



CYCLE FORUM

MINUTE

Tuesday, 30th November 2004, Committee Room 5, Town House.

Present:

Jeremy Rushton, Friends of the Earth (Chair)
 Warren Murphy, Aberdeen City Council
 Ian Inglis
 Louise Napier, Aberdeen City Council
 Maureen Young, CTC
 Gerard Vlaar, CTC
 John Baghurst, CTC
 Colin Morsley, NESTRANS Travel Awareness Project Leader

Apologies:

Derek Williams, CTC
 Dave Lindsey, CTC, Right to Ride Officer
 Jackie Wilkins, CTC
 Kris Howard, CTC
 Gregor McAbery, Environmental Forum
 Sonia Element, BP
 Gavin Clark
 Marjorie Inglis
 Cllr Martin Greig
 Sarah Wingrove, Shell
 Helen Keron, BP

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<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>JR welcomed everybody to the meeting, especially CM. Apologies from DW, DL, JW, KH, SE, GM, GC, MI, SW, HK and MG.</p>	
<p>2. Presentation and discussion with Colin Morsley, NESTRANS Travel Awareness Project Leader</p> <p>CM spoke about the travel awareness objectives that NESTRANS were trying to achieve, how they would try and influence travel behaviour, encourage Local Transport Management Associations, had set up a sustainable transport grant scheme and were setting up a NESTRANS branded car share scheme. He then spoke in more detail about the influence cycling could have. He believed that new cyclists were unaware of what cycle routes were already available – and that the cycle map went a long way to helping them. He then asked what more NESTRANS should be doing to help cycling. <i>Discussion followed.</i> JR thanked CM for coming.</p>	
<p>3. Minute of Last Meeting (30/09/04) and Matters Arising</p> <p><i>Third Don Crossing</i></p> <p>LN had spoken to Tom Rogers, the Principal Engineer for the Third Don Crossing. He had agreed to another meeting but explained that he thought the Cycle Forum were being greedy and that to add a 1.5m cycle lane on the west side of the road, as well as a 3m wide off-road path on the east side would be prohibitively expensive. JR explained to those who had not been involved that there were problems with the design of the routes and the junctions, but the aim of ACF's suggestion of differing cycle routes on the east and west side was so that there was not a repeat of Dyce Drive. LN to help set up a meeting after Christmas.</p> <p><i>Finance</i></p>	LN

<p>JR stated that the check from Friends of the Earth had been prepared and would be passed to DL on his return.</p> <p><i>Cycle Training</i> GV explained that cycle training was starting on 6th March every Sunday at 10am in Duthie Park. It was easy rides for beginners or for people that had not cycled in a long time. Very few people actually took it up and he thought that the main problem was that it lacked publicity. It was already publicised through the free sheets and the CTC's website but he asked if help would be available from ACF, the Council or NESTRANS. LN thought there was a great deal that could be done and agreed to put on the Council website and intranet as a start. WM thought that a leaflet should be produced and put around. LN wondered if it could not go to schools, as there seemed to be a vacuum in some schools with cycle training. GV explained that parents had to be present if the child was under 13 and that 13-18 year olds had to have parents consent. GV also went onto comment that £85,000 had been made available in Angus for training from health boards, lottery, paths for all, etc. and that we should try something similar in Aberdeen. It had been set up by the CTC. It was agreed that this should be looked at. GV, MY and LN to meet to discuss promotion of the training in Duthie Park.</p> <p><i>Union Street Project</i> WM explained that the Council was going to go for pedestrianisation of Union Street between Market Street and Bridge Street. In the short term they were going to explore widening pavements on union Street as a key issue is space for pedestrians. They were also planning on introducing a 20mph speed limit on Union Street but it might be across the centre. Pedestrianisation is not going to happen until the road schemes are built – College Street, Berryden, etc. In principle, dualling is going forward as they see it as an urgent priority (starting 2010). JR believed that the building of these road schemes was sending people all the wrong messages and encouraging them to use their cars. What were perceived as necessary measures were totally excessive.</p> <p><i>Cycle Map Audit</i> There had been no progress made as a meeting had proved difficult to arrange.</p>	GV, MY, LN
<p>4. NESTRANS Expenditure LN had rolled this into item 5 as part of the presentation.</p>	
<p>5. Council Projects Presentation by LN. See Appendix A – for any further details see LN.</p>	
<p>6. Council Road Safety Plan 2004-06 Paper copies of the Plan were available and were now available on the web for viewing: www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/acc/YourCouncil/Departments/envprop/default.asp#Pubs As item was put forward by DW, it would be left for next meeting to discuss.</p>	
<p>7. Any Other Business None.</p>	
<p>8. Next meeting Tuesday, 25th January, 7.30pm in Committee Room 5 in the Town House.</p>	

Appendix A – Item 5: Presentation Slides



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- £50,000 available to spend before March 2005
- List agreed by Forum and given to Environment & Infrastructure
- Four key Ideas:
 - Cycle Parking in the City Centre
 - Additional Advanced Stop Lines with feeder lanes
 - Cycle Lane Priority Crossings
 - Cycle Lanes through Refuge Islands

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Public Transport Fund

- Money left over from Holburn Street - up to £120,000
- Environment & Infrastructure have identified two projects - upgrading of paths in Bridge of Don and Altens
- Have agreed to 'cherry pick' from Cycle Forum's additional suggestions

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Cycling, Walking & Safer Streets

- Additional 20mph zones
- Dropped kerbs in strategic places
- Additional cycle parking outwith the City Centre

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SUSTRANS - NCN 1 Money

- ACC applied for £200,000 for improving NCN 1
 - £140,000 for Old Deeside Line
 - £60,000 for route from Old Aberdeen to Dyce
- Not confirmed
- Extension of deadline beyond March 2005
- Cycle Forum suggestions list used in conjunction with AAGA suggestions.

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Cycle Forum suggestions

- Resurfacing
- Signage - Information on stations as well as location
- Cutting of trees and shrubs
- Drainage works
- Dog bins
- Lighting
- Improved access
- Two more bridges

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Deeside Line before March 2005:

- Ten Interpretation Panels
- Resurfacing and associated drainage in some areas
- Tarmac under the main bridges
- Restriction of unauthorised access
- Shrub and tree management

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Deeside Line: Next financial year:

- Resurfacing of entire line
- Improve access from all entry/ exit points onto the line
- Considering lighting
- Improved links and signage to other paths

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City Growth Fund

- Deeside Line
- Cycle Parking
- Walker Dam Path to Hazelhead
- Bucksburn Path
- Bridges
- Proposals

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City Growth Fund: Cycle Parking

- Up to £10,000 available for City Centre Cycle Parking through City Centre Partnership
- Sixteen sites identified
- Additional sites identified outwith the City Centre
 - Cults
 - Countesswells
 - To be funded from CWSS monies

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City Growth Fund - Wellington Bridge

- This has been surveyed
- Investigating options of how to get the work done
- Trying to form a Trust so that we can access lottery and heritage fund money

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City Growth Fund: Morrison's Bridge

- Consultant is currently looking at four options based on a feasibility and cost-assessment study:
 - Limited restoration and stabilisation of the bridge
 - Reinstatement of the bridge to the island
 - Reinstatement of the bridge and extension to other side of river
 - Removal of what is there and a rebuild either at the same location or in another one.

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City Growth Fund Money - Proposal

- Use additional City Growth Fund money to fund another bridge
- Two locations currently being looked at by a Consultant:
 - Robert Gordon's University
 - Opposite Causey Mounth Road
- Possibility of improving paths along the River from Bridge of Dee to the University.

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