

Forth Replacement Crossing Community Forum (North) Minutes

Meeting location: Contact and Education Centre, South Queensferry

Meeting Date/Time: 22 May 2013 – 7pm

Subject: Community Forum North

Participants: <u>Community Representatives</u>

Bill King (Rosyth Community Council)

Wayne Morris (Inverkeithing Community Council)
Marisa Filippo (North Queensferry Community Council)

Tony Rogers (Fife Police)

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

Lawrence Shackman

Keavy O'Neill Raymond Kirk

Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)

Ewen Macdonell

Apologies

Juliet Sheriff (Inverkeithing Community Council)

		Action
1	Welcome and introductions	
1.1	Meeting chaired by Lawrence Shackman.	Noted
2	Review of minutes and outstanding actions North Community Forum 20 November 2012	
2.1	Minutes were approved for EDT to post on website	Noted
2.2	Outstanding actions paper Circulated in advance of meeting	
NCF270313/3.1	Post meeting note included in minutes of meeting dated 22 February 2013.	Noted
	If there are any further concerns regarding the road markings these will be taken forward. New road layout signs will be in place for an additional 3 months.	
NCF270313/5.1	EM advised there is no plan to bring forward works associated with the re-alignment of Castlandhill Road. Works will commence later in the year, date to be advised.	Noted
NCF270313/8.1a	Locks were replaced on the notice board at Inverkeithing. No further vandalism has been noted.	Noted
3	Update from Employer's Delivery Team	
3.1	FRC Public Transport Strategy (PTS) Public Transport Working Group met on 13 May.	Noted
	Various issues discussed but main points to note were:	
	Halbeath Park and Choose – expected to open in late autumn and will provide parking for approx. 1,000 vehicles. Potential for bus operators to operate further services.	
	Improvement works at Newbridge – investigation works are underway with a view to providing bus lanes on the approaches to the junction from Edinburgh and West Lothian to help improve bus operation.	
3.2 NCF220513/3.2	Public Meeting – Ferrytoll Initial run through of how works will be progressed at Ferrytoll will take place in the autumn. Date of meeting to be advised in advance of next North Community Forum.	EDT / FCBC

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3.3	FRC Contact and Education Centre Traffic Control Centre opened on 18 April.	Noted
	Four open days were held over two weekends in April. Over 700 people attended. Further open days to be arranged, these will be publicised in the near future.	Noted
3.4	Name the Bridge Shortlist of names has been announced. Over 27,000 votes have been received, voting period closes on 7 June.	Noted
3.5	FRC works – South Queensferry Works to construct a pedestrian crossing on the B924 (Bo'Ness Rd / Hopetoun Road) as part of a commitment made during the Bill process has been completed.	Noted
	Traffic calming measures to be implemented in Newton will commence in the autumn. West Lothian Council are undertaking these works on behalf of Transport Scotland.	Noted
	Traffic monitoring on M9 Junction 1a and bus lane usage on the M90 and M9 Junction 1a is continuing. Update on progress will be provided once sufficient data has been collected and collated.	EDT
4	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)	
4.1	Progress update and 3 month look ahead EM provided presentation of works progress with project overview and look ahead including photos/progress on:	
	 New Castlandhill Road embankment, further works will be progressed later in the year. B981 bridge, traffic will transfer end 2013 / early 2014. Deep Sea World overspill car park will be located near to the sewage works. Embankment works at Ferrytoll - this phase of works will be largely completed by July, including the realigned B981. HGV movements will reduce for a period. All rock blasting is complete at Whinnyhill. Rock has been reused to make a causeway on the south side of the Forth. 	Noted

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	 Works progressing on the railway tunnel extension. Water quality testing at St Margaret's Marsh continue – new sluices to be installed later in the contract. Scottish Water works are ongoing. North abutment excavation largely complete. Pier N2 up to base level. South tower – excavating to foundation level. Forthcoming concrete pour will take 7 – 10 days to complete. Overview of site laboratories and batching plant was given. Centre tower – steel reinforcement will be delivered over the coming weeks. First sections of the tower will appear in the autumn. Launch area (south side) – described process to slide steel into place for viaduct. Progress continuing on south abutment and south piers. 24 hour concrete pour is scheduled for 28 May at pier S4. Good progress is being made at the Queensferry Junction with construction of the two bridges ongoing and the realigned U221. Noise bunds and embankment at Dundas Home Farm – works progressing. Earthworks on the southside will continue over the next year. Work is continuing around the new B800 bridge 	
	which is expected to be completed in the next year or so. ICE bridge to schools event was held in April in the CEC and was a great success.	Noted
	Approximately 10 webcams and time-lapse footage will be live on the project website by the end of the month. Forum members to be notified when these are available.	
5.2	Traffic management (TM) EM confirmed TM will be required:	Noted
	 U221 road closure (27 – 31 May) to allow tie in of new road. A904 lane closure (31 May to allow tie in for surfacing works. Society Road lane closure for widening works for up to 4 months (end June – October) Further temporary closures of the A904 to be 	

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	advised.	
6	Community issues	
6.1	No topics for discussion were submitted	Noted
7	Next Community Forums (proposed)	
7.1	North Community Forum – Wednesday 21 August. Meeting to be held at CEC. South Community Forum – Wednesday 28 August.	Noted
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8.1	No further issues for discussion.	Noted