

Aberdeen Cycle Forum
Minutes of Meeting 22 Jan 2008 in the Townhouse

Present

CG Carl Gerrard	DL Dave Lindsey	HB Hamish Booth	DH Daniel Hall
DC Dave Cheseldine	GM Gail McMillan	DW Derek Williams	FF Fiona Fraser
ML Markus Linkelman	RK Rahda Kessar	LN Louise Napier	
PF Paulo Fuentes-Utrilla			

Apologies

NF Neal Fraser GB Gerard Vlaar

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

Police “inaction” – no further communications – CG has given up,
ACTION: LL to follow up the alternative contact she has.

Website domain – CG has changed owner to ACF, not Jeremy. In answer to a question CG confirmed the current costs of running the web per year are:

Yearly Hosting Charges	£29.99
Bi-Yearly registration fees	£ 7.50 (£15/two years)

The service is reasonable, but we do experience occasional short (< 5 mins) outages, a “guaranteed” service cost hundreds of pounds per month, cheaper services are available but lack the flexibility of our current provider.

Westhill Route – SW has provided images, page now on web

2 Update on Council Spending and CWSS Budget

(CWSS = Cycling Walking, Safer Streets)

ACC’s Graeme McKenzie was unable to attend – however a written report was provided to DW, a copy is in the filestore, **Folder 2**

In Summary:

- **Budget** It would appear some of this years work will be carried out, a small amount of capital budget will be carried to 2008-9 budget, i.e. none will be “lost”
- **Contraflows** – a site visit can be arranged by LN, CG volunteered to do the one near to Altens at lunchtime.... ML has significant info on contraflows but only on paper copy – to be sent to CG for scanning onwards distribution **ACTION: ML/CG**
- **1.5m Lanes through islands.** ACC are looking for proposals to try the new lanes, similar to the ones on Springfield Road. Discussed during the meeting and we have proposed:

Bedford Road / N. Deeside Road – various / Skene St/ .Westburn Road

- **Riverside cycle path behind B&Q/ Sainsburys to Garthdee** issues with environmental impact of route (River Dee Special Area of Conservation), study is continuing within ACC
- **Wellington Bridge** – planned to open to pedestrians and cyclists by the end of 2008. **ACTION:** DW to arrange a meeting with roads engineers on how to gain access on/off bridge.
- **Market St** Cycle lane extension, not within 2 years (yes it really takes this long for ACC to paint a dotted white line) **ACTION:** DW to write expressing our disbelief

LN also has a budget to be spent on “publicity” – agreed we could use this to replace out ancient and poor quality display boards with some modern high tech “push ups” or “pull ups.

ACTION : Meeting with ACC’s Graphic designer to discuss – Tuesday 29th January 16:30hrs CG, DH, FF and GM are all available, CG to coordinate

The update from GMcK seen as a useful, DC to ask if this can be repeated quarterly

3 Consultations and Responses

Local Transport Strategy (LTS) response, it’s submitted and on the web – all thanked DW for his hard work on this

Bucksburn-Kingswells Link – CG and FF attended the initial workshop on this strong presence by cyclists, LN awaits the report from the organising consultants.

Taxis in Lanes – we objected, this was also picked up by the Press:

<http://www.thisisaberdeen.co.uk/displayNode.jsp?nodeId=148800&command=displayContent&sourceNode=148796&contentPK=19600900&folderPk=85352&pNodeid=148787>

however it looks like the scheme will be going ahead.

“**Core Paths**” – a public consultation this is now running on the ACC website, we should publicise – **ACTION** ; LN to send information to CG for web alert

4 Cycle Parking

Transition Extreme have fitted a toast rack of Sheffield stands!

35 stands have appeared in the new railway station development. Signage is not clear – **ACTION:** DC to email Scotrails’ site manager.

The Union St Cycle stands outside “First choice” being blocked by the firms large red wheelie bin. GM has written to complain and has received an “unsatisfactory” response. **ACTION:** LN to raise with ACC Environmental health officers

DH discussed the feasibility of a “paid for” service – generally seen as not commercially viable, **ACTION :** CG to forward earlier DoT/Sustrans report to DH

DC has spotted a very rare event – two new ACC stands installed in Rosemount...

5 Newsletter

FF presented a draft – agreed as good progress by, to be circulated to all present for “final” comments. CG to get photo of the new

6 Scottish Executive Cycle Spending (SPOKES report)

We have become aware of this via a contact of DL’s, report is in the filestore in folder 2

Agreed actions:

- 1) ACF to write to the three city MSP’s to fully support – **ACTION:**DW to do this week
- 2) Link on web to allow individuals to support, our letter to be available for copying **ACTION: CG**

7 Bike Week “Filmfest”

DL reported the two selected films were **BLANK** and **BLANK** (*names removed from minutes to retain element of surprise*) Nestrans have in principle agreed to fund the event as they did last year. Negotiations with Belmont continuing, if not possible the Arts Centre is again open to us.

8 – Report on Bike Recycling project

Due to time constraints held over to next meeting

9 Dragons Depot request from ACC

Whilst amusing the actual benefit to us/cycling is seen as low for the Agreed we don’t have the time or resource to participate

10 Design review

- **Queens Road** (ACC are proposing lanes all the way from top of Queens Road (i.e continuation of the Nestrans route from Kingswells) to Carden Place (I think). Concern with the lack of double yellow lines

It will be like Mount Street i.e. cars will park in it , but agreed to go ahead

- **N. Deeside Road** – new 1.5 lanes continuing from Milltimber to edge of Culter, also repainting of faded lanes in some areas.

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11 AOB

DW has arranged a meeting with NESTRANS new director Derek Murray, Thursday 31st Jan. DW, DL, FF are all available.

DW,ML,CC have met Chris Ozbek – new transport officer at Aberdeen Univ / Of note is the fact parking charges to come to university Autumn 2009

More of Deeside line upgraded in this financial year: Tarmac from W.Cults Road to Pitfodels road

12 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 26th February 19:30hrs in the Townhouse