

Forth Replacement Crossing Community Forum (North) Minutes

Meeting location: Queensferry Hotel, North Queensferry

Meeting Date/Time: 1 May 2012 – 7pm

Subject: Community Forum South

Participants: <u>Community Representatives</u>

Colin Bell (North Queensferry Community Council) Wayne Morris (Inverkeithing Community Council) Juliet Sheriff (Inverkeithing Community Council)

Bill King (Rosyth Community Council)

<u>Transport Scotland – Employers Delivery Team (EDT)</u>

Lawrence Shackman

Keavy O'Neill

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

Tony Rogers, Fife Constabulary

Apologies

None

	Notes	Action
1	Meeting chaired by Lawrence Shackman	71011011
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2	Review of minutes and outstanding actions North Community Forum 25 January 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. LS proposed that future meetings will continue to incorporate a presentation element.	Noted
2.2	Spelling of Fraser Avenue to be updated in minute (x2)	EDT
	Subject to this change, the minutes were approved for TS to post on website.	Noted
2.4	Outstanding actions paper Circulated in advance of meeting	
NCF250112/ 2.3	Community notice boards EM confirmed notice boards have been installed and provided set of keys to JS for Fraser Av notice board.	Noted
	EM to supply keys to CB.	FCBC
NCF250112/ 3.2	M9 J1a Traffic Management Update covered in main meeting presentation.	Complete
NCF250112/ 5.2	M90 Traffic Management Update covered in main meeting presentation.	Complete
NCF250112/ 7.2	Consultation re Bus Hard Shoulder Running LS confirmed feedback re the Draft Orders had been received from 15 organisations / individuals. There were no major concerns, but all will be written to by TS and any issues addressed – e.g. permitted bus sizes will be reduced from 28 to 24 seats. A report will be published on the FRC website. TS will progress to make the Orders in summer 2012.	Complete
NCF250112/ 7.3	Trees on B981 EM confirmed the trees had been checked and there were no issues with their stability.	Complete
3	Update from Employers Delivery Team (EDT)	
3.1	General LS provided EDT presentation update	Noted

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3.2	LS highlighted introduction of presentation element to updates to help clarify developments. LS emphasised that TS/contractors would be happy to provide presentations on specific issues/upcoming works to local groups or in a public meeting format. Contact & Education Centre construction LS emphasised that the roof has been completed and frontage/exterior works are now progressing on schedule by Dawn Construction and are due for completion in September. Fitting out is due for completion in October to allow opening thereafter. The Traffic Control Centre section is scheduled 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: - photos showing extent of works – piling to be complete in Kirkliston area by end of June with Swineburn diversion and culvert largely complete - community liaison – e.g. works have been undertaken at primary school - monitoring - installation of four gantries on M9 Spur in early March with handover of this section to TS very soon - further gantry installation due in spring/summer 2012. EB confirmed A3 map detailing works is updated every 6	Noted
	weeks and is available on FRC website and Kirkliston notice boards. The works are on target for completion in late 2012.	Noted
4.2	Traffic Management	
	EB provided presentation of traffic management measures including: - Proposed change in road layout with traffic utilising the hard shoulders in late May/early June so that work in the central reserve can be accommodated - Placement of new M9 overbridge beams in late May/early June - Planned contraflows on M9 in Aug/Sept - Painting existing M9 overbridge in Sept will	Noted

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	require contraflows on M9 - Further gantry installation planned for spring/summer. As previously, the gantries will be transported through the Barratt estate to minimise disruption. Q Query re need for new over bridge? A LS explained that this will provide the connection for traffic from M9 Newbridge to the M9 spur whilst the existing bridge will be for West Lothian bound traffic from the M9 Spur, providing separation of north and south bound traffic on the new and existing bridges.	Noted
5	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)	
5.1	Progress update and 3 month look ahead EM provided presentation of works progress with project overview and look ahead including: - first year focus on main crossing design, consultation and review - review of main office and subsidiary sites - overview of foundation construction including caisson delivery planned for the beginning of May - overview of connecting roads - Current works include replanting bluebells and transferring blasted rock to Ferrytoll embankment - Works at Castlandhill embankment are largely complete with blasting/excavation at Whinney Hill ongoing for the next six months - B981 piling platform is ready for works in August - Scottish Water will shortly undertake works to realign the outfall from the Dunfermline Sewage Treatment Works - Site clearance for, and establishment of, the south compound is progressing.	Noted
	Q Tony Rogers of Fife Constabulary asked re planned announcements on the caisson delivery - i.e. potential for large crowds that may have to be managed? A LS confirmed that media will be alerted should they wish to cover the story, but this is unlikely to attract major crowds as the time won't be known until very near delivery.	Noted
NCF010512/ 5.1	 Q JS asked if proposed piling in August at St Margaret's Marsh will take place overnight? A LS confirmed piling would not take place overnight and CFA piling is likely to be used. EM to confirm piling method. 	FCBC

