

Aberdeen Cycle Forum Minutes of Meeting - 29th July 2008 Townhouse

Present

DW Derek Williams
NF Neal Fraser
DC Dave Cheseldine

KH Kris Howard
GV Gerard Vlaar

HB Hamish Booth
CG Carl Gerrard

FF Fiona Fraser
GM Gail McMillan

Apologies

PF Pablo Fuentes

LN Louise Napier

DL Dave Lindsay

LL Liz Lindsay

1 Minutes from last meeting.

Highland Games: The winner of the cycling bag has been contacted by LN but they have not made contact.

Commuter Challenge: Winner was selected at Random by councilor Ron Clarke. DW arranged prize giving, photo taken for publicity.

ACTION : CG to put on ACF web.

Post meeting Note – photo and full challenge report available at:
<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=66&sid=e>

Press coverage: CG reported total hits on website are going up and will attempt detailed stats for next meeting. After bike week mailing list now has 403 active names

ACTION: CG to provide detailed stats for next meeting.

2 Route 1 update

DW, LN, DL met Linda Matheson from Aberdeenshire council. The shire council prefer route 1 coming into city on different route from South (Causey Month Road) we wanted Netherley Road. The consultants have been commissioned by the shire to look at this. Shire has also raised various projects related to do with AWPR and some might have a bearing on which route chosen.

A further meeting is planned including roads people from the shire, DW will attend further volunteers welcome.

ACTION : DW to circulate date of next meeting when known.

3 Tenants Open Day

Due to resource issues we did not provide a stand this year.

4 Kingswells Cycle Route

Phase 1 was completed last year and work will shortly be starting on Phase 2, whilst contractors are on site this is an opportunity for any “corrections” to Phase 1 to be completed. DW proposed an audit is required, e.g. coming out of town not clear where you rejoin off road bit. DW can do this – more volunteers are required. FF and NF can try it, CG is possible.

ACTION: DW to progress

5 Rail Station Cycle Access

In the absence of LN deferred until next meeting

6 Bike Buddy Scheme

DW reported through CTC if you are offering cycle training as an individual you get good liability insurance. Accredited trainers could offer a buddy scheme subject to getting money. maybe council would pay for this? Maybe Green Mobility week would be good time to get Louise to approach council on this?

7 Sue Ryder Care and cycling promotion:

We have been contacted by Sue Ryder who are planning a promotion to get people to cycle for 21 days and donate the transport savings to themselves. Discussed and agreed that while, due to volume of requests, we do not normally publicise this case has benefits for us. Further details from Sue Ryder not available, but agreed we should contact them to try see if there is mutual benefit in this.

ACTION : DW to establish contact with SueR again.

8 AWPR Update

Mark Hagger (CtC Right to Ride Rep – Aberdeenshire) will be speaking on behalf of cyclists at Public inquiry. We will offer to put any material on the ACF website

9 Aberdeenshire cycling strategy consultation

The shire is now developing their own strategy starting with a consultation. Discussed and agreed we will not respond as a forum, however we should encourage participation amongst cyclists in both City and 'Shire.

ACTION: CG to do e-News alert and piece for the web

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10 Cycle Parking

DC reported we were asked by ACC if we wanted 1 or 2 stands at each of the city locations – **ACTION:** DC to respond we want 2!

The two new Tesco's at Wellington Road and Mannofield have no cycle parking – of these the Mannofield one was granted planning permission after the changes to planning consents on cycle parking – the provision of the stands can be enforced. In the second case as the store was converted from an existing supermarket we are reliant on Tesco's good will

ACTION: GV to write to Maggie Bochel at Aberdeen City Council RE Mannofield store and request follow up by planning officer.

ACTION: CG to identify contact at Tesco PLC and write, expressing our disappointment for both stores.

DW pointed out new “Inspire centre” on Beach Boulevard has no parking, it is unclear if this is covered by new rules or not.

ACTION :CG to write

Post meeting Note The Garthdee B&Q bike parking saga continues

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=29>

11 ACF Email Addresses

CG provided an update on what happens to email sent to the “info” “archive” “web” and “blackhole” email addresses [detail removed from minutes to prevent SPAM abuse, contact CG if you need to know more]

Key rule is when Emailing on ACF “business” to cc “archive” or “info” address so we keep a copy.

DW agreed to do this for correspondence with ARI hospital estates over cycle shelters

12 AOB

GV provided updated on Becycle which he has now visited. Also note that ACF features regularly on <http://www.cyclegrampian.co.uk/>

DW reported Bikefit is still developing and is planning to go public in September.

KR reported Crown St ASL had been removed as cars were stopping in it preventing busses turning

ACF is five years old in September. Agreed we should mark it with a social and a fifth anniversary “review” newsletter.

ACTION : All suggestions to our Editor Articles to FF

Next meeting Tuesday 26th August 19:30 Hrs at the Townhouse