

# **Aberdeen Cycle Forum Minutes of September Meeting (Held 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007)**

## **Present:**

DL Dave Lindsay	CG Carl Gerrard	KH Kris Howard	MC Mark O'Connor
GC Gavin Clarke	DL Dave Lindsay	NF Neal Fraser	FF Fiona Fraser
ML Markus Linkelman	LN Louise Napier	GV Gerard Vlaar	FX Francis ??
KX Katlin ??	JR Jeremy Rushton		

## **Apologies:**

DW Derek Williams

## **1 Minutes and Matters Arising**

**Website** – CG is still owed £29.75 for web hosting costs **ACTION:** DL

**Survey** - LN reported in the draft LTS 35% of respondents, results were cyclists. Seen as a good result that we can mobilise members to interact on such consultations. Less good were the final results of the consultation where cycling was apparently ranked lowest.

## **2 Pinchpoint Objections**

Following our presentation to the three area committees, the implementation of new islands has been deferred. CG, DL, FF, and KH attended a meeting with ACC; David Weyms, head of Democratic Services and roads engineers. Issues was discussed at length but no resolution. Agreed it was a city wide policy issue – ACF was invited to make both a written submission to the committee and a presentation.

We have run an e-Consultation (link below, includes results) to solicit further cyclist feedback – approx 80 have responded. This was used as part of the submission.

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=43>

Policy Committee meeting is **Tue 30<sup>th</sup> October** – estimated we will be required between **14:30 and 15:30**. DW was volunteered to be main speaker; ML, FF, GV, DL, DW are all possible to support.

**ACTION:** DW to organise!

## **3 Report ACF Tenants Roadshow Stall (in Music Hall)**

Stall was manned by LN,FF,DW,DC,CG. During the morning there was little interest from visitors (the older end of tenant demographics), afternoon was more families with kids and younger people, resulted in a lot of feedback and additional 12 names for distribution list. Transition Extreme sports was also present – discussions continued over the bike stands.

Discussed at the meeting and decided, given the minimal effort required we would do again if asked.

#### **4 Transforming Cycling in the City – Suggestions for Projects**

Following on from the recent meeting with Cllr Ron Clarke – we do have a list of improvements, both from the e-Consultation earlier this year and from other people contacting us. However these are mainly small scale and not worked up. ML suggested we need a “template” for capturing such opportunities, Discussed and agreed this was a good idea. LN has evaluated the initial feedback document – this needs to be fed back through the web. e.g. what is / is not possible.

**ACTION :** ML to develop template and circulate for comment.

**ACTION :** LN to pass “vetted” list to CG for website

Other news... A contract has been awarded for the Kingswells-Aberdeen route (based on the detailed design completed, last year), work should be starting in next two weeks using the 2007/8 Nestrans Funding. Agreed this should be publicised updating the using the original article:

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=28>

#### **5 Cycle Parking Update**

DL has had confirmation from Grahame McKenzie (Roads Engineer) the next batch should commence going on in the city centre in 6 weeks (approx 2 weeks left at time of meeting!) There is some confusion over who has the original list we can mark “completion” against and what has happened to the next requests?

**ACTION :** CG to check with Jackie W (who developed the original list) what became of it and put into file store so no longer “lost”

New (originally forgotten) stands have been installed at the new Gt western medical practice, thanks to all who wrote to the practice manager.

Photo: [www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/?pf=news.php&nid=44](http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/?pf=news.php&nid=44)

Four more “*it’s unbelievable*” complaints received via the web about lack of stands at Transition Extreme – to be chased as TE were promising end of August. Note Transition do allow you to bring a bike within the building however this is not always clear.

#### **6 Consultations and responses**

Cycle parking at Civic Square (Civic Square is to be new name for area outside railway station) , DC has responded to Euan Matherson the developer

#### **7 AOB**

**Bike Recycling :** LN has attended a meeting involving: Community Scotland, Aberdeen Foyer, Instant neighbour, and “pedal power” who are trying to get a project to recycle bikes running. Discussed and agreed we are supportive. DL offered to be contact for us.

**Local Transport Strategy** ; LN is writing the main “headlines” –  
**ACTION:** LN to be circulate when completed

**Police:** We have been contacted by a cyclist (not in ACF) who has exchanged correspondence with the chief constable over the poor facilities for cyclists in Aberdeen. During a subsequent conversation with the chief roads policing officer it became clear there he was not aware of ACF. Given the effort we have put into talking to the Police Road safety unit this is disappointing. Attempts are being made to arrange a meeting – should anything come of it we will attend.

**Newstter :** The following people committed to write an article by next meeting to be supplied to FF

DL – one article, unnamed!

CG – Pinch points / meeting with Roads Engineers

LN – Work Going on in the city

GV – Cycling in a Dutch city (e.g. Groningen) vs. Aberdeen

**Bikeweek 2008** DL is planning the film fest again – and is investigating what is going on.

**JW** offered thanks everyone who sponsored him on his recent charity ride over the Pyrenees.

**8 Date of Next Meeting**

30<sup>th</sup> October 2007 – 19:30hrs Committee Room 5 at the Townhouse