



Forth Replacement Crossing South Community Forum Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: FRC Contact and Education Centre, South Queensferry
Meeting Date/Time: 31 August 2016
Subject: South Community Forum

Participants: **Community Representatives**

Doug Tait (DT), BRIGS
Les Chapman (LC), BRIGS
Peter Fitzgerald (PF), BRIGS
Grant Sangster (GS), QDCC
Tim Beesley (TB), Newton Community Council

Transport Scotland – Employers Delivery Team (EDT)

Lawrence Shackman (LS), Project Manager
Alan Shirley (AS), Head of Policy, Governance and Stakeholder
Liaison
Charles Cozens (CC), Finance & Governance Officer
(Secretariat)

Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)

Ewen Macdonell (EM), Community Liaison Officer
Katrina Bruce (KB), Assistant Community Liaison Officer

Apologies

David Sinclair, City of Edinburgh Council
David Buchanan, Kirkliston Community Council
Keith Giblett, QDCC
Doug Ross, BRIGS

1	Welcome and Introductions	
1.1	Apologies were noted as above.	
2	Review of Minutes and Outstanding Actions	
2.1	<p><u>Review of Minutes</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2016 were approved as read.</p> <p>There were 2 outstanding actions from previous meetings.</p> <p>SCF250516/6.5 Any other Business</p> <p>DT stated that further to the previous meeting in item 5.1 Dave Sinclair had agreed to discuss the provision of a grit bin at Echline Corner out with the Forum, this has so far not happened and asked for this to be noted in the minutes as an action for DS to confirm the position on this.</p> <p>This is a matter for City of Edinburgh Council.</p> <p>DT asked that TS pass this to DS as he has had difficulty in resolving this issue.</p> <p>LS agreed that we would pass the issue to CEC.</p> <p>SCF250516/6.6</p> <p>DT asked for it to be noted that further to DT and LC's meeting with the EDT's Steven Brown (SB) in early February, SB had undertaken to investigate their query regarding traffic monitoring statistics and respond in due course, but that this had not yet happened.</p> <p>LS advised that SB had taken DT and LC's comments on board and was in the process of completing the annual traffic monitoring report so as to incorporate their comments into the report which should cover their query.</p> <p>LS also agreed to see if SB could clarify this issue in respect of the previous year's traffic monitoring report. LS was hopeful that the new report would be sufficient to cover the issue.</p> <p>The 2014/15 annual traffic monitoring report was published on the Transport Scotland website in June 2016. It included updated location plans to indicate where the relevant traffic detectors are located in relation to the roads concerned (M9, M90 spur) and</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>EDT</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>text to explain how HGV's are classified.</p> <p>LC asked for confirmation of which counters he should be looking at to determine if traffic is using the A904 or M9 and M9 J1a?</p> <p>LS advised that the maps at the end of the report show the location of the counters and LC should use these to determine what sections of the report to view.</p> <p>DT added that he still can't understand how the reports correlate a reduction on the A904 and increase on the M9 and M9 J1a?</p> <p>LS advised that this would be looked at again and further information provided.</p>	EDT
3	Employer's Delivery Team (EDT) - Update	
3.1	<p>LS provided an update on EDT activities over the last 3 months together with upcoming events, noting the following:</p> <p>Revised Programmed Opening</p> <p>On 8 June 2016 it was announced that due to higher than anticipated adverse weather the expected completion date for the Queensferry Crossing has been amended from December 2016 to May 2017.</p> <p>Until the end of May 2016, FCBC considered the target of opening in December 2016 challenging but achievable.</p> <p>Since deck lifting operations commenced in September 2015, the downtime due to adverse weather, specifically wind, has been 40% compared to the anticipated 25%.</p> <p>Up until May 2016, FCBC believed that they could mitigate these effects, however the impact of the weather in April and May with 13 days and 12 days lost to weather put timescales back – deck lifting will now not finish until into the autumn of 2016</p> <p>This means that final stage activities such as road surfacing and wind barriers have to be completed in the colder, wetter and more windy conditions usually experienced in autumn and winter. So more time needs to be allowed to complete this work.</p> <p>Despite the change in completion date, successful completion of many milestones since construction and</p>	Noted

