



Meeting Notes



Noise Liaison Group Meeting No. 3

4 August 2011, 10:00 to 13:00

Venue: Arrol House, Rosyth

Attendees:

David Climie	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Steven Brown	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Andrew Mackay	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Martin Butterfield	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Dermot Connolly	City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) (items 1 – 4(b) only)
David Redden	Fife Council (FC)
Tracy Wyllie	Fife Council (FC)
David Brewster	West Lothian Council (WLC)
Brian Carmichael	West Lothian Council (WLC)
Niall Corbet	Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)
Mike Bland	Marine Scotland (MS)
Jim Watson	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Derek Chambers	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Paul Hillman	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Clark Riddick	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Mike Brownstone	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Rory McFadden	John Graham (Dromore) Ltd (JGD)
Sean O'Neill	John Graham (Dromore) Ltd (JGD)
Mark Maclagan	John Graham (Dromore) Ltd (JGD)
Roland Tarrant	SRB Civil Engineering Ltd (SRB)
Mike Brownstone	SRB Civil Engineering Ltd (SRB)

Apologies for Absence:

Richard Greer	FRC Employer's Delivery Team (EDT)
Steve Williamson	City of Edinburgh Council (CEC)
Colin Megginson	Marine Scotland

Item	Subject	Description	Action
1	Introductions and Apologies	EDT welcomed all parties to the meeting. All parties introduced themselves. Apologies were received from those parties listed above.	
2	Safety Procedures	EDT advised regarding safety and evacuation procedures.	
3	Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2011 were agreed.</p> <p>EDT noted the following in relation to the actions:</p> <p>Item 3 – JG have yet to discuss baseline monitoring locations with Fife Council.</p> <p>Item 4 – EDT had amended the agenda as discussed at the last meeting.</p> <p>Item 4 – EDT had issued copies of FCBC's and JG's presentations to the NLG members.</p>	JG

		<p>Item 5 – FCBC had revised their draft Noise and Vibration Management Plan (NVMP) and the EDT had issued it, together with a copy of their comments to the NLG members.</p> <p>Item 7 – EDT confirmed that agendas and agreed minutes were being placed on the project website.</p>	
4(a)	Principal Contract Noise Management, Control and Compliance	<p><u>Noise and Vibration Management Plan</u></p> <p>EDT asked the Group members if they had any comments on the FCBC draft NVMP in addition to those provided by the Employer.</p> <p>CEC sought clarification regarding paragraphs 2.0.6, 5.5.1 and Table 4.1 of the draft NVMP, particularly regarding what constitutes an exceedence of thresholds that could give rise to additional mitigation and the process to be followed prior to seeking local authority consent. EDT advised they would issue a copy of CEC’s comments to FCBC and the Group members.</p> <p>WLC advised that they would provide comments on 9 August 2011.</p> <p>FC asked for clarification regarding the process to be followed prior to seeking local authority consent including how consultations will be handled.</p> <p>MS asked for an additional copy of the NVMP for review. EDT issued an additional copy.</p> <p>SNH sought clarification regarding an inconsistency in Table 6.1 and paragraph 6.5.1 regarding the number of underwater noise monitors to be employed. FCBC explained that two monitors would be used. SNH also asked that the provisions relating to lamprey in Appendix O be reviewed and asked that a separate appendix be provided to cover marine mammals.</p> <p>FCBC asked for clarification regarding the Employer’s comments relating to the Appendix R process referred to in paragraph 1.0.5.</p> <p>FCBC are to address the Employer’s comments and the comments above. FCBC advised a revised draft would be issued by 12 August 2011.</p> <p><u>Noise Monitoring</u></p> <p>FCBC advised that they would start installing noise monitors over the next week or two.</p> <p>EDT asked for confirmation regarding the noise monitoring equipment to be used. EDT to issue details to the NLG members once received.</p> <p>It was noted that the logistics of producing the noise monitoring results for issue to the Employer and placing on the project web site needed to be discussed.</p> <p>FCBC are to issue a plan showing the finalised locations of the noise monitors to the EDT. EDT to issue to the NLG members. All parties to comment as soon as possible.</p> <p>FCBC to confirm underwater noise monitoring equipment to be used.</p>	<p>EDT</p> <p>WLC</p> <p>EDT</p> <p>FCBC</p> <p>FCBC EDT</p> <p>EDT/ FCBC</p> <p>FCBC EDT ALL</p> <p>FCBC</p>

