



Forth Replacement Crossing Community Council Forum (South) Minutes

Meeting location: Contact & Education Centre, South Queensferry

Meeting Date/Time: 28 Aug 2013 – 7pm

Subject: Community Forum South

Participants:

Community Representatives

Grant Sangster (Queensferry & District Community Council)

Steve Lee (Kirkliston Community Council)

Evelyn Woollen (Newton Community Council)

Jan Boggon (Newton Community Council)

Bert Scott (Cramond & Barnton Community Council)

Les Chapman (BRIGS)

Doug Tait (BRIGS)

Doug Ross (BRIGS)

Transport Scotland – Employers Delivery Team (EDT)

Lawrence Shackman

Alan Shirley

Raymond Kirk

Allan Buchan (c/o BIG Partnership)

Transport Scotland – Special Projects Team

Graham Porteous

Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)

Ewen Macdonell

City of Edinburgh Council

Darren Wraight (City of Edinburgh Council)

Observers

1 observer

Apologies

Keith Giblett (Queensferry & District Community Council)

Terry Airlie (Queensferry & District Community Council)

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Notes		Action
1	Welcome & Introductions	
1.1	<p>Meeting chaired by Lawrence Shackman.</p> <p>LS confirmed that Andy Pope and Keavy O'Neill have both left the project and Alan Shirley is now the Head of Governance, Policy and Stakeholder Liaison who will have responsibility for Andy and Keavy's replacements who are scheduled to join the FRC Project Team in September.</p> <p>LS noted Doug Ross was no longer a member of QDCC, having been replaced by another PEYC representative, and was now attending as a member of BRIGS, representing primarily Linn Mill Residents Association.</p> <p>LS invited round the table introductions.</p> <p>LS emphasised that community representatives should use the project's general email address - frcenquiries@transportscotland.gov.gsi – to ensure that all correspondence reaches the project team as individual staff mailboxes are not monitored when they are on leave and cannot be accessed once they have left the project.</p> <p>EM also emphasised that using the hotline or email rather than his personal contact details would ensure follow-up, as he may not always be available.</p> <p>LS highlighted that the Forth Bridge Operating Company update was a new Agenda item with Graham Porteous invited to provide this.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
2	Review of minutes and outstanding actions South Community Forum 6 March 2013	
2.1	Minutes	
	DT requested that the following amendments be made to the minutes:	Noted
SCF281112/ 7.5	DT clarified that the question he asked should read that "If data was available from hand held monitoring would it have been published?"	Noted
SCF290513/ 2.3e	DT asked that last line read instead that "The A904 will be re-surfaced early in 2014 by CofEC and the EDT will co-ordinate the works and ensure gulleys are kept clear." LS agreed to amendment.	Noted
	Q EW asked for clarification re the extent of the planned	

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	works? A LS/DW confirmed the A904 will be resurfaced from Echline Roundabout to the Edinburgh Council boundary near Echline farmhouse.	Noted
SCF290513/2.3f	Should read 6 metres, not feet.	Noted
SCF060313/4.2	Q should read “northbound” side gantries.	Noted
SCF290513/3.7	“Other documents” should be replaced by “a previous Transport Scotland proposal”. DT to supply LS with copy of document to check before agreeing to reflect in final minute.	BRIGS/EDT
SCF290513/4.1a	DT said the answer given had stated that this was a “test area” rather than a “storage area” and should be reflected in the minutes. LS agreed	Noted
SCF280813/2.1	Q EW asked if the minutes from Public Transport Working Group meetings were available to the public and also who were the members ? A LS said the minutes were not published, but the full strategy is available on the website and all members are listed in it. EDT to supply EW with web link to strategy document.	EDT
	Post Meeting Note Public Transport Strategy weblink: http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/projects/forth-replacement-crossing/about-the-scheme/public-transport	
	Minutes approved for publication on FRC website subject to the agreed amendments.	Noted
2.2	Outstanding actions paper (Circulated in advance of meeting)	
SCF290513/2.3a	Part 1 Claims LS confirmed that Part 1 claims related to M9J1a can be made from 2/2/14 and Fife ITS claims can be made from 5/12/13. LS confirmed that claimants would not be able to make a second claim when the full project is complete.	Noted
SCF210812/2.4a	Speed checks LS confirmed that traffic reports data had been supplied as requested. LS agreed to forward electronic version of traffic report data to EW.	EDT

