

Aberdeen Cycle Forum – Minutes of Meeting Townhouse – Tuesday 27th March 2012

Present

DW Derek Williams JT John Tuckwood CG Carl Gerrard GV Gerard Vlaar
GC Gavin Clark NF Neil Fraser SS Sue Smith DC Dave Cheseldine
MS Malcom Smith

Apologies

ST Shelia Tuckwood FF Fiona Fraser RK Rhada Kessar ML Markus Linkelman

1 Minutes and Matters Arising

Secretary – A candidate has put themselves forward, we hope to see them elected at the AGM, CG will make contact to ensure any handover takes place, this can be a gradual process as CG can maintain the website “remotely”

A96 Route – Works have now progressed on Auchmill Road, this is a dual use pavement section, a second toucan crossing has been purchased from this years budgets for later installation. – is this the beginning of a cycle network in Aberdeen?

CWSS – After nothing happening on the ground CG’s network of spotters have started reporting activity in the last few days, this is a rapidly changing situation with 2 updates received during the meeting.

Agreed we will give it a couple of weeks after the end of the financial year and then approach DR to see his report and compare to ours.

Immediately following the installation of a new bike shed at Harlaw academy the pupils have been told it is not for their use. GC has investigated at the school, CG with the council... The head teacher does not support cycling to school on safety grounds, yet the school ordered a 20 space stand...

Newsletter – Can we do it for the spring... FF to update us, DC has volunteered a piece on the railway parking. GC is planning to attend the “*pedal on parliament*” and can submit a piece.

2 - AGM Preparations

We will hold the AGM before the normal ACF meeting at **18:45 hours on Tuesday 24th April in the Townhouse..** Learning form last time we will not have a guest speaker after the event.

Post meeting note – the larger room 2 is not available, but CG has arranged for more chairs to go into the normal “Room 5”

Agenda will be:

Reports of Officers:

- **Secretaries report** – given his impending parental responsibilities CG will provide this to DW.
- **Treasurers report** – CR to present
- **Chairs Report** – DW to present

Elections – for the three above posts and the vacant vice-chair Candidates must be full members of ACF for at least 14 days before standing for election. They may declare themselves as candidates at any point before the election either in advance to the secretary or on the night of the meeting to the chair

In the event of more than one candidate for a position a vote by show of hands of those present will be held, to acquire voting rights members must have joined by 10th April.

The normal meeting will follow the AGM.

3 – Democratic Matters

The Cycling Manifesto has been completed and a few minor amendments were discussed during the meeting, CTC Grampian are happy to co-brand with us and have supplied their logo. Copy is at:

http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/include/ht/119_acf_maniflr.pdf

DW will send to the leaders of the main parties – we will also encourage individuals to send to their candidates, CG agreed to do a web page to facilitate this as best as possible – noting the usual tools of *find your councillor* do not work on candidates.

We will do mail to members after Easter, even if no responses from candidates by then – as it will probably require chasing of people.

4 - Railway station Parking

DL reported the installation of this - see:

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=144>

DL's perseverance in getting this installed was noted by all present.

5 – Sustrans Funding

Sustrans has recently received a further £13M funding for the next three years in Scotland, councils need to bid for this. It's unlikely ACC will jump on this opportunity so we need to help them. DW will propose a list of projects discussed during the meeting and we will propose:

- Deeside line tarmac to Culter
- A96 route to Blackburn
- Extension of Westhill route to business park
- River route along Dee
- George IV bridge to Dee
- Toucan for NCN1 at QEII bridge
- Segregated path Cove – Torry coast road
- High route between Culter and Cults

6 - AOB

CycleFest is at Alford transport museum. - 28th May – GC offered to man a stand if we want to, discussed and agreed if anyone else wants to join to go ahead with it.