



## Meeting Notes

### Environmental Liaison Group Meeting No. 6



29 November 2011, 10:00 to 12:00

Arrol House, Rosyth

#### Attendees:

Elizabeth Morrison	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT) - Chair
Maggie Paterson	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Rebecca Spalton	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Rebecca McClenaghan	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Adele Shaw	Historic Scotland (HS)
Rod McCullagh	Historic Scotland(HS)
Kirsty Owen	Historic Scotland (HS)
Mike Bland	Marine Scotland (MS)
Douglas Mayne	Fife Council
Gavin Martin	City of Edinburgh Council (CEC)
Brian Carmichael	West Lothian Council (WLC)
Paul Hillman	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Neil Abraham	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Zoe Miller	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Liam Soden	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Richard Docherty	John Graham (JG )
Roland Tarrant	Sisk Roadbridge (SRB)

#### Apologies for Absence:

Steven Brown	Employer's Delivery Team
Niall Corbet	Scottish Natural Heritage
Darren Hemsley	Scottish Natural Heritage
Wendy McCorrison	West Lothian Council
Colin Megginson	Marine Scotland
Chris Gall	Scottish Environment Protection Agency
Stephanie Little	Fife Council
Kirsty Strannigan	John Graham

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1	Introductions and apologies	All parties introduced themselves.	
2	Minutes from previous meeting	EDT confirmed that the minutes from ELG meeting 4 are now available on the website. No comments were received on draft minutes from meeting 5.	
3	Actions from previous meeting	The following actions from ELG meeting 5 have been addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EDT held meetings to discuss CEEQUAL and sustainability with the Contractors. The Contractors are to give a presentation to Sustainability Core Group 20/12/11.</li> <li>• EDT provided FCBC with a copy of correspondence regarding marine archaeological investigation.</li> <li>• All contractors submitted their initial air quality monitoring.</li> <li>• EDT provided a letter to each Contractor confirming that the current version of the EMP has been accepted.</li> <li>• FCBC confirmed the appointment of its MMO from Ocean Science Consulting.</li> <li>• FCBC submitted the design for the B981 realignment.</li> <li>• FCBC provided SNH (Niall Corbet) with copies of deer</li> </ul>	

