



Meeting Notes

Environmental Liaison Group Meeting No. 30



2 June 2015, 10:00 to 13:00

Principal Contract Project Office, Rosyth and site

Attendees:

Elizabeth Morrison	Employer's Delivery Team (EDT) – Chair
Alastair Templeton	Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Amy Flynn	Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Liam Soden	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Stuart Swainson	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Niall Corbet	Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)
Kenny Bisset	Fife Council (FC)

Apologies for Absence:

Steven Brown	Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Maggie Paterson	Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Rod McCullagh	Historic Scotland (HS)
Wendy McCorriston	West Lothian Council (WLC)
Gavin Martin	City of Edinburgh Council (CEC)

Item	Subject	Description	Action
1	Introductions and apologies	EDT provided a welcome and apologies.	
2	Actions from previous meeting (ELG 29)	<p>EDT advised that the minutes from ELG meeting 29 have been uploaded to the website.</p> <p>EDT confirmed progress regarding actions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCBC to re-submit Headland's report to EDT, regarding removal of the remaining section of the entrance wall at St. Margaret's Hope Lodge, as a separate report and not an appendix to Headland's Archaeological Watching Brief Report 2013. • FCBC Transport Strategy Plan now finalised. • Fife ITS Sustainability Report was uploaded to the website in May 2015. • EDT provided most recent aerial photos of St. Margaret's Marsh to SNH in May 2015. Marker posts are not clear on photos. EDT to request closer view in next round of aerial photos. If marker posts still not clear then to consider upgrading. • SNH requested plans of the completed B981 to progress de-notification of the small areas currently designated as St. Margaret's Marsh SSSI. EDT to source and provide when the fence alignment, which will define the edge of the SSSI, is finalised. 	<p>Note</p> <p>FCBC</p> <p>EDT</p> <p>EDT</p>
3	General		
3a	Project update	<p>EDT advised that all planting is now complete for the 2014/15 planting season.</p> <p>Further areas of bluebell noted at advance planting area at Castlandhill. Considered likely to be seed-borne from existing woodland area. SNH requested that EDT continue to monitor</p>	Note

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		<p>next year and determine if any further management is required to assist establishment.</p> <p>The Estuarine bird survey quarterly report Q15, Dec 2014 to Feb 2015 is currently under review.</p> <p><u>St Margaret's Marsh SSSI</u> FCBC is progressing pre-cast headwalls for sea-wall sluices at St. Margaret's Marsh.</p> <p>Alternative RSPB contact provided by SNH regarding reed bed management. Site meeting to be arranged before summer.</p> <p>EDT to coordinate establishment of a Steering Group to take on long term management of St Margaret's Marsh. Members to include Transport Scotland, SNH and other nature conservation / local groups. FC offered to pass information to relevant contact in council.</p>	<p>EDT</p> <p>FCBC</p> <p>EDT</p> <p>EDT</p>
3b	Review/approval of environmental information for publication on website	<p>Air Quality Monitoring Reports for January, February and March 2015 have been uploaded to the project website. The April 2015 report will be uploaded imminently. [post meeting note: April report on website 4/6/15]</p> <p>FC requested use of relevant project air quality data for annual summary. EDT agreed but requires opportunity to review summary prior to publication.</p>	Note
3c	Complaints/issues arising	<p>Since the last ELG in early March there have been a small number of enquiries / complaints, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind-blown dust deposits from concrete works at north tower during high winds. • Road and footpath cleaning on A904. • Road cleaning King Malcolm Drive. <p>All issues followed up by FCBC.</p>	
4	Principal Contract (FCBC)		
4a	Programme March 2015 – May 2015		
	i) Land (north):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of CMC piles at Whinny Hill/Castlandhill Road completed. • Construction of retaining wall between Castlandhill Road and M90 almost completed. • Installation of beams at Ferrytoll viaduct completed, deck construction ongoing. • Installation of beams and deck, earthworks at Ferrytoll Gyrotory ongoing. • Construction of King Malcolm Drive road and footpath realignments ongoing. • Delivery and fabrication of approach viaduct steelwork at north abutment ongoing. 	
	ii) Land (south)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painting and welding works at southern launch steelwork assembly area ongoing. • Concrete finishing works at south abutment ongoing. • Excavation and rock breaking at Echline. • Utilities diversion works, road formation, drainage and kerbing works at B924 realignment ongoing. • Footpath construction and soiling or surfacing to verges at A904 and Queensferry gyrotory. • Construction of stone walls at Queensferry gyrotory ongoing. • Widening and utilities diversion works at B800 ongoing. • Installation of beams completed and deck construction 	

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		<p>works for B800 overbridge ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earthworks, fencing and surfacing at southbound public transport links ongoing. • Installation works at gantries ongoing. 	
	iii) Marine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pier lifts at N1 and S1 ongoing. • Pier S3 almost completed. • Tower lifts ongoing with Central Tower at lift 40, North Tower at lift 42 and South Tower at lift 41. • Underwater concrete pour at S2 completed. Foundation works ongoing. 	
	iv) Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site-wide environmental monitoring ongoing for noise and vibration, air quality and groundwater. The programme of monitoring for groundwater may be revised after inundations at St. Margaret's Marsh have commenced. • Monitoring of silt mitigation measures for site runoff ongoing. • FCBC ecological monitoring indicated approx. 20-30 terns on Longcraig Island and in excess of 40 roosting curlew in Port Edgar area. Also noted a couple of eiders nesting in the marine yard area. • Estuarine bird surveys ongoing by EDT. 	
4b	<i>Outline proposals June – August 2015</i>	<p>All ongoing items detailed in 4a to be progressed. In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUDS pond at Ferrytoll to be progressed. SNH queried the fencing and planting requirements at this location adjacent to SSSI. EDT to provide information. • Final launch of south approach viaduct. • Pier S2 to be progressed. 	EDT
4c	<i>Consultation requirements</i>	N/A	
5	<i>Any other business</i>	Site visit undertaken.	
6	<i>Next meeting and venue</i>	The next meeting is scheduled for 01/09/2015 at 10.00hrs in the Principal Contract Project Office, Rosyth.	