residents was recorded - FCBC has moved to new shared offices at Ferrytoll and would welcome visits from 	Noted

	<p>community representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foundation works for the bridge will begin this year - Roadworks have begun and will be on-going - Ferrytoll junction area will be ongoing over the next 3 years - The crossing is on programme. 	
4.2	<p>Traffic management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See 2.3 (3) re intermittent closures 	Noted
5	John Graham (Dromore) Ltd (Fife ITS Contract)	
5.1	<p>Progress update and 3 month look ahead</p> <p>3 month plan is available on the FRC website, items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work fully underway on most gantry sites - Gantry 8, Middlebank – mine consolidation works taking longer than anticipated due to size of void - Gantry 20, Crossgates – noise monitoring equipment installed - Piling ongoing in key areas – some completed, e.g. immediately adjacent to Park Lea - Gantry 1, Bellknowes Industrial Estate –drilling completed - Park Lea – noise and vibration equipment installed following discussions at Community Council. No recordings exceeded limits during December. <p>RD confirmed a question had been asked by resident if an existing hedge would act as a barrier and prevent accurate recording? Noise specialist confirmed it would not.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tree planting to be undertaken in spring window, i.e. pre April - Delivery of gantries is expected in March for commissioning and testing. Installation will require overnight closures. 	
5.2	<p>Traffic management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traffic management measures remained effective during recent high winds due to efforts of maintenance crews - Plans are being finalised for reconfiguring traffic management measures to enable central reservation piling works for various Gantries 	Noted

<p>NCF250112/ 5.2</p>	<p>including Gantry 2 at Park Lea. This involves closing the central lanes at various locations but will still retain two lanes running in each direction by using hard shoulder. This may be implemented from 1st Feb. Limited impact is anticipated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Essential resurfacing works due to take place at end of March/April (date tbc) will require further reconfiguration with some single lane running north and/or south at weekends. Queue monitoring equipment will be used but some delays are anticipated. The works involve reconstructing the south bound carriageway between the A92/M90 merge and Admiralty to extend its current life and support a bus lane. - Community representatives highlighted this would have a major impact during school holidays in April, at the start of summer holidays, the Fife trade fortnight and during T-in-the-Park festival. - LS confirmed these would be considered by the Traffic Management Group and details of the traffic management measures would be publicised well in advance. LS also highlighted the group's minutes are available on the FRC website. <p>RD to confirm details of traffic management for both works when details confirmed.</p> <p>Q Query if the project would complete on schedule? A RD explained there had been some slippage, mainly due to uncertainties inherent with mine consolidation and the grouting works taking longer than expected, but we are confident the programme will be delivered during summer 2012.</p> <p>Q BK highlighted query raised re fencing at Park Lea and if there would be gap between end of the fence and trees. A LS indicated that written response had been provided and stated that there will be a small transition between the ends of the fence to mature trees.</p> <p>Q BK highlighted concerns raised by Park Lea residents that existing flood plain will be made worse</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>JG(D)Ltd</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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	<p>by embankment.</p> <p>A LS confirmed response had been provided confirming anticipated run off would be negligible and it is expected that the planting programme to take place in a few months may improve the current situation.</p>	Noted
6	Contact & Education Centre – construction progress update	
6.1	<p>LS confirmed C&EC construction programme is on target.</p> <p>The main steel frame will be complete by the 30th January.</p> <p>LS confirmed representatives from Dawn Construction would be attending the South Community Forum to provide a brief and minutes would be available.</p>	Noted
7	AoB	
7.1	<p>New offices</p> <p>LS confirmed EDT and FCBC had moved to new offices near Ferrytoll, towards Rosyth, and would be based there for the next five years. EM highlighted that the office units had been transferred from Olympic Park in London.</p>	Noted
7.2	<p>Consultation re Bus Hard Shoulder Running</p> <p>LS highlighted consultation paper had been published on TS website. This is based on the content in the Forth Crossing Bill and Policy Memorandum.</p>	Noted
NCF250112/7.2	<p>LS asked that the community representatives please call if they wish to discuss any aspect of the proposals.</p>	Community representatives
7.3	<p>Trees on B981</p> <p>BA highlighted concerns raised re stability of trees near B981.</p>	Noted
NCF250112/7.3	<p>EM confirmed tree expert would inspect to see if any are in a dangerous condition. EM to provide update.</p>	FCBC
7.4	<p>Windshielding</p> <p>Discussion re recent high winds. LS confirmed that if new crossing had been available, it would probably have remained open all day and may have only been required to close to some high sided vehicles for a short period.</p>	Noted

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7.5	School visits EM confirmed that a number of school visits have been undertaken and are planned by FCBC. Activities include bridge building exercises.	Noted
7.6	Newsletter LS confirmed the latest edition would be published w/c 30 January.	Noted
7.7	Donations EM confirmed that as a gesture of thanks to those residents that had allowed monitoring instruments to be installed a donation of £500 would be made to a good cause nominated by them – this would be made each year that the equipment is hosted.	Noted
7.8	NQCC Brian Armstrong confirmed that this would be his last attendance at a Community Forum and that Colin Bell would now represent NQCC. LS thanked BA for his contribution during the Bill and Construction phases.	Noted
8	Next Community Forums (proposed)	
8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- South Community Forum : 25 April 2012- North Community Forum : 1 May 2012- M9 J1A Community Forum : 2 May 2012	Noted