	management of controllable risks since construction started has contributed to releasing £245 million from the project budget back to the public purse.	
3.2	<p>Ministerial Technical Briefings</p> <p>Further to the announcement in June, of the change in programme completion date, the project hosted 2 Technical Briefings for MSP's to keep provide them with a detailed analysis of the project and to explain the reasons for the resulting delay.</p> <p>These events took place on the 10 June and 8 July and were attended by a small number of MSP's who all found the update useful.</p>	Noted
3.3	<p>Rural Economy and Connectivity (REC) Committee (formerly ICI) appearance:</p> <p>LS advised that further to the announcement of the change in programme, David Climie and Keith Brown appeared in front of the newly formed Rural Economy and Connectivity (REC) Committee on 29 June where questions were asked regarding the change in completion date and confirmation of the budget. All questions were answered fully with no follow up.</p> <p>As with the ICI Committee, the FRC team will give a regular progress update to the committee with the first appearance scheduled for 7 September then roughly quarterly rather than 6 monthly as well as two-monthly written updates.</p> <p>This forms part of the regular communication with the Scottish Parliament to keep Parliament informed on the progress on the project.</p>	Noted
3.4	<p>Autumn Briefing Sessions</p> <p>Similar to our Annual Briefing Sessions held in January of each year, the project is considering holding briefings in Autumn this year possibly in October.</p> <p>Details of these events will be advertised in advance of them taking place.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note</u></p> <p>Contrary to what was mentioned at the Forum, the briefings will now take place in the new year as has been</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>customary over the last few years.</p> <p>Regular FRC Project updates continue to be provided for the public at the monthly Presentation Series with the next events on 23rd and 24th September, 28th and 29th October and, 25th and 26th November.</p>	
3.5	<p>Approach Viaduct and North Deck</p> <p>FCBC have joined the Queensferry Crossing's north deck and viaduct meaning the bridge is now connected to Fife. This represents the first of four closures required to link up the deck from end to end.</p> <p>Economy Secretary Keith Brown visited the site on 12 August 2016 and was among the first to walk from the land on the Fife side on to the new Queensferry Crossing.</p>	Noted
3.6	<p>A90-M90 Southbound Overnight Closures</p> <p>A news release was announced on 24 August to notify the public of lane closures and diversions for the A90/M90 spur for overnight works undertaken between 21:00 on 27 August to 05:00 28 August to allow for the lifting of a gantry located at the point where the A90 and M90 Spur separate.</p> <p>These works were carried out on schedule with minimal disruption.</p> <p>Similar closures are planned for Saturday 3 September from 22:00hrs into Sunday 4 September to 05:00hrs to undertake a second gantry lift between the Scotstoun Interchange and the B800 overbridge.</p>	Noted
3.7	<p>Planned works at M9 Junction 1A</p> <p>Essential roadworks are planned on the M9 near Newbridge starting on September 5 for a period of eight weeks.</p> <p>Road users are being given advance warning of potentially disruptive works on the M9 between junction 1A and the Almond river bridge, approximately half a mile north of Newbridge roundabout.</p> <p>Traffic management will be in place for the duration of the works, including a 40 mph speed limit for the safety of operatives and the travelling public.</p>	Noted

	<p>Both the eastbound (to Edinburgh), westbound (to Stirling) lanes of the M9 and the M9 Spur will be affected, but not at the same time. The work is scheduled to take place on the westbound carriageway first and only when this is complete and traffic restrictions removed, will work commence on the eastbound carriageway.</p> <p>The works will take place predominantly during the night between 20:00 and 06:00 hours and on weekends, to minimise disruption. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained outside these times on the carriageway which is subject to work.</p> <p>SRB have issued a flyer to residents who may be affected by these works.</p>	
3.8	<p>Queensferry Crossing – Consultation</p> <p>The consultation regarding the M90/A90 Trunk Road (Admiralty Interchange to Scotstoun)(Variable Speed limits and Actively Managed Hard Shoulders) Regulations 2016 was launched on 31 March 2016, with comments due by Thursday 23 June 2016.</p> <p>We received 14 comments on the regulations, all of which were responded to with a further 5 additional supplementary notes being provided. These will be summarised in a report to be taken forward by Parliament, with the Regulation process due to be completed later this year</p>	Noted
3.9	<p>Community Forum Site Visit</p> <p>AS sent an invite to all Community Forum members on 10 August to attend the annual Community Forum Site Visits taking place on Saturday 17 September and Monday 19 September. Attendees are requested to be at the CEC for 9.30am ready for a 10am start.</p> <p>We have had some acceptances, however, there are still spaces available for these events. We ask that you provide confirmation of your attendance by Friday 2 September.</p>	Noted
3.10	<p>Road Users Guide</p> <p>AS distributed a draft of the Queensferry Crossing/Forth Road Bridge -Road Users Guide on 8 August and asked for any comments or amendments to be returned by 26 August.</p>	Noted