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		<p>survey correspondence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRB submitted a method statement for the role of its Landscape Clerk of Works (LCoW).</li> <li>• Site visit to M9J1a has been arranged with SNH.</li> <li>• SRB submitted a memo to SNH with details of the proposed mitigation for otters.</li> <li>• SRB submitted its aboricultural survey report to EDT.</li> <li>• SRB provided EDT with surface water monitoring results.</li> </ul> <p>The following actions are outstanding or ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FCBC/JG to submit a method statement for the role of their LCoW.</li> <li>• FCBC finalising design for SUDS layout at St Margaret's Marsh</li> <li>• EDT estuarine bird surveys are on-going. The first quarterly report has been issued to SNH but is still to be issued to FCBC.</li> <li>• FCBC to submit hydrophone monitoring report.</li> <li>• SNH to visit the B981.</li> <li>• SRB consultation with SEPA regarding the compensatory storage and Niddry and Swine Burns is ongoing.</li> <li>• All Contractors are to confirm their planting programme for this winter.</li> <li>• FCBC to prepare a cross-section of proposed screen woodland planting above proposed water pipes for Scottish Water's consideration.</li> <li>• FCBC to submit a dredging management plan.</li> <li>• JG has updated the cultural heritage management plan but this has yet to be submitted to EDT and HS for review.</li> </ul>	<p>FCBC/JG</p> <p>FCBC</p> <p>EDT</p> <p>FCBC SNH / FCBC</p> <p>SRB</p> <p>FCBC/JG/SRB FCBC</p> <p>FCBC JG</p>
4	Information to be published	<p>EMPs are to be updated periodically as required.</p> <p>EDT asked if the statutory consultees wished to see the updated EMPs. The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JG's updated cultural heritage management plan will be issued to Historic Scotland</li> <li>• FCBC's updated air quality management plan will be issued to the relevant local authorities.</li> </ul> <p>Air quality monitoring results from all three contracts are to be reviewed, formatted and published on the website.</p>	<p>FCBC/SRB/JG</p> <p>JG FCBC</p> <p>EDT</p>
	Complaints / issues arising	No complaints received. Community forum meetings are on-going.	
5	Principal Contract update by FCBC	<p><b>Progress</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site clearance at St. Margaret's Hope.</li> <li>• Consultation with residents by FCBC is in progress to discuss proposed air quality monitoring.</li> <li>• Sett exclusion at [confidential – protected species] has been completed under licence. The exclusion zone will remain in place until the sett is destroyed following removal of [confidential –protected species].</li> <li>• Topsoil stripped from St. Margaret's Hope Wood during site clearance (approx 200 tonnes) containing bluebell bulbs is ready to be spread at Castlandhill within area of proposed mixed woodland planting.</li> <li>• Trees at Dolphington have been soft-felled under the supervision of FCBC's licensed bat ecologist.</li> <li>• Marine GI.</li> <li>• Temporary screen fencing.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collection of baseline noise data from hydrophones.</li> </ul> <p><b>EMP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FCBC to update Agricultural Management Plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>Programme for December 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blasting to commence at Beamer Rock as soon as approval of the Plan for the Control of Noise and Vibration (PCNV) is granted.</li> <li>• Monitoring badger activity at existing sett at [confidential – protected species].</li> <li>• Collection of baseline noise data from hydrophones.</li> <li>• Marine GI.</li> <li>• Test grouting works at Echline fields.</li> <li>• Tree felling at Echline Strip to enable utility protection works to commence under supervision of FCBC’s bat specialist.</li> <li>• Construction of the working platform for the B981 in St. Margaret’s Marsh.</li> <li>• Trial piling.</li> </ul>	
6	Fife ITS update by JG	<p><b>Progress</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dust and air quality inspection is being carried out once per week.</li> <li>• Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) and LCoW site visits ongoing.</li> <li>• Responsible Sourcing Code of Practice, Sustainable Resource Management Framework and Materials Transportation Strategy submitted to EDT.</li> <li>• Site clearance</li> <li>• Earthworks</li> <li>• Mining consolidation</li> <li>• Piling</li> <li>• Ducting</li> <li>• Drainage</li> <li>• installing of site protection measures to protect water courses</li> </ul> <p><b>EMP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JG to update Landscape Management Plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>Programme for December 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site clearance</li> <li>• Earthworks</li> <li>• Mining consolidation</li> <li>• Piling</li> <li>• Ducting</li> <li>• Drainage</li> <li>• Pavement works</li> <li>• meeting will be held with Rosyth Community Council 06/12/11</li> </ul>	JG
7	M9 J1A update by SRB	<p><b>Progress</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electro-fishing undertaken by Eco-Fish Consultants 01/11/11.</li> <li>• Existing otter holt [confidential – protected species] removed under licence by the ECoW on the 07/11/11 and 08/11/11.</li> <li>• Dust monitoring is on-going.</li> <li>• Surface water monitoring is on-going.</li> <li>• Archaeological Clerk of Works appointed from Headland</li> </ul>	

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		<p>Archaeology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRB has signed up to Zero Waste Scotland.</li> <li>• New badger sett identified by ECoW [confidential – protected species]. SNH confirmed that a licence is not required as disturbance is unlikely. SNH will be visiting site to inspect this and the works 12/12/11.</li> <li>• Site clearance ongoing.</li> <li>• Construction of temporary haul roads ongoing.</li> <li>• Topsoil stripping ongoing.</li> <li>• Earthworks south of M9 ongoing.</li> <li>• Ramps to M9 spur ongoing</li> <li>• Ramps and sheet piling at Overton Road and Newmains Bridge ongoing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Programme for December 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site clearance.</li> <li>• Construction of temporary haul roads.</li> <li>• Topsoil stripping.</li> <li>• Earthworks throughout the site.</li> <li>• Construction of temporary access ramps to the M9 spur.</li> <li>• Construction of SUDS next to B800.</li> <li>• Ramps and sheet piling at Overton and Newmains Bridge.</li> <li>• Piling for Gantries and M9 overbridge.</li> <li>• Niddry Burn tributary culvert extension.</li> <li>• Temporary Swine Burn diversion works</li> <li>• Swine, Niddry Burn and Niddry Tributary Culvert extensions.</li> </ul>	SNH
8	Any other business	<p>All Contractors to ensure that statutory consultees have the relevant and sufficient information to review documents and sign consultation certificates.</p> <p>EDT to confirm with SEPA which monitoring results they require.</p>	FCBC/SRB/JG  EDT
9	Next meeting and venue	The next meeting will be held 31/01/12 at 10.00hrs in FCBC's site office at Ferrytoll.	All