		<p>EDT to confirm what effect the Forth Crossing Act 2011 has on the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010.</p> <p><u>Forward Programme</u></p> <p>FCBC advised that the forward programme for Plan for Control of Noise and Vibration (PCNV) issue and early Works was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine GI – PCNV with Employer; Works September 2011 • Land GI – PCNV with Employer; Works September 2011 • Trial blasting – PCNV to be issued ASAP; Works September 2011 • Site Clearance – PCNV to be issued ASAP; Works August 2011 <p>FCBC asked that the EDT prioritise review of the Site Clearance PCNV when it is issued.</p> <p>FCBC to provide a schedule of forthcoming PCNVs to the EDT for issue to the NLG members.</p> <p><u>Enquiries and Complaints</u></p> <p>FC enquired regarding any community engagement activities. FCBC confirmed these were ongoing.</p> <p>WLC enquired regarding FCBC's community engagement team. FCBC confirmed this was in place.</p> <p>It was noted that the EDT would issue project newsletters to the NLG members and would issue details of how the members can register for electronic updates.</p> <p>EDT advised that they would issue details of the hotline to the NLG members. Post Meeting Note – Hotline number is 0800 078 6910</p>	<p>EDT</p> <p>EDT</p> <p>FCBC</p> <p>EDT</p> <p>EDT</p>
4(b)	Fife ITS Noise Management, Control and Compliance	<p><u>Noise and Vibration Management Plan</u></p> <p>EDT asked the Group members if they had any comments on the FCBC draft NVMP in addition to those provided by the Employer.</p> <p>FC advised that the draft NVMP was incomplete and missing large amounts of detail, but noted that this should form part of, and would therefore be addressed in, the PCNV's and that if the Employer's comments were addressed then this would address their concerns.</p> <p>FC advised that additional detail regarding specific controls would be required in the PCNVs and they would have a particular interest in activity specific noise monitoring and noise levels, including maximum noise levels.</p> <p>WLC advised that mitigation should consider non-tonal reversing alarms on vehicles. JG to consider and amend NVMP as appropriate. EDT to advise all contractors of this requirement.</p> <p>The other NLG members advised that they had no further comments to make.</p> <p>JG advised that they would address the comments and issue a revised NVMP by 12 August 2011.</p> <p><u>Forward Programme</u></p>	<p>JG</p> <p>EDT</p>

		<p>JG provided a presentation regarding their forward programme.</p> <p>JG advised they had undertaken some baseline monitoring. JG to provide a plan showing monitoring locations for baseline monitoring and advise regarding equipment used.</p> <p>JG advised that during the execution of the Works, noise monitors would record noises to allow causes of maximum noise levels to be established.</p> <p>FC asked for a copy of JG's forward programme. JG to issue to the EDT for issue to all NLG members.</p> <p>JG asked that the Employer prioritise the review of the PCNVs for the site compound and pavement testing works.</p> <p><u>Enquiries and Complaints</u></p> <p>FC enquired regarding the setting up of the enquiries and complaints system. JG confirmed this was in hand.</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>JG</p> <p>EDT</p>
4(c)	M9 Junction 1a Noise Management, Control and Compliance	<p>SRB provided a presentation covering their intended noise management processes and forward programme.</p> <p>SRB asked for comments regarding their intended programme for submission of PCNVs. All NLG members were in agreement that the programme was ambitious, particularly in relation to seeking comments from the NLG members regarding PCNVs. The NLG members suggested that the first PCNV was needed before any firm comments could be provided regarding the programme could be made as the programme would depend on the quality of submissions made by SRB. SRB advised that they would seek a meeting with the Employer to discuss PCNV preparation and review.</p> <p>EDT noted that SRB had submitted a draft NVMP and that they had issued a copy, together with a copy of the Employer's comments to the NLG members. EDT asked the Group members if they had any comments on the FCBC draft NVMP in addition to those provided by the Employer.</p> <p>WLC advised that they would provide comments on 9 August 2011.</p> <p>WLC advised that mitigation should consider non-tonal reversing alarms on vehicles. SRB to consider and include in their NVMP as appropriate.</p> <p>EDT advised that they had received comments from CEC regarding the NVMP and that they would issue these to SRB. SRB to address in their NVMP.</p> <p>EDT asked for clarification regarding the extent of night time working. SRB confirmed that this was limited generally to setting up traffic management.</p> <p>SRB advised that they would welcome visits to the site from NLG members.</p>	<p>SRB</p> <p>WLC</p> <p>SRB</p> <p>EDT SRB</p>
5	Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held on 1 September 2011, 10am, Arrol House, Rosyth Europarc.	
6	Any Other Business	None	