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<p>SCF290513/ 2.3b1</p>	<p>Traffic flow statistics between M9 Spur and A904 LS circulated traffic counter statistics and confirmed monitoring data continues to be published on the FRC website following processing and validation.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p>EW stated that the Code of Construction Practice commitment to publish such data on a monthly basis was not being met – e.g. the April data was only now available on the website. As a result, it was not possible for the Community Councils to look at the monitoring information as a whole.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>SCF280813/ 2.2a</p>	<p>LS/AS agreed to re-examine the processing and subsequent publication of traffic statistics in order to ensure compliance with required timescales.</p>	<p>EDT</p>
	<p>DT emphasised his surprise that no report with conclusions had been produced by The Traffic Management Working Group (TMWG) or City of Edinburgh Council (CofEC) in relation to the traffic speed data which was obtained from the temporary vehicle activated speed signs.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p>DW explained that there was no need for a report as he had not identified any concerns when reviewing the data and the information had been passed to the police. LS confirmed the data was discussed at the TMWG and that enforcement was a matter for the police.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p>DW emphasised that the speeds recorded were not significantly above the speed limit and LS added that upcoming roadworks in the area and the new Queensferry Junction itself would further discourage speeding.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p>EW asked how the data will be used to plan ITS on the Queensferry gyratory, such as helping to manage queuing traffic/ramp metering?</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p>DW emphasised that the data should not be taken as an accurate count. The signs were designed to create a visual warning for drivers and, as a byproduct, could capture speed data.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p>EW emphasised that traffic data provided was not comparable with historical data (e.g. vehicle types/classification) and Newton CC would seek to obtain more detailed, comparable, data to allow analysis. This was to enable them to evaluate the impact of the various measures discussed during the Bill process.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>SCF280813/ 2.2b</p>	<p>LS said the EDT remained committed to share traffic flow data, emphasising that monitoring data was published on the FRC website and would be summarised in an annual report (the first is already published on the website). As the traffic profile of the road (A904) would change, he was unsure what NCC required. LS and EW to discuss following meeting.</p> <p>With regard to ITS operation when the project was fully open, LS explained that real time traffic information (via detectors in the road) would be used to control the ramp metering/queuing aspects at the junction.</p> <p>DW emphasised that the A904 was a legally compliant road and he was unclear what the community representatives required from FCBC or CofEC?</p> <p>DT highlighted continued problems with HGVs speeding and tailgating and for continuing efforts to be made by all parties to address these issues.</p> <p>LS highlighted results from Traffic Counter JTC00395 (east of Newton, near the lay-by) – see separate sheet issued at meeting. This indicated there had been a decrease in traffic at this location since M9J1a had opened on 1 Feb 2013.</p> <p>Q EW asked if the figures were based on 24 hour traffic flows? A LS confirmed they were.</p>	<p>EDT/NCC</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>SCF280813/ 2.2c</p>	<p>Q EW asked how the 6 or 7 vehicle categories (fully classified traffic) had been collapsed into traffic or HGVs? A LS to confirm and, if required, arrange meeting with traffic analyst.</p> <p>Q DT asked if the counter takes into effect construction movements. A LS confirmed it does not take into account movements to/from the site from the east as it is situated west of the project.</p> <p>Q When did project haulage from the Niddry Bing start? A EM confirmed November.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note: Following the meeting minor amendments/verification to the traffic counter sheets supplied at the meeting were made – the revised sheets are attached to these minutes.</p>	<p>EDT</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>SCF290513/</p>	<p>FCBC Traffic Management</p>	

