

# Aberdeen Cycle Forum

## Minutes of Meeting

19.30 p.m., Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006 Committee Room 5, Town House

### Present:

Carl Gerrard	CG	Gerard Vlaar	GV
Dave Cheseldine	DC	Fiona Fraser	FF
Neil Fraser	NF	Derek Williams	DW
Jackie Wilkins	JW	Jeremy Rushton	JW
Sarah Wingrove	SW		

### Apologies

Dave Linsley	DL
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### 2 Minutes of last meeting (30/05/06) & Matters Arising

DC indicated he had had contact with Grampian Police and the bikes provided by Exon Mobil to local school were designed for off-road "recreational use" by pupils.

### 3 Bike Week Report out

**Try Cycling** continues to be very popular. GV indicated they may move to morning starts again next year → Consequence is time NOT to be put on leaflets produced by ACC.

**Commuter challenge** provisional stats were presented (entries had closed 2 hours before meeting). Publicity had worked, approx 3x number of hits on websites as last year. However entries down 1/3 possibly due to bad weather.

Winner will be randomly picked at meeting with Cllr Ian Yuill (independent witness) on Thursday.

**ACTION:** CG to finalise stats and circulate detailed comments. DW to draft press release for when winner identified presented.

**Den burn** Sea to Source – 6 attended, seen as disappointing given publicity in Evening Express.

**Highland Games** / Eco City Stall manned by NF,FF,DW,JW,GV,CG and DL– approx 350 "contacts" during the day and good publicity generated. General feeling was previous Green City fun day was better for us as more locals attended & free entry.

### 4 Grampian Police, Cyclists and Road Safety

DW has had an offer from Grampian Police to attend the forum. It was discussed if this was better held as a separate meeting. Conclusion is to invite to August meeting and start 30mins earlier.

**ACTION:** DW to invite. CG to arrange earlier room booking and ensure website is updated etc.

### 5 Work with Councillors

Our relationship with Ian Yuill (convenor of E&I committee) is currently good, however there is expected to be change in the council next year following May elections (all seats up for re-election). Now could be a time to start building relationships with other councillors. Ideas are required on how to do this.

**ACTION:** JW to find out which councillors are definitely NOT standing in May and further discussions to determine key councillors to contact – for further meetings.

### 6 Meeting with Roads

This took place the week before the meeting SW,CG and DW attended and met with Greame McKenzie and Doug Ritchie. Topics discussed:

**Pinch Points** – ACF has re-iterated it's views on Pinch points, however it seems we are unable to

stop them in their entirety. Roads department is looking for a “position” on how to minimise cycle impact. The “correct” way to navigate a pinch point was discussed in the meeting.

**ACTION:** CG to launch “e-consultation” on website. DW to lead response to Roads.

**Post meeting note e-Consultation online:**

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=20>

**S. College Street** – there are now plans for a Post Implementation review of the junction – this is to include a review on the cycle lane. There is a feeling within Roads that the lane is more of a safety hazard than a help and removal has been discussed. Given the effort expended to get the lane in the first place this would be seen as undermining our input into the process.

ACTION: CG to launch “e-consultation” on website. DW to lead response to roads

**Post meeting note e-Consultation online:**

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=21>

**Aberdeen - Westhill Cycle Route**

A further meeting with the consultant from FaberMaunsell is planned for Late July / Early August – funds need to be spent this year. SW will lead the response.

**Post meeting note : The map etc has been scanned and may be downloaded from:**

[http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/downloads/200606\\_westhill\\_aberdeen\\_route/](http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/downloads/200606_westhill_aberdeen_route/)

(beware these are BIG files!)

**7 Treasurers Report**

Deferred to next meeting as DW not present. Note that CG is owed GBP50 for the ACF part of the Commuter Challenge Prize paid.

**ACTION :** DW to refund CG on his return from holidays.

**8 NESTRANS Strategic Cycle Routes**

Our input was welcomed by NESTRANS board.

**9 Newsletter Distribution**

Newsletter #2 is now available in all bike shops and central library in addition to online. Positive feedback about the newsletter.

**10 AOB**

We continually receive requests to advertise local bike rides on the ACF website – this is not our core reason for existence but it is felt we can't say no. A “what's on” button is to be added to the website and such events can be listed here.

**ACTION:** CG to change site.

**11 Next Meeting**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 19:30hrs in the Townhouse.