

# Aberdeen Cycle Fourm – Minutes of Meeting Townhouse 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011

## Present

DW Derek Williams  
NF Neil Fraser  
GC Gavin Clark

DC Dave Cheseldine  
RK Rhada Kessar  
HB Hamish Booth

CR Clare Roberts  
ML Markus Linklemann  
LN Louise Napier

CG Carl Gerrard  
GV Gerard Vlaar  
DK Don Kent

## 1 Minutes and Matters Arising

**Dates on Minutes** are incorrect – There was no October meeting due to the misunderstanding by the city council over the meeting room and us not getting access, the Minutes titled as “October” are actually the September ones.

**Boris Bikes Scheme** – draft report due out end of November from Warren, this and on street ticketing in EPNI scheme. Could be done on a sponsorship basis. LN to share draft with ACF when available.

**CWSS** – LN reported that chasing GMcK she had found 50% of this is committed i.e. 50k. Although it is not clear to us what this has been spent on. LN is also trying to develop a new signage scheme for the web. We offered to carry out an e-consultation, LN to provide details of what she would like to do

**Finance** – With access to the books and accounts CR is making progress and ACT now has own accounts and will be split off.

## 2 Report Meeting Councillor Iain Yuill

DW, ML attended – main highlight was we were offered a presentation to the Nestrans Board, details yet to be arranged.

## 3 Meeting Joanna Murray

ML, DW, CG and GC attended – agenda covered:

Nestrans Priorities – although there was little interest in “cross city/shire” projects, this was seen as Nestrans business not ACC’s

Planner brief – agreed would be a good idea for us to share with Planners some of the examples of planning failure; during the meeting a brief list of cycle parking failures was:

Union Plaza, JML, Linksfield Sports Village, ASDA at the beach, Union Square, Railway Station  
Tesco / Mannofiel, Tesco Wellington Rd.

We need photos of all of these. Agreed to arrange meeting with Daniel Lewis (Planner in charge of development managers) in new year.

**3 City Centre Masterplan** – this was only briefly mentioned, however LN provided further details at the meeting, she will be leading the development of the transport elements of this, kicking off in the New year – our attendance at a workshop will be required. Noted as well Louise will be taking an elected member (probably Callum McCaig or John West) to Bremen for CARE (Carbon Resonsble Transport Strategies) final meeting.

**4 Strategic Transport Fund** – Our comments on this are now available on the web perhaps unsurprisingly cycling is not included.

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=consultations.php>

### **5 More one Way Streets (Marischal St.) [map]**

The proposal from officers to make this a one way street to improve parking in the city centre was rejected at committee (although not for cycling reasons).

### **6 AOB**

**Secretary Role** - CG reported that due to forthcoming commitments he will have very limited ACF time from April 2012 and intends to stand down as secretary at the April AGM, in the absence of a webmaster he will continue in a “remote” role doing this.

**ACTION** – Job description to be written and circulated, agreed we should start looking for candidates now with the objective of approaching the AGM with a preferred candidate.

**A96 Park and Ride in Dyce** – LN presented ACC’s plans for this, which had previously received some comments from CG and DW. The plans show lockers, but everyone was in agreement there was a need for additional covered Sheffield stands.

**UCAN event on 2nd September 2012** – ACC (LN) has been approached by the charity Ucan with the desire to run a mass participation event in Aberdeen, proposal includes closing Union Street. We are supportive but unconvinced as to if councillors would approve such a bold cycling event.

**Scotrail Consultation** - The current ScotRail Franchise ends in November 2014, however next year Transport Scotland will commence the public consultation and associated tender process, read more here:

<http://www.spokes.org.uk/wordpress/2011/11/future-of-bike-rail-in-scotland/>

**Dave Lindsey** – Dave’s sudden death on 19<sup>th</sup> November was a shock to all, DW has prepared an appreciation for the web pages, see:

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/?pf=news.php&nid=137>

Funeral will be 1<sup>st</sup> December 14:30 at Kings College Chapel, all welcome.

### **Noted on the Web**

Facebook / love hate my bike... <http://www.facebook.com/lovehatemybike>

ACF gets a Rant on the AberdeenCars Blog (we will forget the copyright infringement on this occasion) and no one takes it seriously anyway!

<http://aberdeencars.blogspot.com/2011/11/we-call-on-quislings-to-consolidate.html>

Next Meeting. For operational reasons this will not be “early” as is the norm – it will be:

**TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 19:30hrs in Townhouse**