

Aberdeen Cycle Forum Minutes of Meeting

19:30 hrs Tuesday, 26th May 2009
Committee Room 5 at the Town House

Present

ML – Marcus Linkleman
FF – Fiona Fraser
GV – Gerard Vlar
CG – Carl Gerrard
LL – Liz Lindsey

RK – Rahda Kessar
NF – Neil Fraser
GM – Gail McMillan
DL – Dave Lindsey
DW – Derek Williams

Apologies

LP – Liz Pirie

1 - Minutes of Last meeting & matters arising

LOAF (Local Outdoor Access Forum) – Following a time without cycle representation on this forum DW attended their most recent meeting, it was noted that the LOAF is still light on cycling representation and is missing representation of several key stakeholder groups.

Road Safety Meeting with Grampian Police - Police meeting has been moved to 16:30 Thursday 4th June, DW, DL, ML, FF and Doug Richie, representatives from city and shire councils and Nestrans have been invited, for more details contact DW.

Meeting Allison McInnes MSP – DW been in contact with her office, the date of the meeting is TBC.

Dates for diary – Stonehaven Bike Ride
Westhill Bike Ride 7th June

2 - Bike week - final planning and report on Nestrans meeting

- Commuter challenge publicity
 - o Don Kent to help with press publicity (through “BIG”)/ our list as well / CTC
 - o DW to send on the bike week event to the list of travel planner names.
 - o Commuter Challenge and the prize this year is to be in the form of cash (£300) rather than the vouchers we have used in previous years.
- Flying Scotsman film night (Wed 17th June) – The attendance of Graeme Obree is confirmed and he will be available for a Q&A session at the Belmont. We have been able to move to the larger capacity cinema 2.

- There will be a number of Open Rides during bike week (both Try Cycling and CTC).
 - o A list of CTC “open rides” will be on our website - GV to send list, see the Bike week special newsletter
 - o There will be 2 ‘Try Cycling’ meets, one on the 14th starting at Hazelhead Park and one on the 21st starting at Seaton Park.
- Press coverage / Bike Week “registration”
- ACF has been invited to have a stand at the Eco-City tent at Aberdeen Highland Games at Hazelhead Park on Sunday 21st June. Volunteers are requested to help man the stand. Dave L and Liz will co-ordinate, Carl to E-mail request for help.
- Ladies forum – names picked this weekend - details to be requested from LP for timing and publication of the result and winner.

4 – Cycling Scotland Stakeholder Group meetings in Aberdeen and the CAPS

Meetings are being held with various stakeholder groups to assess/discuss the effectiveness and actions of Cycling Scotland in their local area.

- Meeting in Aberdeen will be 16th June at Woodhill House,
- What is happening with CAPS?

GV and DL have agreed to attend, they need to register/contact Avante directly.

5 – Contacts with ACC Roads Engineers, updates

Proposed dates for meeting with roads engineers are either Thursday, 11th June or week commencing 22nd June. Items suggested for discussion are

- CWSS (Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets) budget – it is suggested that we prepare a list of suggested projects similar to the one put forward last year but possibly with some more substantial content.
- New cycleways
- Cycle parking progress - get update from DC first then make contact with Cllr Marie Boulton (CG).
- Aberdeen-Westhill Cycle route - while the forum is in agreement that the new route is generally very good there are still some details which require attention, eg signage to allow access from Hazelhead roundabout onto the recessed residential part of Queen’s Road.
- Wellington Bridge to Duthie Park – There appear to be an excessive number of “cyclists dismount” signs, if the intent is to alert cyclists to the presence of other users than can these signs be changed to “beware of Others”?

6 – Dates for the Diary / AOB / Next Meeting

Berryden Corridor

ACF has received the plans for the Berryden Corridor on a 14 day consultation. The plan is for dual carriageway without any facilities for public transport (bus lanes) and with most of the cycle provision limited to discontinuous dual use pavement. The comments made by the forum at the earlier workshops and request for 'on road' cycling provision have not been implemented - it's not the solution we had hoped for.

CG to send out an alert to all by email including a link to the consultation website to allow individual responses. Consultation closes next week.

DW will lead the ACF response to the consultation.

AOB

Proposal to improve the cycle link from Inverurie into Aberdeen is still in the early planning stage, part of the improvements under consideration are to build some cycle facility between the Airport roundabout (on the A96) out to Blackburn. Currently there are no cycle facilities or pavement on this section of dual carriageway – FF will walk the route with Christopher Phillip (ACC planner) tomorrow.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 30th June 2009
