



Forth Replacement Crossing North Community Forum Minutes

Meeting Location: FRC Contact & Education Centre, South Queensferry

Meeting Date/Time: 18 May 2016 – 7 pm

Subject: North Community Forum

Participants:

Community Representatives

Bill King (Rosyth Community Council)

Wayne Morris (Inverkeithing Community Council)

Transport Scotland – Employers Delivery Team

Alan Shirley (Chair and Head of Policy, Governance and Stakeholder Liaison)

Raymond Kirk (Governance and Stakeholder Liaison Outreach and Education - Secretariat)

Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors

Ewen Macdonell (FCBC - Community Liaison Manager)

Katrina Bruce (FCBC - Community Liaison Officer)

Apologies

Lawrence Shackman (FRC Project Manager)

Lin Collis (North Queensferry Community Council)

		Action
1	Welcome and introductions	
1.1	Meeting Chaired by AS. AS welcomed all to the Community Forum.	
2	Review of Minutes and Outstanding Actions from the North Community Forum – 17 February 2016	
2.1	Minutes were approved for the Employer's Delivery Team to post the final version onto Transport Scotland website.	Noted
2.2	Outstanding actions paper One outstanding action from the previous minutes (5.5) Contact and Education Centre – External Lighting Matter raised with building operators - electrician adjusted timing system as requested.	Noted
3	Update from Employer's Delivery Team	
3.1	Incident at North Tower – April 2016 EM informed the Forum that although they were probably aware of the incident at North Tower that some more information may be helpful for Forum Members. EM explained that our colleague, John Cousin, died as the result of an incident on Thursday 28 th April 2016 on the deck at the North Tower. The incident is currently being investigated by the Health and Safety Executive and as such no further comment can be made until the investigation is complete. It was agreed that condolences on behalf of the North Community Forum be formally recorded in the Minutes.	Noted

3.2	<p>Queensferry Crossing – Consultation</p> <p>AS reported that a Consultation was launched in March by Transport Scotland regarding the M90/A90 Trunk Road (Admiralty Interchange to Scotstoun) (Variable Speed Limits and Actively Managed Hard Shoulder) Regulations 2016.</p> <p>These Regulations will allow certain types of traffic to use the hard shoulder of the Queensferry Crossing when the Forth Road Bridge is closed for any reason (in particular, the wind).</p> <p>Comments on the Consultation are due back by Thursday 23 June 2016.</p>	Noted
3.3	<p>North Community Forum - Site Visits</p> <p>AS reported that an invitation was issued to North Community Forum members asking if they wished to participate in arranged site visits.</p> <p>Jim George took up the offer of a site visit in April.</p>	Noted
3.4	<p>Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee</p> <p>AS reported that David Climie and Lawrence Shackman from the Employers Delivery Team gave evidence to the Scottish Parliament Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee on Wednesday 2 March 2016. This is part of the regular communication with the Scottish Parliament Members to keep them informed of the progress and status of the Project.</p> <p>AS stated that the full report from the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee is on the Scottish Parliament Website -</p> <p>http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10415&i=95868#ScotParlOR</p>	Noted

<p>3.5</p>	<p>St Margarets Marsh.</p> <p>AS reported that the first Steering Group meeting took place on 23 February 2016.</p> <p>Representatives from the North Queensferry Community Council, Fife Coast and Countryside Trust and Scottish Natural Heritage attended.</p> <p>AS proposed that should the Steering Committee or its members wish to raise an issue – then they can do so at a future North Community Forum.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>3.6</p>	<p>Forth Replacement Crossing - Opening Celebrations Committee</p> <p>AS reported that Lawrence Shackman from the Employers Delivery Team wrote to a number of organisations on 18 April 2016 inviting each to nominate a potential committee member and deputy.</p> <p>The nomination received from North Community Forum was Lin Collis.</p> <p>Nominations were also requested and received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors • Queensferry and District Community Council • City of Edinburgh Council • Fife Council • West Lothian Council • Events Scotland 	<p>Noted</p>