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<p>2.3c</p> <p>SCF290513/2.3d</p>	<p>Closure of U221 – EM confirmed issue re notifications was resolved.</p> <p>Pedestrian access signage – EM confirmed issue was resolved.</p> <p>EM confirmed that a further temporary closure for 5 days in September has been notified and pedestrian access will be maintained with appropriate signage.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>SCF281112/7.1</p>	<p>Queensferry Gyrotory</p> <p>LS confirmed the simplified presentation will be added to the website shortly. A follow-up public meeting is planned in January to provide a further update on planned works.</p> <p>Q Has the timeline for the gyrotory works changed? A EM confirmed that they were still on track for the bridges to be completed by the end of 2013, the A904 tie in works to still start in early spring 2014 and the roundabout to be in use in late spring.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>SCF290513/2.3e</p> <p>SCF280813/2.2d</p>	<p>Pollution caused by construction vehicles</p> <p>LS confirmed that the cleaning schedule continues to be monitored closely and updated as required. EM confirmed the schedule varies to suit conditions and that Hunter is scheduled to undertake cleaning of bus shelters on Sat 31 Aug.</p> <p>DW to check status and advise re blocked gulleys and grass cutting at Echline roundabout.</p> <p>LS confirmed TS will be responsible for ensuring gulleys on trunk roads remain unblocked.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>CofEC</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>SCF290513/2.3f</p>	<p>Noise Liaison Group (NLG)</p> <p>EM confirmed rock ripping will carry on through Sept and beyond. No rock pecking is expected near to the A904 during Sept, but may be required at the base of the Queensferry Junction as the hardness of the rock there is not yet known.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>SCF290513/2.3g</p>	<p>Identification of noise</p> <p>DT said the response in the Outstanding Actions paper (29/5/13) did not answer the question of how noise from FRC related HGVs were distinguished from non-project HGVs?</p> <p>EM said there had been no noise exceedances from traffic on the A904 and that it is possible to tell the difference between HGVs on the road and on the site.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	<p>DT emphasised the rattling noise when HGVs go over a hole in the road was disturbing for residents.</p> <p>EM to consider issue again as had thought the original query referred to engine noise.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>FCBC</p>
SCF060313/4.2	<p>Traffic management</p> <p>LS confirmed that M9J1a gantry painting was complete.</p>	Noted
SCF060313/6.3	<p>Society Road Works</p> <p>EM confirmed remaining road works and surfacing will be progressed in Sept with full completion of works in October.</p>	Noted
SCF280813/2.2e	<p>LS confirmed that the footpath currently being constructed as part of the Society Road improvement works would be extended to Linn Mill. Discussions are ongoing between CofEC and EDT as regards timing and responsibilities for progressing this. Details will be confirmed in due course.</p>	EDT/CofEC
SCF280813/2.2f	<p>DT said it was unfortunate that the Gas Board works are taking place at the same time. DW emphasised that this is not an issue for FCBC and discussions are taking place with the Roads Commissioner. DW and DT to discuss following meeting.</p> <p>LS confirmed FCBC have erected an extra project notice board at Society Road with others to follow elsewhere within the project.</p>	<p>CoEC/DT</p> <p>Noted</p>
SCF290513/3.3	<p>B924 Pedestrian Crossing</p> <p>DW confirmed issue re markings has been resolved.</p>	Noted
SCF290513/4.1a(1)	<p>Temporary area</p> <p>EM emphasised that the area will be required until the approach viaduct works are complete.</p>	Noted
SCF290513/4.1a(2)	<p>Compound storage area near Echline</p> <p>EM confirmed the issue has been resolved as access to the area had been changed for some time and was now via the U221.</p> <p>DT/LC said they did not believe this to be the case.</p> <p>EM and DT/LC to discuss following meeting.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note</p> <p>Area has been accessed by Scottish Water's contractors but general site access has been removed.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>FCBC/BRIGS</p>

3	Update on Forth Bridges Operating Company (FBOC)	
3.1	<p>GP provided an update re progress on appointment of an operating company for the two road bridges. GP confirmed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - operations will extend from M9J1a to Halbeath, including the A823(M) Pitreavie spur. - that responses by interested contractors to the prospectus are due by September and the tender is likely to be issued in November 2013, with the contract award in 2014. - commencement of the new contract is expected in June 2015, which will enable preparation for handover prior to the opening of the Queensferry Crossing in 2016. - the tender will require the contractor to fulfill community benefits such as work placements and apprenticeships, and to advertise available jobs with local agencies. - the tender will also include a requirement to maintain effective communications with the local community. <p>GP undertook to update Community Forums at next meeting.</p> <p>Q Is there a contractual period for FCBC for maintenance and repairs? A GP confirmed FCBC is responsible for defects up to 5 years after the scheme opens. LS also confirmed that FCBC have some maintenance responsibilities such as landscaping within this period.</p> <p>Q Will the the on and off slip roads be the responsibility of FBOC? A CP confirmed they will.</p> <p>DW added that maintenance of all traffic signals will be the responsibility of FBOC as this will support the requirement to control them centrally if there is an incident – i.e. all ITS and traffic signals will be controlled by Traffic Scotland from this building (the National Control Centre).</p> <p>Q EW asked if there will be a 10-day ‘cooling off’ period following award of the tender? A GP confirmed this is standard practice allowing unsuccessful bidders to challenge the award if they wished.</p> <p>GP emphasised the contract will include detailed rules for community engagement and benefits including work experience, apprenticeships and meetings with community members and local schools, colleges and universities.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>Q EW asked if FBOC will have its own website for public information? A GP said that FBOC may take over the FETA website or develop its own website, possibly based on the Forth Bridges Forum website developed for the World Heritage bid.</p> <p>LS also explained that the EDT planned to update the '<i>Engaging with Communities – Construction</i>' document by the end of the year and this will include operational and maintenance aspects.</p> <p>Q EW asked GS if QDCC was happy with the community aspects? A GS said there was a possible concern as QDCC has a good relationship with FETA and when there are attempts to formalise matters there may be a temptation for contractors to do the minimum specified. GS felt it would depend on how the contract is worded.</p> <p>GP emphasised that the aim is for the minimum requirements for FBOC to exceed what FETA currently do. The tendering companies will be marked on the quality of the community plan they submit.</p> <p>Q DT asked who would be the point of contact if a community member had a roads issue? A GP confirmed they should contact the contractor.</p> <p>Q EW asked if the actions of the contractor has an impact on other roads and communities, how these would be dealt with? A GP confirmed this would depend on where the concern was raised. If it was raised with the contractor and it is not his responsibility, they would be expected to redirect the query to the right organisation. If this does not happen, contact Transport Scotland.</p> <p>GP confirmed Transport Scotland will expect the various roads organisations and FBOC to meet regularly. LS stated that FETA will be subject to TUPE which will mean continuity of staff.</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>
<p>SCF280813/3.1</p>	<p>Q GS asked if a detailed map is available showing CofEC and Transport Scotland responsibilities for roads? A GP believed this to have been uploaded on the TS website. EDT to include weblink in minute.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note</p>	<p>EDT</p>