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5.2	Traffic management EM presentation covered: - rock blasting at Winnyhill from 18 th May will require rolling road block on A90 (up to 20 minutes) and Castlandhill Road will require closure for 1 hour, these measures will be fortnightly thereafter - Castlandhill closures will require traffic diversions through Rosyth - Closure of the B981 is likely for a few minutes weekly to accommodate blasting around the north abutment area	Noted
	 Q RD asked when timelapse/ webcams will be available? A EM confirmed FCBC was awaiting BT lines to be installed, but were unlikely to be available for delivery of caissons. LS confirmed webcam for M9 Junction 1a was active. 	Noted
6	John Graham (Dromore) Ltd (Fife ITS Contract)	
6.1	Progress update and 3 month look ahead 3 month programme and map circulated. RD provided presentation of works progress with project overview and look ahead – including - M90 resurfacing largely completed - gantry construction – fabrication is taking place at various yards and transport to local holding site is anticipated around 15 th May - gantry installation will follow completion of M90 resurfacing - Overview of community engagement - Park Lea works – gap in fence to be completed by end of May Q BK noted surface water shown in photo at bottom of steps.	Noted Noted
	 A RD emphasised it had been unusually heavy rain. RD confirmed Mine Consolidation works are complete (not near) CFA piling works are near complete Temporary compound at Middlebank has been removed and ground reinstated. RD confirmed project is scheduled to be completed in summer 2012. 	Noted Noted

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6.2	- M90 resurfacing works are continuing. LS confirmed this is the first time this type of surfacing has been specified by TS. RD confirmed weekend contraflow (from 9 April to 19 May) has worked well to date with minimal delays - RD confirmed full road closure overnight will be required for gantry installation in May/June but that the impact is expected to be minimal Programme of works at Masterton Viaduct requires motorway closure and traffic diversion over the next four nights – 10.30pm to 6am. A pilot trial during previous week worked very well.	Noted
	 Q BK queried the type of works at Masterton and likely noise levels? A RD confirmed it will involve road scraping (removal of road surface) and noise levels will be monitored. 	Noted
7	AoB	
7.1	FRC Newsletter LS confirmed new project newsletter is due to be published in mid-May.	Noted
7.2	Dust monitoring Q JS highlighted that some residents at top end of Inverkeithing near Bellknowes had contacted the Community Council re problems with dust levels and asked if this could be a result of work on Fife ITS. JS also asked if monitoring equipment was working properly? A RD said that he was unaware of any specific works that might cause problems with dust in this area. He confirmed that monitoring equipment was working and no breeches had been reported. LS highlighted results are published as soon as possible, but these take about a month to verify.	Noted
7.3	Schools EM confirmed North Queensferry primary had provided a classroom and FCBC had invited local schools to take part in bridge building activities. These will begin on Mon 14 th May and run through the week. Q JS asked if Inverkeithing Primary School was taking	Noted
NCF010512/ 7.3	part? A EM to confirm to JS if Inverkeithing Primary has been contacted.	ЕМ

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	LS highlighted that when the CEC is open there will be a facility for schools, clubs and societies to book visits.	Noted
7.4	Whinnyhill Road CB highlighted problems with mud on road at Whinnyhill. EM emphasised wheel wash and road cleaning were taking place, but it is very difficult to remove all traces. CB asked if warning signs would be appropriate?	
NCF010512/ 7.4	EM to consider.	FCBC
7.5	South Community Forum Minutes LS highlighted that additional items were discussed at the South Community Forum and suggested members of the North Forum review these minutes.	Noted
NCF010512/ 7.5	KON to issue North Forum members with draft version as final version will not appear on website until approved at next South Forum meeting in August.	EDT
7.6 NCF010512/	J1a Community Forum LS confirmed that M9 Junction 1a Forum planned for 2nd May had been cancelled. Discussions are taking place with Kirkliston Community Council re rescheduling or attending their Community Council meetings instead. A member from Queensferry and District Community Council had suggested agenda items could be incorporated in south meeting,TS to update Forum	
7.6	members re discussions.	EDT
8	Next Community Forums (proposed)	Noted
8.1	South Community Forum : 21 August 2012 North Community Forum : 15 August 2012	Noted
	LS suggested the north meeting take place at the project site offices at Ferrytoll. Forum members agreed. TS to organise tour of offices during meeting.	Noted
	EM emphasised that Forum members could also drop in to the site office at any time.	Noted