



Forth Replacement Crossing Community Council Forum (North) Minutes

Meeting location: FRC Contact & Education Centre, South Queensferry

Meeting Date/Time: 21 August 2013 – 7pm

Subject: Community Forum North

Participants:

Community Representatives

Lin Collis (North Queensferry Community Council)

Wayne Morris (Inverkeithing Community Council)

Tony Rogers (Fife Police)

Transport Scotland – Employers Delivery Team (EDT)

Lawrence Shackman

Graham Porteous

Alan Shirley

Raymond Kirk

Allan Buchan (c/o BIG Partnership)

Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)

Ewen Macdonell

Apologies

Bill King (Rosyth Community Council)

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		Action
1	Welcome and introductions	
1.1	<p>Meeting chaired by Lawrence Shackman.</p> <p>LS highlighted that A Pope and K O'Neill have both left the project and Alan Shirley is now the Head of Governance, Policy and Stakeholder Liaison who will have responsibility for Andy and Keavy's replacements who are scheduled to join the FRC Project Team in September.</p> <p>LS highlighted that the Forth Bridge Operating Company update was a new Agenda item with Graham Porteous invited to provide this.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
2	Review of minutes and outstanding actions North Community Forum 22 May 2012	
2.1	Minutes were approved for EDT to post on website	Noted
2.2	Outstanding actions paper Circulated in advance of meeting	
NCF220513/3.2	Public Meeting re Ferrytoll Works LS confirmed this would be most likely held in January, as more detail would be available. Date of meeting to be confirmed.	EDT
NCF220513/3.5	Traffic monitoring on M9 Junction 1 and bus lane usage (M90/M9 J1a) LS confirmed an update would be provided post December, i.e. covering the first year of use.	EDT
NCF22/05/13 4.1	Webcams LS confirmed these are available to view on the project website.	Noted
3	Update from Employer's Delivery Team	
3.1	Update from Forth Bridges Forum GP provided update re progress on appointment of an operating company for the two road bridges. GP confirmed operations will cover from the M9J1a to Halbeath, including part of the Pitreavie spur. GP confirmed that responses to the prospectus are due by September and the tender is likely to be issued in November 2013, with the contract award in 2014. Commencement is expected by June 2015 to enable preparation for the opening of the Queensferry Crossing in 2016.	Noted

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	<p>The tender will require the contractor to fulfill community benefits such as work placements and apprenticeships, and to advertise available jobs with local agencies. There will also be a requirement to maintain effective communications with the local community.</p> <p>GP to update Community Forums at next meeting.</p>	EDT
3.2	<p>EDT Staff LS advised the group that Andy Pope and Keavy O'Neil have left the project. LS introduced AS, their line manager, and confirmed the EDT is currently recruiting replacement staff.</p>	Noted
3.3	<p>Newton Traffic Works LS confirmed works commenced on 12 August and would take approx seven weeks to complete.</p>	Noted
3.4	<p>CEC Open days LS confirmed there had been considerable interest in the last open days with a total of 500 people attending those on the 16 and 17 August.</p> <p>LS confirmed that the Open Days in June had only been advertised on the FRC website and attendance had been much lower, indicating that some form of promotion was required for such events.</p> <p>LC suggested that on the day of events the EDT consider placing a banner at the CEC overlooking the traffic to help promotion. LS and EM emphasised that numbers were already almost at the maximum the venue could handle comfortably and a banner might create problems in dealing with demand.</p> <p>AS emphasised that an analysis is taking place of the feedback and postcode data which will help inform future targeted promotion of the Open Days.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
3.5	<p>Name the Bridge LS confirmed the winning name voted for by the public was The Queensferry Crossing.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note</u> Voting summary: Queensferry Crossing 12,039 (35.5%) Caledonia Bridge 10,573 (31.2%) St Margaret's Crossing 7,146 (21.1%) Saltire Crossing 2,046 (6%)</p>	Noted

	Firth of Forth Crossing 2,087 (6.2%)	
3.6	<p>Education Programme</p> <p>LS confirmed that all schools in Scotland had been sent a letter offering a visit to the CEC. RK confirmed that 25 requests for visits were received within a few days of the letter being issued – the majority of schools are from Fife, but requests have also been received from Ayrshire, Perth and Midlothian schools. RK confirmed most requests were from Primary Schools as it is less easy for Secondary Schools to free-up pupils from various classes.</p> <p>AS confirmed that the EDT is working with Education Scotland to develop an education programme and relevant materials for schools.</p> <p>EM emphasised that over the last 2 years the team has arranged briefings and bridge building sessions for some 70 schools.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
4	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)	
4.1	<p>Progress update and 3 month look ahead</p> <p>EM provided a presentation of works progress with project overview and look ahead including photos/progress on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Castlandhill Rd embankment – good progress. B981 diversion will be introduced next year allowing the embankment to be extended to Ferrytoll. - Wagons – from the end of Oct, the number of wagons will decrease from a maximum of 200 per day to 50 per day, with occasional peaks. - Railway bridge on Rosyth Dockyard line – has been extended all will provide platform for the new north bound carriageway - Tunnel extension – will provide platform for 6 metre embankment - Pier N1 – currently cleaning the concrete top to allow start of north tower base - Central tower – steel reinforcement is well underway - South Tower – material from bottom of caisson has been removed. Concrete pour (18,000 cubic metres) started today and will continue for 18 days - Pier S1 – excavations are progressing - Pier S6 – starter bars are in position ready to 	Noted

	<p>pour concrete for V shape piers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pier S7/S8 and south abutment – EM described process for bolting and welding together 90 metre long sections of steel which the blue gantry crane will place. Each section will then be pulled over the piers into position. This process will begin in late autumn 2013 and continue until autumn 2014. - Society Rd – widening works will complete by early October. - Echline corner – beams for bridge and gyratory abutments will arrive in late Sept. The A904 will then be realigned. - Dundas – earth moving will continue for the next 9 months. - Fabricated steel – the delivery of the 141 sections being fabricated in Shanghai will start next year. 	
4.2	<p>Traffic management (TM) EM confirmed TM will be required –</p> <p><u>North:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ferrytoll Gyratory – inside lane closure and temporary barrier (Aug 2013) - Castlandhill – footpath diversion (Sep 2013) - Castlandhill Rd – night closure (Sep 2013) <p><u>South:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Society Rd – traffic management will end in early Oct 2013 - A90 – bus lane closure (Oct 2013) - Steel delivery involving a police escort via A1 and M9 spur. No major delays are anticipated (from 3 Sept) - Road surface testing – traffic management (Aug/Sept 2013) - A904 crossing – night time lane closures (Sept 2013) - A904 west tie-in – phased between Sept 2013 and Feb 2014. 	Noted
5	Community issues	
5.1	No topics for discussion were submitted	Noted
6	Any Other Business	
6.1 NCF210813/ 6.1	<p>Site visit LS confirmed the EDT would like to organise a daytime site visit for Community Forum members while the weather is good. EDT to check with South Community Forum and contact members with</p>	EDT

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	proposed date.	
6.2	Ferrytoll re-marked LS confirmed the white lines at Ferrytoll roundabout have been re-marked.	Noted
6.3 NCF210813/ 6.3	One Show EM confirmed that The One Show were due to film on site on 22 August. LS said the show was likely to broadcast in 3 to 4 weeks. EDT to issue note to community forum members when broadcast date is known.	EDT
7	Next Community Forums (proposed)	
7.1	North Community Forum – Wednesday 20 November 2013 at CEC. South Community Forum – Wednesday 27 November 2013 at CEC.	Noted