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	<p>Weblinks:</p> <p>http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/strategy/forth-bridges/OC-contract</p> <p>http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/files/images/logos/3%205%20-%20FBOC%20Unit%20map.jpg</p>	
4	Update from Employer's Delivery Team	
4.1	<p>Newton Traffic Calming measures LS confirmed works commenced on 12 August and would take approx seven weeks.</p> <p>EW confirmed that the project notice board will be reinstated after the works when a suitable location is agreed by Netwon CC.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
4.2	<p>Contact & Education Centre LS confirmed that almost 500 people attended the two Open Days in August.</p> <p>AS confirmed that all 2,722 schools in Scotland have been contacted and offered a visit to the CEC. Within a few days, some 25 schools had booked places.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
4.3	<p>Name the Bridge LS confirmed Queensferry Crossing had been selected by public vote as the bridge name.</p>	Noted
4.4 SCF280813/ 4.4	<p>Public Meetings LS confirmed public briefings re the works planned for Queensferry and Ferrytoll Junctions are likely to be held in January 2014. EDT to confirm dates.</p>	EDT
4.5 SCF280813/ 4.5	<p>Site visit LS confirmed that the EDT would like to organise a site visit for Community Forum members in the daytime during September. EDT to confirm date.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note Community Forum Site visit was held on 16 September 2013.</p>	EDT
4.6	<p>General Vesting Declaration/CPOs LS confirmed that 121 claims have been received from the 316 entitled to claim. This is an increase of 20. Of these:</p>	Noted

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 19 have been settled in full - 22 have received 90% part payment. 	
5	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)	
5.1	<p>Progress update and 3 month look ahead EM provided presentation of works progress with project overview and look ahead including photos. Highlights included:</p> <p><u>North road works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Realignment of B981 – the new B981 embankment will be complete by the end of Jan 2014. The B981 will then be realigned to allow the new motorway embankment to be extended to Ferrytoll. <p><u>Queensferry Crossing:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The towers, once begun will take 21 months to complete. The concrete will be poured in 54 sections using a self climbing system ‘jump formwork’. At 207 metres, the towers will be the largest structure in Scotland. - Beamer Rock central tower – the base concrete pour is complete. - North tower – currently preparing the top of the base concrete for the structural base concrete to be applied. The BBC One Show visited last week. - Pier S1 – excavation within caisson is still to complete. - Approach Viaduct – delivery of steel is due to begin on 9 Sep. The Blue Gantry Crane will be used to assemble the steel prior to launching. - Steel will arrive by road via A1, A720 City Bypass, M8, M9 spur, A90 and then the A904. There will be 90 to 100 loads over a two year period. <p>Q How long will the loads be? A EM confirmed the longest will be 33 metres and the widest 5 metres, but all vary in size.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note</p> <p>The beams are 60m in length but split with the longest load in fact 27.5m in length and 4m wide.</p> <p><u>South road works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - South bound bus link – the construction is well underway. - Dundas noise bunds – close to completion. - A904 realignment – will be completed by spring next year. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

