

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of Meeting

Held on 19.30 hrs Tuesday 28th November 2006
Committee Room 5 at the Town House

Present

CG Carl Gerrard	JR Jeremy Rushton	JW Jackie Wilkins	DW Derek Williams
NF Neil Fraser	FF Fiona Fraser	DL Dave Lindsay	DC Dave Cheseldine
LN Louise Napier	II Ian Inglis	MI Marjorie Inglis	

Apologies

GV Gerard Vlaar	KH Kris Howad	SW Sarah Wingrove	CC Chris Collins
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1 Minutes of October meeting & matters arising

1a CG apologised as Bike Lane audit not yet complete due to other commitments. CG will work on it and generate list of "opportunities" for improvements.

1b Letter to Peter Cockhead written and responded, DW also reported Peter had attended Cycling Scotland meeting in Edinburgh and provided copy of copy of presentation featuring interaction with ACF

1c Correction – Only one L in "Bochel"

2 National Cycle Route 1 Proposed Changes and Consultation Exercise (JW/LN)

LN needs to hold public consultation on NCR1 – as requested by E&I committee (Nov 05) , . Proposal by LN to hold a join ACC / ACF "Public meeting" to which all consultees would be invited. This was discussed at length.

Key concerns were; ACF seeing to close to ACC by acting as "explainers" during the meeting, also "Public meetings" have been known to degenerate into fracas. The consultation can be done using the preferred corridor – objective would be to help finalise what is possible / desirable.

Agreement:

ACC host a 2-3 hour "exhibition" i.e. not marketed as a "Public meeting" and invite comment, some ACF members who were involved in the route choice / design can attend. ACF can publicise through WWW and E-mail. ACC will publicise in normal way. Timing to be mid January, ideally before ACF meeting on 23rd.

Also noted JR and LN need to conduct final site visit to Persley / Beach for WE of 9th / 10th Dec.

ACTION: LN to organise venue (probably Townhouse) and circulate details.

3 Westhill Cycle Route Phase 1

Response from SW for Groats road was circulated (also available on web for download), Preferred route is largely upgrading the current route. After the design study there is approximately £200,000 of Nestrans funding to be spent this year. Further funding is expected next year but not guaranteed yet.

ACTION: DW to contact Peter Cockhead over latest Nestrans plans for 2007.

5 Pinch points – status on objection to ACC (DW)

Formal objection sent out by DW to next round of pinch points,

ACTION : DW to circulate

DW has also spoken to G McKenzie – our initial objection letter (to Ewan Kaye) can go into the papers submitted to the committee, E&I committee meet on 23rd January.

6 month meeting with I Yule – is due Mid January, this to form key agenda point, but we must be positive in suggesting alternatives.

ACTION: DW to schedule meeting with Ian Yuill

Positive feedback has been received through the e-Consultations on pinch point being taken out on Garthdee Rd and replaced with Zebra Crossing.

Discussed and agreed a (reconstruction) photograph of a cyclist being “pinched” would greatly help the explanation for members of E&I and more generally. CG and JR have the necessary things, vehicle, cycle pinch point and photographer and will progress.

ACTION : CG+JR to progress, circulate when done for comments

6 Parking Update

Commercial (CG)

B&Q – nothing happened. Attempts to contact manager failing – further letter about “delivery on promises” sent to Kingfisher’s director of sustainable development.

Peterculter medical practice (2 x letters) – no response despite doctors writing in local press on obesity issues and lack of exercise.

Currys (Garthdee and Bedford Rd) – think it’s the landlords responsibility, have promised to contact Landlord, hold until Jan then re-engage, with landlord directly if necessary.

Standard Life (Beach Boulevard) – hold until April, end Financial year

Boots (Garthdee) – no response, further letter sent, although note it is probably the Landlords responsibility as same site as Currys.

Key learning – it’s easier to get stands in during construction i.e. in the planning process!

Public (JW)

Nothing to report (holidays)

Residential (JW/LN)

LN has drafted guidance on this for Planning and Policy committees, CG has provided feedback – document circulated at meeting. Any further feedback to LN – committee sits 13th Feb, after this if successful document would become part of planning conditions.

ACTION : Any further comments to LN by 1st Dec.

7 Cyclists and Bus Drivers (CG)

A leaflet “Bus Drivers and Cyclists as developed by Warrington Cycle Campaign was circulated, agreed that it would be a good idea to try and replicate in Aberdeen.

For those not present a copy can be downloaded from

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/pete.meg/wcc/news.htm#BUS>

Action : CG to write to George Mair at First Bus indicating we would be willing to do similar in Aberdeen.

8 AOB

Police – DW has written to Leslie Harold (LH) to complain about winter safety campaign. Copy of

press release provided by LH shows that a lot of detail present (including cycling details) that has been left out by press.

There were also inaccuracies in Grampian Police RE legality of flashing lights (they have been legal since October 2005) and the comments that you "have" to use cycle lanes is not seen as helpful.

FF noted Scottish Road safety campaign (as broadcast on Northsound) is very out of context. Cycle Scotland is possibly the ones to raise this with.

ACTION : DW to write follow up to encourage cycle specific campaign / release. Also with cycling Scotland

ScotRail user forum. - DL attended meeting. Not much about cycling. A lot of people unhappy with service. Written to Nicol Steven to pass on to Tavish Scot

City centre plan - DL indicated it was not clear if cyclists will be allowed to cycle in new plans. LN reported bus only / priority measures that did not include cyclists. ACC is hosting a workshop on this on Friday 1 Dec, however in the working day and not good time for us. J Beveridge has offered a separate "cycle only" meet later in day / early evening.

ACTION : DW to Arrange - Post Meeting note, arranged for 5pm 7th December

Deeside Line - LN reported:

Ramps at Pittengullies Brae, Peterculter. Planned to be rerouted to make slope 1:12. and DDA compliant. Agreed as good idea by all present.

Golf road, Bielside – current steps will be replaced by more steps, but with 'running ramp'. At side of steps (as commonly used in Netherlands)

Bridge has been designed for West Cults Road crossing.

WPR – detailed plans coming up in next few weeks. Objection period will be Dec – Jan. It now seems almost definite there will be a public enquiry

Tenement bike parking – DC. Provided documentation showing example.

ACTION : JW to provide contact details to DC. / LN

Newsletter – agreed we would aim for January, with a 4 side only version, articles to Sonia as follows:

- DW – Pinchpoints
- CG – consultations
- JW – residential
- SW - Westhill
- DC – Tenement parking

Edinburgh Car Share have contacted DL - looking to set one up in Aberdeen. DL to pass details to LN.

9 Next Meeting (Agenda topics and date) Currently proposed as:

No December meeting

Jan one week early on 23rd Jan

Feb – back to Normal – 27th Feb