3.7	<p>Contact and Education Centre Update</p> <p>RK updated the Forum regarding activities at the Contact and Education Centre since the February Forum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Programme – on-going. Very limited availability through the current academic year. As at end April over 14,700 school pupils have visited. • FRC Presentation Series – so far in 2016 (January to March) an average of 54 people per day have attended Friday Presentations – no Presentation Series events were held end April. Total attending now almost 2,200 • Project Exhibition - Attendance to the Project Exhibition on Saturdays continues to prove popular and in April was attended by 293 members of the public. Well over 14,100 visitors since we opened to the public. • Outreach and Education Programme - Presentations delivered as part of the wider programme have now been attended by over 21,000 people interested in hearing more about the FRC Project. • Overall, over 52,000 have attended the wider outreach programme. 	Noted
3.6	<p>Social Media</p> <p>RK updated Forum members stating that over 177,000 people have watched project videos on the Queensferry Crossing YouTube channel, with subscribers up to 537.</p> <p>The Official Queensferry Crossing twitter account @FRC_Queensferry now has a total of 2,532 followers, an increase of more than 600 since the last update in February.</p> <p>Finally, Tweets were viewed 430,000 times by Twitter users during February, March and April 2016.</p>	Noted

4	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)	
4.1	<p>EM provided a slide presentation to Forum members including photos of work currently on-going. Including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting Roads South – highlighting the continuing work at the B800 overbridge, the Retaining Wall and Earthworks is advancing well. • Northbound A90 – blacktop is now in place and the diversion of traffic north and southbound is only a few weeks away. • M90 Traffic Tie-ins – road from existing A90 and emergency slips is progressing well. Hopefully the slip from the A90 towards the new Echline Gyratory (for access into South Queensferry and west towards Newton) will be open to traffic soon. • Emergency Diversion – the emergency diversion from the existing A90 is taking shape. This diversion can be opened at short notice for traffic to divert across the Forth Road Bridge in the event of an incident on the Queensferry Crossing. • B800 - from Ferrymuir roundabout to Queensferry junction. Works on clearing the area for the insertion of a new bus lane are progressing well. • Overhead Gantries – have started to arrive on site. • Approach Road South – blacktop almost complete. • Approach Viaduct South – some of the cantilevers are in place and the concreting of much of the approach has now taken place and will continue. Office and welfare facilities within the South Approach are now in operation. • Deck Lift at Pier S1 – EM explained the complicated methodology of how the final deck section prior to Pier S1 is lifted into place. • Approach Viaduct North – now launched into final position. EM explained that this was a very complicated activity, possibly the most complex single activity undertaken so far. Works progressing to complete the link from the North Approach to North Tower. • Connecting Roads North – EM explained the upcoming works – highlighting the connection of the North Approach to the new M90 • Castlelandhill Road – works now almost complete. 	Noted

	<p>Retaining wall had been cleared of the existing anti-graffiti paint and a new anti-graffiti solution had been applied.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King Malcolm Drive – works now reaching completion. • Hope Street - bus lane works are continuing. <p>Email alerts relating to the works at Ferrytoll are being issued for those who sign up for them at www.frc-ferrytoll.info. The current phasing can also be viewed here.</p> <p>Information is also posted on the FRC section of the Transport Scotland website as part of the 'Weekly Traffic Management Update' updated at the end of each week: http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/information-road-users.</p> <p>BK commented that with the amount of works on-going on the north side, he would have expected there to be a lot more noise than there currently is.</p> <p>WM agreed saying that he travels around by bus and has not had any major issues, nor has he heard of any major problems from others either.</p>	
5	Community issues	
5.1	Nothing was raised by Community Forum Members	Noted
6	Any Other Business	
6.1	No additional topics were brought forward for discussion.	Noted
7	Next Community Forums	
7.1	<p>North Community Forum – Wednesday 24 August 2016</p> <p>South Community Forum – Wednesday 31 August 2016</p>	Noted