<p>SCF280813/ 5.1a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bridge abutments near Echline – the beams will be delivered to the site from mid-Sept. The bridges will be complete by the end of 2013 with the new A904 roads being built largely off line. <p>Q LC asked how long the gantry/beam bridge section loads would be? A EM to check and confirm. DW emphasised these would be shorter and more easy to maneuver than the approach viaduct steel.</p> <p>Q When will the deck segments arrive? A EM confirmed these would start to be delivered in 9 months time, and there will be around 36 sections delivered in each of 4 loads.</p>	<p>FCBC</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>SCF280813/ 5.1b</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Society Road – services works have been undertaken and surfacing will take place overnight. <p>Q EW asked QDCC to forward TTRO for these works. A GS agreed.</p> <p>Q DR requested copy of presentation. A EM said he would be happy to supply extracts if requested, but preferred not to issue as they could be misinterpreted without a presenter. AS emphasised that much of this information was available at the Open Days, including a presentation with a voice over. EM said that, if requested, he was happy to attend any community group to give a presentation.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>QDCC</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>SCF280813/ 5.1c</p>	<p>Q EW asked what the rationale was for the proposed swapping of the abutment access track and foot/cycleway either side of the bridge approach road? A LS emphasised this has still to be approved, but confirmed that the toucan crossing on the A904 west of the new Queensferry junction would still have to be provided. EW said that this was not the impression she obtained from the drawings received in February and if these were under discussion it would be helpful if the Community Council could see them before plans were finalised. LS stated that this issue is currently with FCBC.</p>	<p>FCBC</p>
<p>5.2</p>	<p>Traffic Management (TM) EM confirmed TM will be required –</p> <p><u>North:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Castlandhill – footpath diversion (Sep 2013) - Castlandhill Rd – night closure (Sep 2013) <p><u>South:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Society Rd – traffic management will end in Oct 	<p>Noted</p>

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	<p>2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A90 – bus lane closure (Oct 2013) - Steel delivery involving a police escort via A1 and M9 spur. No major delays are anticipated (from 3 Sept) - Road surface testing – traffic management (Aug/Sept 2013) - A904 crossing – night time lane closures (Sept 2013) - A904 west tie-in – phased between Sept 2013 and Feb 2014. 	
6	Community Issues	
5.1	No issues were raised.	Noted
7	Any Other Business	
7.1 SCF280813/ 7.1	<p>Commitments & Undertakings</p> <p>EW highlighted these had not been updated on the FRC website for some time. EM apologised and said he had already noted this with the EDT. EDT to update asap.</p>	FCBC/EDT
7.2 SCF280813/ 7.2	<p>FRC Website</p> <p>EW highlighted that she had received an aggressive message when attempting to access the FRC website at www.forthreplacementcrossing.info. AS to check.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note</p> <p>This issue was resolved by AS following email correspondence.</p>	EDT
7.3	<p>HGVs from Niddry Bing</p> <p>LC highlighted that, based on the figures supplied (see Traffic Counter JTC00395 sheet issued during meeting) 90% of HGV traffic related to the project. EM emphasised that from October the vehicle movements will be reducing dramatically, although there will be peaks during the next 9 months. EM emphasised that the consent for extra vehicle movements expires at the end of October and would return the limit to 100 per day.</p>	Noted
7.4	<p>Grass seeding at embankments</p> <p>Q DT asked about potential to start seeding embankments? A LS stated that the bunds (around Queensferry Junction area) were not complete. When FCBC has realigned the A904 the bunds can be completed and, subject to finalising the access track arrangement, there will be opportunities for planting.</p>	Noted

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	LS confirmed the bund at Dundas Home Farm is being top soiled at the moment and trees will be planted in the autumn.	Noted
7.5 SCF280813/ 7.5	Hedge Q LC queried ownership of hedge running west from the A904 site entrance as it needs cutting. A DW to establish with FCBC who owns hedge and agree maintenance responsibility.	CofEC/FCBC
7.6	Trees at the U221 EM confirmed he had spoken to Thistle and any dead trees at this location will be replaced.	Noted
7.7	Community Council elections EW highlighted that elections will take place before the next Forum meetings and these may result in the membership changing. EW suggested the EDT consider this before presenting to the next meeting.	Noted
8	Next Community Forums (proposed)	
8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- South Community Forum – Wednesday 27 November 2013. 1900 to 2100 at CEC.- North Community Forum – Wednesday 20 November 2013.	Noted