

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of meeting

Townhouse, Broad St, Aberdeen, Tuesday 26th May 2015

Attending:

Jyll Skinner (Chair), Gavin Clark, Mike Nieman, Matt Helme

1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising.

JS has tried to contact Russell Henderson (AECOM) re the Masterplan again but has had no response.

2. Review of Pedal on Parliament.

Generally this had been a great success with just over 100 people starting the ride from Hazlehead, several others joining en route, and yet more meeting us at Marischal College. In the end we also had a decent turnout of political representatives with 4 Councillors and 2 parliamentary candidates. It was still hoped to have a wash-up meeting of the sub-group who had organised the event so that we could learn lessons and begin to plan for next year. MH has volunteered to work on this (along with HdR) so that we are well ahead in preparation.

3. Review of Annual cycle count

The count had taken place w/c 11 May. Numbers were slightly down on last year but probably not to a degree that is statistically significant. The three year trend is still up. The time-slot had been extended to cover 2 hrs (0700-0900) rather than starting at 0730 as previously, but it was hard to see that this had made much difference. Full results are available on the website.

4. BikeWeek 2015 (13 – 20 June)

JS is to be doing a sustainable transport workshop at North East College. It was noted that the idea of the Commuter Challenge had been brought up recently: this had previously been done in collaboration with either Nestrans or ACC but as neither of them had taken the initiative we would let it go.

GC had been in discussion with the Scottish Documentary Institute about arranging a showing of a feature-length film, "Bikes vs Cars". This had been shown recently at Vue as part of a Sustainability film festival, but hadn't been well publicised. Time is too short to arrange it for BikeWeek, but we will try to arrange it for September to coincide with In Town Without My Car.

5. Nigg Bay (new harbour proposals) consultation

See www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/masterplanning

Concerns about the impact on NCN route 1. Might be an opportunity to get the Harbour to give up some land to allow Market St to be improved / widened?

6. Stoneywood / alterations to NCN 1 by Dandara

Ruth W had been in touch with Dandara about the changes. It was unclear as to whether the arrangement currently in place is temporary or permanent. MH described the current situation as 'lethal' and thought it was outrageous that they had been allowed to do this.

7. AOBs

i. (JS) HdR had highlighted the change to the cycle lane layout on Lang Stracht at Summerhill. JS has asked ACC to explain why this has been changed.

ii. (JS) – Local Development Plan. JS is finalising comments to be sent in.

iii. (MH) Several points to note including A96 consultation, Citydeal, Active Aberdeenshire seminar which had taken place today, Cyclehack, city Volunteer Parade in September, Integrated Travel Towns

iii. (GC) - further to the AOB item recorded last month re the new path on Riverside Drive and specifically what anyone is meant to do to cross the road when they get to George IV Bridge, someone else had been in touch about it. GC suggested that we should contact Kathryn Mackay, Cycling Development Officer at Nestrans, about when the 'phase 2' improvement to the crossing might take place.

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday **30 June 2015**.