

Aberdeen Cycle Forum
Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday 31st March 2009
Committee Room 5 at the Townhouse

Present

DW	Derek Williams	FF	Fiona Fraser	NE	Neal Fraser	CG	Carl Gerrard
LN	Louise Napier	DC	Dave Cheseldine	DK	Don Kent (Nestrans)		

Apologies

ML	Markus Linkleman	RK	Rahda Kessar	LL	Liz Lindsey	DL	Dave Lindsey
LP	Liz Pirie	GM	Gail McMillan	MI	Marjorie Inglis	II	Ian Inglis

1 Minutes and matters arising.

Noted that although the current policy of printing the minutes “2 up” and double sided on A4 saved paper it was making them hard to read – future printing to be limited to double sided.

Grampian NHS “health” days – Due to LN’s absence from the office DC had been unable to obtain the display material and the event had not happened. Discussion follow on emails not being answered, the benefits of the council having not “functional” email accounts and how to get the display material in LN’s absence. Learning – much better to pick up the phone as someone in the planning office will answer it, even if not LN.

LOAF (Local Outdoor Access Forum) The situation remains unclear, CTC Grampian have asked for volunteers to represent cyclists, there is currently no rep and the “value add” of the LOAF was not clear to those present. If it continues with a cyclists rep we need to ensure we are informed.

Core paths plan, LN reported KBL (Kingswells – Bucks burn Link) has received an objection from the community council and will now most likely go to local enquiry. Given the effort ACF have invested in this, this is disappointing. If objections can not be overcome agreed we should participate in enquiry if possible.

ACC standards for cycle provision The debate from the February meeting on this continued, and centered on:

- Do we need “local” standards, note Edinburgh does and DW believes them to be superior to any national standard.
- If it is to be built on a existing standard which one(s) to use e.g. Cycling Infrastructure Design, Cycling by Design, Sustrans etc.
- When it would be done by ACC – dependant on the CAPS (Cycling Action Plans for Scotland) – when will they come?
- When would the new release of cycling by design be available

Conclusion – the standard should be a national standard with any local additions agreed by us and the roads engineers. The Scottish Executive “*Cycling by Design*” is the natural choice but the date of the new release is not known. The situation is a mess.

Cycle count, discussed and agreed to move to Tuesday 21 April or Wednesday 22nd

April. DW reported he did not have the time to run two counts this year. Agreed to continue with April one and review if anyone else wants to do the later one.

Bike Thefts – CG has been in contact with Grampian Police’s crime prevention unit who have now supplied all the material for a “micro site” within the ACF web. Post meeting note see:

www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/security

This now includes an ACF inspired “e-Bike Passport” . Proposed to do a join press release with the crime prevention unit when details finalized.

2 – Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets

CG presented a summary provided by ACC’s Graeme McKenzie and Doug Richie, in summary in the 2008/9 financial year the CWSS spending has provide:

- 13 “wide” Red texturefelx lanes
- 6 restrictions removed (dropped kerb etc.)
- 7 Schools with lockers / stands or sheds installed (Dyce Academy, Bridge of Don Academy, St Joseph’s Primary, Ferryhill Primary, Muirfield Primary, Cornhill Primary)

CG still awaits the actual spend, but from the details above it would appear most if not all of the budget was spent by ACC.

Looking forward ACC’s capital budgets for 2009/10 have been frozen until a council meeting on 20th May. Even though CWSS spending is “ring fenced” by the Scottish Executive, it still can’t be spent before this date. We need to agree our priorities before this meeting. To be on the April agenda when more present for further discussion.

3 Cycle Promotion

DK introduced himself to those who had not met him before and provided overview of the current Nestrans travel awarness planning and specifically awareness week 24 Apr – 1 May, The **GetAbout** partnership:

Nestrans, Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeenshire Council, Univ of Aberdeen, Robert Gordons Univ, Aberdeen College, NHS Grampian, Dyce TMP and Energy Saving Trust

Highlights of the week:

- Raising the standard (i.e. standard = flag) – multi-modal journey Old Medldrum-Inverurie(Bike)-Dyce(Train)-Bridge of Don(car share)-King St(Bus)-Townhouse(walk)
- GetAbout club – discount card etc
- Sunday 26th – lead rides for beginners – role for Try Cycling
- Look Alikes of famous people on bikes and buses.
- First Bus “delight the customer day” (should this not be every day?)
- Aberdeen University sustainability day – including training by ACT
- Commuter challenge i.e. bike, bus car race not like our challenge.
- GetCycling (company of cyclists) on Belmont street – ACF to have a stall.

Starts at 10:00 – CG has a fold up table, LN has the display material and LP has the Gazebo (note its branded “Fosters” but we can perhaps put up inside out or put our

own posters on it).

accident stats – dw ff dl and ml have met with the police, press release – positive messages. Going to press this week.

4 Newsletter

FF circulated “final draft” to all present, agreed that with a few minor changes it’s ready to be published. LN has offered to print.

5 Accident Statistics

DW FF ML and DL met with Leslie Harrold of Grampian Police. Agreed press release to focus on advice to drivers and cyclists. Press release to go out jointly from ACF and Grampian Police (post meeting note: PR going out Tuesday 7th April)

7 Next Cycle Count – finally agreed as Tuesday 21st April and Wednesday 22nd – DW will handle the logistics.

8 Dates for the Diary – NEXT MEETING TUE 28th APRIL

25 April	Nestrans cycle week (25 April - 1 May)
21-April	Cycle Count (21 - 22 April)
13-Jun	Bike Week 2009 (13-21 June)
21-Jun	Highland Games / Eco-city Stall (last Sunday Bike week)
14 Jun	Gt Inverurie Bike Ride - publicity or "Team ACF"
16-Sep	European Mobility Week (16-22 sep)
22-Sep	In Town without my car (last day mobility week)
29-Sep	ACF's 6th Birthday
30-Sep	Cycle Count (30Sep/1Oct)

Unknown

August	Westhill Bike Ride - publicity or "Team ACF"
October	European Road Safety Day
TBD	Tenants Forum in Music Hall
TBD	Autumn Cycle Count - TBD
TBD	School "Hands Up" Survey week