



Meeting Notes

Environmental Liaison Group Meeting No. 33



02 March 2016, 10:00 to 11:00

Principal Contract Project Office, Rosyth

Attendees:

Elizabeth Morrison	Employer's Delivery Team (EDT) – Chair
Maggie Paterson	EDT
Steven Westwater	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Michael Richardson	FCBC
Colin Goodsir	FCBC
Shauna Clarke	City of Edinburgh Council (CEC)
Jim Robb	Fife Council (FC)

Apologies for Absence:

Niall Corbet	Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)
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Item	Subject	Description	Action
1	Introductions and apologies	EDT provided a welcome and apologies.	
2	Actions from previous meeting (ELG 32)	<p>EDT advised that the minutes from ELG meeting 32 have been uploaded to the website.</p> <p>EDT confirmed progress regarding actions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDT to source and provide plans of the completed B981 to SNH to progress de-notification of the small areas currently designated as St. Margaret's Marsh SSSI. This action to be undertaken when the fence alignment, which will define the edge of the SSSI, is finalised. • Following meeting 26/11/15 with Scottish Badgers to discuss FCBC's proposed badger fencing, FCBC to check height of stone walls ay Queensferry gyratory and consider fencing requirements at B800 area. 	<p>Note</p> <p>ongoing EDT</p> <p>FCBC</p>
3	General		
3a	Project update	<p>The Estuarine bird survey quarterly report Q18, Sept-Nov 2015 is complete and was issued on 03/12/15.</p> <p>EDT held start-up meeting for St. Margaret's Marsh Steering Group 23/02/16. Representatives from SNH, Fife Coast & Countryside Trust and North Queensferry Community attended.</p> <p>Landscape planting at all available areas resumed 29/02/16 and will continue until April 2016.</p>	<p>FCBC</p>
3b	Review/approval of environmental information for publication on website	<p>Air Quality Monitoring Reports for October, November and December 2015 have been uploaded to the project website. CEC has reviewed the January 2016 report, which will be uploaded shortly.</p> <p>Updates to a number of the EMP subsidiary plans are ongoing, to address changes to personnel and reflect current status of construction and environmental works.</p>	<p>EDT</p> <p>FCBC</p>
3c	Complaints/issues arising	Since the last ELG, in early December 2015, there have been a small number of environmental enquiries / complaints, as	

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		<p>follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mud on the A904. • Condition of boundary fence and presence of invasive species in area northwest of Inchgarvie House, adjacent to Linn Mill. • Disturbance to residential property from construction lighting. • Use of herbicide within planting area at Dundas. • Request for additional planting beside B800. 	
4	Principal Contract (FCBC)		
4a	Programme December 2015 – February 2016		
	i) Land (north):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope Street realignment opened to live traffic. • Breaking and stockpiling rock adjacent to Ferrytoll gyratory for use as fill in mainline construction completed. • Kerbing, footpath and verge earthworks adjacent to realigned King Malcolm Drive and Castlandhill Road ongoing. • Launch of north viaduct to pier N2 and halfway to pier N1 completed. 	
	ii) Land (south)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of stone walls at Queensferry gyratory completed. • Surfacing works on mainline from B800 to South Abutment ongoing. • Installation of noise barrier at Dundas ongoing. • Diversion of southbound traffic onto public transport link. • Concrete finishing works at Dalmeny Railway Bridge completed. • Installation works at gantries ongoing. 	
	iii) Marine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pier S1 almost completed. • Foundation works completed and pier lifts at Pier S2 ongoing. • Installation of stay cables and erection of deck sections ongoing at all towers. Almost 25% of the deck sections have been installed to date. 	
	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 subject to outcome of initial inundations at St. Margaret's Marsh. • Monitoring of silt mitigation measures for site runoff ongoing. • Estuarine bird surveys ongoing by EDT. • Japanese knotweed and Giant Hogweed, which was almost eradicated by treatment during 2015, to be resumed Spring 2016. 	
4b	Outline proposals March–May 2016	<p>All items detailed in 4a to be progressed. In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cofferdam at Pier S1 to be removed. • Road surfacing on the north and south roads. • Redundant overbridges at Ferrytoll gyratory to be demolished. 	
4c	Consultation requirements	N/A	
5	Any other business	<p>Following the concrete incident in the Firth of Forth reported in the Daily Record on 30 December 2015, FCBC investigated the incident and provided a report to EDT. FCBC has listed remedial actions to be undertaken to prevent a recurrence of a similar event.</p> <p>The report was sent to Marine Scotland (MS) and SNH. MS has requested some detail on the remedial measures. FCBC currently updating the Marine Incident Response Plan which is</p>	<p>Note</p> <p>FCBC</p>

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		<p>to be issued to MS.</p> <p>FC noted that air quality was affected during the closure of the Forth Road Bridge in areas in Fife affected by traffic diversions and additional monitors were installed on a temporary basis.</p> <p>A site visit was undertaken immediately after today's ELG meeting by FCBC and CEC to inform CEC of air quality monitors in the south site.</p>	
6	Next meeting and venue	<p>The next meeting is scheduled for 07/06/2016 at 10.00hrs.</p> <p>A brief meeting in the Principal Contract Project Office, Rosyth, followed by a site visit is proposed.</p>	All