	<p>A number of comments were gratefully received from Grant Sangster and from other stakeholders, these have been noted and will be reviewed shortly.</p> <p>It is envisaged that the guide will primarily be available in a digital format with a limited run of hard copies available. This will also be followed up with a press release and radio advertising notifying the public of the changes. Traffic Scotland will also undertake a radio campaign to inform the public of the changes in road layout</p>	
3.11	<p>Proposed change to Community Forum format</p> <p>The FRC Project Team proposed a change to the format of the Community Forums from the November 2016 meetings until project completion.</p> <p>The proposed change would be to merge the North and South Forums into a single Forum – to take place on the final Wednesday of each month.</p> <p>Apart from community issues, information delivered to each Forum is almost identical. As such, we believe that merging the Forums is a sensible way forward saving time and resources.</p> <p>We propose that the format for the November Forum would remain the same with an adjustment to the Community Issues element of the agenda. These would appear as separate North and South issues. Delegates from the North Forum would of course be able to depart the Forum once North Forum issues have concluded.</p> <p>All present agreed to the proposed change. However, EDT to check with those representatives from North Queensferry, Rosyth and Kirkliston who were not in attendance at the recent Forums.</p>	EDT
3.12	<p>Forth Bridges Forum Public Meeting</p> <p>Although a public meeting had been scheduled for 8 September the Forum have decided to cancel and hold the next meeting in December. This allows time for the Forum to reconsider the content and format for future public meetings.</p>	Noted
3.13	<p>Compensation claims</p> <p>To date, we have received approximately 136 claims from the 316 owners/occupiers/lessees in relation to the FRC</p>	Noted

