

Aberdeen Cycle Forum - Minutes of Meeting

19.30 hrs Tuesday 22nd February 2010

Committee Room 5 at the Town House

Present

FF Fiona Fraser

NF Neil Fraser

GV Gerard Vlaar

HB Hamish Booth

CG Carl Gerrard

DC Dave Chesledine

RK Rhada Kessar

ML Markus Linkleman

DW Derek Williams

Apolgies

DL Dave Lindsey

1 Minutes of January Meeting and Matters Arising

Mounthooly. Improvements and Sustrans funding - despite our lobbying ACC did not put a bit in for the funding. We will keep "on the shelf" should another funding opportunity arise.

Stoneywood development on the Don – we understand a "developer contribution" has been secured of GBP 3M. Will help with Route 1 developments on the Don.

CWSS – With the end of the financial year approaching as ever chaos rules, both CG and DW have been trying to contact GM with no success. DW understand the schemes may be been drawn up and sent to "Tullos" although we have yet to see them

CG to ring Doug Richie and pursue

2 Website Update

CG explained that during January the service provided by our hosting company deteriorated significantly with long periods of down time, and two hacking attacks that lead to the site hosting pornography and adverts for performance enhancing medications (although not visible from the home page) . There was no answer to our support tickets, emails or telephone calls form the hosting provider. Further investigations at companies house and elsewhere showed directors leaving the company and cash flow problems.

In early Feb CG moved us to a new provider, the old provider refused to release the domain name so we had to go to Nominet (the .UK registrar) to get it moved. All is now running normally again. Total cost of this unfortunate episode 29.99 hosting fees (which were due in May anyway) and £12.00 Nominet fee. **DW to bring the chequebook to next meeting!** CG has planned "Apprentice training" for 2nd March.

The new "bomb proof" server can be seen here: <http://www.krystal.co.uk/datacentre/>

3a Constitutional Matters

Discussed again – the loss of the "mailing list" was seen as not ideal – so we have now agreed (for the last time)...

The "newsletter" list (1 - 2x year) and twitter feed lists will remain, as they can be used for "mass mobilisations" if needed. for any other benefits people need to be a member as discussed earlier. CG has had no time to start any conversion processes due to work/home commitments and the web episode described above. We now hope to start the conversion process during the w/c 28th Feb.

AGM Decided as **19th April – Arts centre** Given proximity to the elections we will not get an “political” speaker – choices are Maggie Bochel or Derek Murray DW to pursue. Of the 684 on the mailing list estimates were then individually made by those present of the number “converting”:

GV 120 HB 90 CG 50 DW 175 DC 70 FF 200 NF 320 ML 150 RK 250

3b Cycle Campaign network

In DL’s absence this could not be fully discussed, however we agreed in principle we should be members. As we don’t get a membership income we should pay the minimum payment – perhaps declaring three members e.g. Chair, Secretary, Treasurer? **DL to propose how to do this next meeting.**

4 Feedback ACC meetings

A96 City-Blackburn route (FF) – now progressing, split into 6 sections – the Airport is half way. In 2011/12 ACF applied for £100k to Nestrans to cover sections 1-2. £50k was nominally awarded – so this year section 1 only.

Stewart Bikes (ACC cycle hire scheme). Whilst we see there are better uses of resources, we have to be involved. Consultation by the consultants TIP has just started.

Community Cycle Challenge – winning entry was Grenbrae primary school in Bridge of Don (the school that did “*in town without my car day*” last year) we have offered our help.

5 Cycle Casualties 2010

DW has received the latest stats from Grampian Police, fortunately there has been a reduction in the upwards trend:

- 0 fatalities
- 6 serious injuries
- 32 slight

DW had plotted the locations and showed at meeting – roundabouts feature disproportionately and there is a cluster next to Powys Terrace.

DW to write to LH re our observations and check if we can share the data with ACC.

6 Cycle fest Grampian Transport Museum – 22May.

We were asked to participate, given the distance from the city, cost, our limited time and the limited benefit to ACF we will politely decline – although help by publicising on a mailing.

7 AOB

Meeting with Joanna Murray 1st March @16:15 – CG, DW, GV and ML will attend,

Newsletter.. time for another “spring one” – the following promised articles to FF. Content may be sent to editor@aberdeencycleforum.org.uk

The following offered articles.

- Cycle parking at the Station - DC
- A visit to the Netherlands - CG
- Bike Storage in flats - DCC
- Stands on Green, Union St (outside Waterstones) ?

ACF's Changing – DW

Westhill Cycle Path on the Danish web – for those who have not seen it:
http://www.copenhagenize.com/2011/01/international-bicycle-infrastructure_12.html
Note the large group at the end has been positively identified as a CTC run...

NEXT MEETING 29th March 19:30hrs at the Townhouse