

Aberdeen Cycle Forum
Minutes of Meeting
25th April 2006 in the Townhouse

Present

JR Jeremy Rushton - **Chair**
SM Sandy Mathers (Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations)
NF Nigel Fraser
DWA Dave Walton
MY Maureen Young - CTC
GV Gerard Vlaar - CTC
DC Dave Cheseldine
LN Louise Napier – Aberdeen City Council
AC Adam Craigmile - Aberdeen City Council
CG Carl Gerrard - **Minutes**
DW Derek Williams - CTC
LL Liz Lindsey
JW Jackie Wilkins - CTC

Apologies

SW - Sarah Wingrove - Shell
FF - Fiona Fraser
DL – Dave Linsey

1 - Constitution

This was covered before the minutes of previous meeting to allow SM to depart when the topic competed

DW and JR explained objectives of developing a constitution:

- To make us “fundable” by a number of charitable bodies
- To later allow us to become a charitable body should it be advantageous

SM gave overview of the types options open to us / most likely we would be an unincorporated assoc.
The draft constitution was discussed, key issues appear to be:

- how to ensure everyone include aside from a “management committee” / ad hoc members
- how it would help us develop a “policy” on e.g. cycle lanes i.e. how to make decisions in meetings

Action: JW/JR/(DL) to follow up with SM in further discussions development@acvo.org.uk

2 - Minutes and Matters Arising

Updates to Feb minutes have not made it to the web – CG seems to have misplaced them

ACTION : LN to send Feb minutes again to CG for updates

Urban Trails have been progressed, route identified and is currently being tested. JR indicates was missed out from meeting

ACTION : DW to ensure JR is invited to next one

Bike Week, it is not known if we are registered with bike week as DL is absent, NOTE: post meeting check on www.bikeweek.org.uk indicates we are NOT registered

ACTION : DL to register “commuter challenge” ASAP and other Bike Weeks events including Try Cycling. (Other bike week discussions reported below)

Police letter, DW has had no response from Grampian Police

ACTION : DW to chase and report to next meeting

Environmental Forum - are holding a day event in September during "European Mobility Week", getting organisations to hold stalls etc "European Mobility Week". Post meeting note this is 16-22nd September, more details at www.mobilityweek-europe.org/

ACTION : none at present

Code of conduct, this has now "done the rounds"

- Grampian Police have no issues
- ACC Parks department have no issues
- No feedback from roads

Shared use paths Lack of relations with Grampian Assoc for the Blind were discussed – they have issues / concerns over dual use paths and contra flows

ACTION : JR to arrange meeting with Grampian Society for the Blind (Lindsay Fleming)

Cycle Lanes

- Great Western Road South Side will be cancelled due to the ongoing issue over car parking in the lanes
- North side will go ahead

Eco-city – DW has made contact this will be in Hazelhead on 18th June

- Eco-city will be sending us send us some information
- Will also be inviting Edinburgh bike / alpine bikes
- "Try cycling" could be diverted via the event and then collect more riders

3 - Newsletter

It is time for a new version. New articles etc required please send to Sonia or JR

4 – Bike Week

Commuter challenge competition / survey will run again (online entry)

ACTION : CG to integrate into new website and also provide "holding page" we can use for publicity

ACTION : LN to pass link to ACC publicity people

CTC Grampian are offering the "Den Burn" ride on 18th June (first Sunday)

5 – Meeting with Nestrans

DW reported a meeting with Nestrans has been arranged for 3rd May, CG/SW/JR and FF will attend

- discussion will be on "quality cycle corridors"

6 - PinchPoints

Info on Spokes website and recent good practice via Lancashire Council. DW to circulate with a view to further discussions with council.

7 Any Other Business

Consultation on Beryden / Hutcheon Street has resulted in 8 new options being developed. DC will examine and draft response. Note the proposals can be seen online at:

<http://www.communityplanningaberdeen.org.uk/Web/Site/Internet/Consultations/BerrydenConsultation.asp>

Cycle training – "train the trainer" , now arranged for 19th –22nd May LN is contacting original list of volunteers to determine how many now available.

North Sea Cycle Route are having a "batton ride" along the route. LN is looking for volunteers to cover the Aberdeen city section– contact Louise if interested, note this will use the "old" NCR1 as new version is not yet adopted.

Next meeting - Tuesday 30 May.