	<p>General Vesting Declaration's carried out in April and June 2011. (There has been no change to the number of claims received since the last meeting)</p> <p>Of these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 claims have been settled in full (increase of 3 since the last meeting) • 27 claimants received 90% part payments (decrease of 2 as claim settled full and final). The part payments are as a result of advance payment requests from the claimants. 	
3.14	<p>Queensferry Crossing Opening Celebrations Committee</p> <p>AS updated the SCF on the progress of the planning for the opening ceremony, noting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project team has recently brought on board two events specialists to consider a public access event and an official Opening Ceremony. • The Opening Committee has met twice, 31 May and 12 July, with the third meeting scheduled for 13 September and will meet bi monthly until the New Year and then monthly after that. This includes input from representatives from the North and South communities. • The next meeting will involve the Committee looking at the current plans and sifting submitted suggestions to see what could be actioned. • The Committee welcomes any suggestions from Forum members or members of the public and these can be raised directly with the Forum representatives on the Committee or through the FRC Enquiries mailbox. All suggestions are recorded and will be investigated for viability. 	Noted
3.15	<p><u>Contact and Education Centre Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project continues to gather interest from a wide variety of parties ranging from educational bodies, members of the public and international visitors. • Schools Programme – on-going. To date 17,200 school pupils have visited the Project. • A letter inviting schools to attend our 2016/17 Education 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>Programme was distributed on 17 August. So far a number of those invited have accepted a visit and bookings have been made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance to the Project Exhibition on Saturdays continues to prove popular and in August was attended by over 400 members of the public. We continue to average 75 – 100 attendees each Saturday. To date the Project Exhibition has had 18,700 visitors since January 2013. • The FRC Presentation Series has continued to prove successful with the next event having taken place on 26 and 27 August and was attended by 296 members of the public, to date almost 3,000 people having attended this event since 2014. • Presentations delivered as part of the wider Outreach and Education Programme have now been attended by 23,250 people interested in hearing more about the FRC Project. • The overall Outreach and Education Programme has now attracted over 62,000 individuals across all activities. • Industry Days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Further to the success of the Presentation and Site Visits for Industry in 2015, the Project organised a repeat of the events for 2016. ○ The first visits took place in April, with the final visit having taken place on the 16 August and they were well attended with over 350 people taking up the opportunity to visit the project. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
3.16	<p>Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 206,400 people have watched project videos on the Queensferry Crossing YouTube channel, with subscribers up to 585. • Official Queensferry Crossing twitter account @FRC_Queensferry now has a total of 3,340 followers, an increase of more than 800 since the last update 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tweets were viewed 399,000 times by Twitter users during May, June and July. 	Noted
4	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract) – Update	
4.1	<p>EM provided a slide presentation to Forum members including photos of work currently on-going. Including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting Roads South – The northbound A90 is now complete and lines painted, the central barrier is due to be installed shortly and once complete this section will be opened for westbound local traffic to join the A904. The southbound A90 link is progressing well and gantries on this section have been erected. The northbound public transport link is progressing well. • B800 – Works on the B800 are on-going with a flyer to be distributed to residents to notify of closures to allow for resurfacing of the Ferrymuir roundabout, currently planned for October. Access to the retail park will be maintained throughout the duration of these works. • South Abutment – Concrete works ongoing. Maintenance rooms fit-out is underway. Work on the footpath/cycleway construction will resume in Spring 2017 with completion scheduled for May 2017. • Main Crossing – the main crossing is progressing well <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 9 deck sections left to lift between the South Approach and South Tower ○ 4 decks to be lifted between ST and Centre Tower with closure expected in October. ○ 7 decks to be lifted between North Tower and Central Tower with closure expected in November ○ Once the last 2 main deck segments are lifted and fixed in position at CT we will have constructed the longest free standing balanced cantilever ever. • Approach Viaduct North– 3 deck pours left on this section. Completion anticipated November 2016. • Connecting Roads North – two bridges at ferrytoll are now waterproofed and awaiting surfacing. Traffic has now been diverted onto the new Southbound slip road to Ferrytoll gyratory. The new northbound public transport link which runs under the new Ferrytoll Viaduct will shortly be opened to Ferrytoll bound traffic thus facilitating the construction of the final M90 between existing A90 and the Queensferry Crossing. • King Malcolm Drive/Castlandhill Road Junction – Works on-going with traffic management to be in place until the completion of the Ferrytoll gyratory. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope Street – reconfiguration of bus forecourt turning area on-going. Temporary bus turning circle has been installed at lower level car park. <p>Information is also posted on the FRC section of the Transport Scotland website as part of the 'Weekly Traffic Management Update' updated at the end of each week: http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/information-road-users.</p>	
	<p>PF asked if the project has been recording construction footage similar to the FRB as shown during their 50th anniversary?</p> <p>EM confirmed that the project has been making recordings since the start of the project.</p>	Noted
5	Community Issues	
5.1	<p>A total of 13 items were raised as a community issue, one at the meeting and 12 in advance of the meeting. Of those raised in advance of the meeting, one item was raised by GS and 11 were raised by DT on behalf of BRIGS. These were responded to in a pre-meeting note issued to all Forum members prior to the meeting taking place and are repeated below for completeness. However, some supplementary items were raised during the meeting and are included within the responses given below as appropriate:</p> <p>GS raised a multiple part issue surrounding traffic management, this has been split below to show the answer to each point raised:</p> <p>What are the Traffic Management Working Group doing during the present roadworks period and how will the group be maintained after opening of the new crossing?</p> <p>The Traffic Management Working Group (TMWG), considers all traffic management schemes for the FRC with a view to minimising impacts on the travelling public. The group will be disbanded shortly after completion of all works, when the roads will be handed over to the various roads authorities and their representatives. Monitoring of the new road network post opening and any adjustments required to the operation of the ITS network will be undertaken by the project team and Traffic Scotland with input from the Road Operating Company and Local Authorities as appropriate.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>There was a fairly minor issue with closing lane 1 of the northbound A90 from Dalmeny last weekend (weekend of 6 August), when we were specifically advised it wasn't necessary.</p>	Noted
	<p>Transport Scotland checked with FCBC regarding the closure of lane 1 of the northbound A90 from Dalmeny during the weekend of 6 August and it was confirmed that when setting out the traffic management, FCBC's traffic management contractor (Class One) extended the closure to improve visibility for safety reasons, however, they did provide a layby for buses to pull in.</p>	Noted
	<p>Over the past few weeks we have witnessed queuing northbound traffic at the Forth Road Bridge with delays up to one hour simultaneously on the A90(N), M90(N), B800(N) and A904(E) roads. This doesn't seem to relate to any work on the north side and is despite the live M90 ITS arrangements.</p>	Noted
	<p>TS are also of the opinion that the northbound queues are not due to the works on the north side of the Forth Road Bridge. The queues appear to be the result of the public travelling in a stop start manner as traffic merges at Echline. Also, it should be noted that the full ITS network is not yet in place and this should help to alleviate any queues when the Queensferry Crossing is in operation.</p>	Noted
	<p>The recent congestion which trapped motorists in Tesco arose after closing off entrance lanes to Echline Roundabout from the B800. Signal adjustments were applied by CEC to shorten the queues (incidentally with an effect of rewarding rat-running through Kirkliston and South Queensferry). A comparison of present and future network designs suggests such situations may develop in future around the A904 (Builyeon Road) area. The new Queensferry Roundabout capacity appears lower than that at Echline. It has fewer lanes, including on the mainline northbound M90. If the existing Echline Gyratory was replaced with a Queensferry Gyratory design at the Forth Road Bridge, I feel there could be a spot of bother with northbound traffic capacity. I'd like to know if the TMWG, or anyone else, would be able to resolve such a situation arising at the FRC?</p>	Noted
	<p>The restrictions implemented at Ferrymuir road were needed to facilitate the new construction along the B800, resulting in the queues. As stated, adjustment of the</p>	Noted

