

Aberdeen Cycle Forum - Meeting AGENDA

19.30 hrs Tuesday 27th April 2010 Committee Room 5 at the Town House

Present

DL Dave Lindsey FF Fiona Fraser CG Carl Gerrard RK Rhada Kessar
ML Markus Linkleman

Appologies

DW Derek Williams GV Gerard Vlaar II Iain Inglis

1 - Minutes of Last meeting & matters arising

Dobbies and it's impact on the Langstracht route – no response received from LN, to be chased

CWSS Spend – CG has contacted Doug Richie, unfortunately the 2009/10 books have not closed until just before the meeting, agreed we will report next month when facts fully known.

Taxis and Cyclists – Feedback has been received on the draft e-Consultation circulated by CG, however given our limited resources we will not pursue matter unless someone else is available.

2 – Cycle Count (4th and 5th May 2010)

DW has it under control, the count is on for 4th and 5th May, results will be discussed at next meeting.

3 – Response to ACC on CWSS Budgets and ACC's representations to the SG

Pre-read kindly sponsored by the Press and Journal:

<http://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/Article.aspx/1699750?UserKey>

CG has also spoken to LN on this, confusion abounds over the P&J article and what has/has not been agreed at the council meeting. DC has agreed to try and find out exactly what has happened.

Meanwhile to keep the issue in people's minds we will do an e-News combining the result of the Scottish Governments recommendation to spend more with the reported comments above to spend less!

Post Meeting Note – see:

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=107>

4 – ACF's Constitution

A significant proportion of the meeting was spent discussing this – whilst seen as boring ACF is growing, we don't technically have a "membership" and we are in need for more people to "get involved". Of the 580 names we communicate with on a regular basis who do only approx 1 doz get involved. We need something!

Since the last meeting we have communicated with two of the larger organisations on the UK, to see what they have. DL has obtained a copy of Spokes' (Edinburgh, www.spokes.org.uk) and CG has communicated with Warrington Cycle Campaign (WCC, best known as author of *crap cycle lanes* book www.warringtoncyclecampaign.co.uk)

Both have a "membership" – i.e. people ask to join and agree to become part of the organisation. WCC has three officers and no written constitution – Spokes does have a constitution.

The Spokes one (at just over 2 pages) was seen as a good model, compared to the "professionally written" ACF draft back in 2006. Which is very heavy on the management structure. A good alternative is seen as 3 officers (convenor, secretary, treasurer) – together with the spokes "working group" structure. The method of making decisions was also seen as necessary. The rest of it is procedural stuff.

Given the limited numbers present agreed CG would try to make an ACF draft based on the above by the next meeting.

5 – Spring Newsletter

FF has nearly finished – some small changes were discussed at the meeting but otherwise can be sent out.

6 – Meeting Joanna Murray

DL and DW met with Joanna Murray and Louise to discuss ACF input to decisions on cycle priorities. Agreed that Louise would work with ACF to produce a schedule of priority cycle schemes. This would then feed in to council and Nestrans decision making and also if other funding opportunities arise. Louise to get in touch with ACF to arrange.

Justice Mill Lane also discussed. The one way proposal will seriously impede cyclist access. We made it clear we will object. JM agreed to discuss matter with colleagues.

7- Bike week (19-27 June 2010)

a - Commuter Challenge – CG has had extensive discussion with Don Kent at Nestrans, there is a meeting of the (new) South Aberdeen transport forum, approx 18 companies around Tullos/Altens area tomorrow – CG and DK will present to see if there is interest. If there is CG will enable the web version, else as previously agreed we will drop it.

b - Film Fest – DL has spoken to Dallas King at the Belmont with the suggestion of films the Belmont might show, after 3 years they should be able to run it themselves – no response yet, he will chase.

c - Highland Games – this is Sun 20th June, there is a possibility for us to attend, although there is some doubt as to the benefit to us, we also potentially have two offers for the Saturday 19th – Castle Fraser steam fair, and a stall in

Union Square. Attendance at any of the above depends on our availability. To be discussed at next meeting.

8 - Webmaster Position

Due to other commitments our current webmaster will most likely not be available from Late October 2010, we need to recruit a successor who can be trained by CG. Initially agreed FF will put a piece in the newsletter. If no responses to go wider.

=====**The Advert**=====

*The ACF Website is one of our biggest assets - but after 5 years our current webmaster is now struggling to find the time to keep it maintained. As such we are looking for a **DEPUTY WEBMASTER** to help out. There's no salary but you get the satisfaction and experience of working on one of the biggest cycling related web sites in NE Scotland.*

The technical bit - the site runs on Linux server and is hand coded in PHP and MySQL, not windows or some fancy content management system! So if you have these skills please get in contact, enquiries to web@aberdeencycleforum.org.uk

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10 – Any Other Business and Date of Next Meeting

No AOB Proposed

Next Meeting Tuesday 25th May 2010

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