	<p>signals at Echline helped to reduce the queuing and works here will shortly be completed allowing the B800 to return to its previous capacity.</p> <p>The Queensferry Junction has been designed to provide greater capacity than that of the existing Echline Junction and the associated predicted traffic flows are also different. The northbound carriageway approach to the Queensferry Junction from Scotstoun is much longer than that on the approach to Echline Junction, offering much greater opportunities for traffic to merge into the two lanes which continue onto the Queensferry Crossing. In addition, the change from 3 lanes to 2 will be via a more conventional lane gain/lane drop arrangement rather than lane 3 merging into lane 2 as in the existing Echline arrangement. The other fundamental difference is that the ITS system will be operational over the full length of the project to help smooth out the traffic flow and thus reduce the potential for congestion.</p> <p>We anticipate that in the early days of the new road layouts becoming operational there may be some queues whilst road users familiarise themselves. In addition there may be a need to optimise traffic light settings and the ITS system.</p> <p>DT asked a supplementary question on how the traffic will be managed at the Queensferry gyratory whether this will be automatic or via the control room?</p> <p>LS confirmed that this would be automatic using sensors to detect the traffic flows and make adjustments as required to maintain a constant flow. This could, however, be overridden by the control room, if required.</p> <p>LC further asked if traffic joining the gyratory (when a single lane is brought into operation westbound from Scotstoun) would be controlled by traffic lights, if so when will these become active?</p> <p>EM advised that he would look into this for the forum.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>FCBC</p>
5.2	<p>DT asked what were the main causes of the delay in the completion of the FRC Project?</p> <p>On 8 June 2016 it was announced that due to higher than anticipated adverse weather the expected completion date for the Queensferry Crossing has been amended from December 2016 to May 2017.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>Until the end of May 2016, FCBC considered the target of opening in December 2016 challenging but achievable.</p> <p>Since deck lifting operations commenced in September 2015, the downtime due to adverse weather, specifically wind, has been 40% compared to the anticipated 25%.</p> <p>Up until May 2016, FCBC believed that they could mitigate these effects, however the impact of the weather in April and May with 13 days and 12 days lost to weather put timescales back – deck lifting will now not finish until into the autumn of 2016</p> <p>This means that final stage activities such as road surfacing and wind barriers have to be completed in the colder, wetter and more windy conditions usually experienced in autumn and winter. So more time needs to be allowed to complete this work.</p> <p>Despite the change in completion date, successful completion of many milestones since construction and management of controllable risks since construction started has contributed to releasing £245 million from the project budget back to the public purse.</p> <p>This item was also covered under item 3.1 as detailed above</p> <p>DT asked for further clarification at the Forum enquiring when May 2017 became the completion date and what this classes as?</p> <p>LS confirmed that the December 2016 date was an aspirational completion date set by FCBC. The change to May was as a result in FCBC taking stock of current progress and checking this against the programme which provided the new target completion of May 2017 taking into consideration adverse weather. The contractual completion of the project has always been June 2017.</p> <p>TB asked if there were any incentives/penalties for a December completion?</p> <p>EM advised that this was a commercial issue and he couldn't expand on it, however if the project had been completed by December there would have been a benefit to the contractor for example due to the early removal of site offices. Despite the change in opening date the project cost remains the same.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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5.3	<p>DT asked is it fair to assume that the Southern Approach Ramp construction is behind schedule? If not, then why have the working hours been extended?</p> <p>The evening and overnight shifts on the SAV are required to mitigate the risk of the work falling into winter working where the quality of work and health and safety of the workforce might be adversely affected.</p>	Noted
5.4	<p>DT asked what confidence level do Transport Scotland have that the FRC Project will be completed by May 2017?</p> <p>Transport Scotland are confident that the project will be completed on time.</p>	Noted
5.5	<p>DT asked for an update on the latest decisions of the Opening Celebrations Committee?</p> <p>An update on the Opening Celebrations Committee will be provided as part of the EDT update during the SCF.</p> <p>This item was also covered under item 3.14 as detailed above.</p>	Noted
5.6	<p>DT asked how will the Road Users Guide be circulated and what other methods will be adopted to widely inform the public?</p> <p>The Road Users guide, which was recently circulated to forum members for comment, will primarily be available in a digital format with a limited run of hard copies available. This will also be followed up with a press release and radio advertising notifying the public of the changes. Traffic Scotland will undertake a radio campaign to inform the public of the changes in road layout.</p> <p>This item was also covered under item 3.10 as detailed above.</p>	Noted
5.7	<p>DT asked for it to be visually clarified how the cycle rumble strips are intended to operate at Echline Corner.</p> <p>The cycle rumble strips act as tactile paving for visually impaired people to determine what kind of walkway they are on, the ladder format denotes a footpath, and the tram format denotes a cycle lane. I have attached an image of this as an example. Cycleway/footway markings have yet to be completed around the Queensferry Junction area and</p>	Noted

	<p>when these are in place will aid understanding considerably.</p> <p>LS expanded on this point at the meeting noting that the Project has a Disability Access Group who visit the site to ensure that we are Disability Discrimination Act compliant and that the project has continued to pass the legal requirements of this.</p>	Noted
5.8	<p>DT noted that item 5.3 on page 9 of the SCF Minutes of 25 May 2016 regarding the south abutment access road, should read "LC" not DT.</p> <p>This has been noted and the minutes have been amended.</p>	Noted Noted
5.9	<p>DT asked based on item 6.3 on page 11 of the SCF Minutes of 25 May 2016 regarding re-instatement of land where Scottish Power undertook cable works at Echline Corner - Why has this work not been done already? Is this a forerunner of what we can expect during the construction sites restoration phase after the FRC Project is complete?</p> <p>FCBC have looked into the re-instatement of land where Scottish Power undertook cabling works at Echline Corner and confirm that this will be completed by project completion.</p> <p>DT asked at the meeting for EM to clarify what works Scottish Power undertook in this area?</p> <p>EM confirmed that Scottish Power were laying cabling as part of the works and that works to re-instate this land will be undertaken prior to project completion.</p>	Noted Noted Noted
5.10	<p>DT asked based on item 6.4 on page 11 of the SCF Minutes of 25 May 2016 regarding crocus bulb planting at Echline Corner - Can we have a status report on the crocus assessment by Ewen Macdonell?</p> <p>EM has carried out an investigation of the crocuses at Echline Corner and advised that he believes that there are less than previously planted with further planting to take place during the planting season.</p>	Noted Noted
5.11	<p>DT asked as a follow up on item 6.5 on page 11 of the SCF Minutes of 25 May 2016 regarding gritting at Echline Corner. Residents don't want a grit bin at this location And request that pavements are gritted. Will the CEC representative be attending this SCF Meeting?</p>	Noted

	<p>This is a matter for City of Edinburgh Council. Winter maintenance has always been a matter for the Roads Authority which in this locale is Edinburgh.</p> <p>This item was also dealt with as an Outstanding Action under item 2.1.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
5.12	<p>DT asked, based on item 6.6 on page 11 of the SCF Minutes of 25 May 2016 regarding traffic volumes - We are still unable to understand how TS quantify the traffic movements using the spur road when travelling from Linlithgow.</p> <p>Further to the meeting with Steven Brown, we have updated the annual report mapping to show that the required detectors are in the correct locations on the roads in the plans, the 2014/15 annual report was published on the TS website in June 2016.</p> <p>The information supporting the traffic movement changes is visible by reductions indicated by the traffic counters situated along the A904 compared with similar counters showing an increase in traffic situated along the M9, M9 Junction 1a and M90 Spur.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
5.13	<p>LC raised an issue with extensive weed growth between the monoblocking bordering the pavement and carriageway and asks that this is treated.</p> <p>EM confirmed that we were aware of this and this will be treated in due course.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>FCBC</p>
6	AoB	
6.1	No AOB was raised	Noted
7	Date of next meeting	
7.1	<p>The next meetings of the Forum will take place on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Community Forum: Wednesday 23 November 2016 at 7pm. (To be advised subject to point 3.11 above) • South Community Forum: Wednesday 30 November 2016 at 7pm. 	Noted