

# **Aberdeen Cycle Forum**

## **Minutes of meeting**

**Townhouse, Broad St, Aberdeen, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Attending:

Jyll Skinner (Chair), Gavin Clark, Jacqueline Willis, Tito Casquinha, Kris Howard, Henri de Reuter, Istvan Barkoczi, Dave Shannon, Clare Roberts.

### **1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

CWSS 'improvements' in Dyce. Following our protest about what we saw as misuse of funds, JS has been told that ACC had gone back to Transport Scotland for confirmation that this was an acceptable use of the CWSS funds, and they had confirmed that in their view it did fit the bill of 'safer streets'

Local Transport Strategy / Cycle Action Plan will be subject of a meeting with Louise Napier in May. We will canvass for volunteers to take part in due course.

### **2. Pedal on Parliament – 'PoP Aberdeen'**

This is now confirmed as going ahead, although we are still waiting on BikeWeek to 'approve' the event which will grant us the necessary liability cover.

JS & HdR had met with Cllr Ross Grant on the topic of who will meet the riders on arrival at Marischal.

Buses – contacting Stagecoach and First Bus will be done by Jyll and Matt.

Emergency services – GC to contact.

Publicity – Facebook event to be created ASAP, and GC to produce something for the website.

GC raised the matter of the letter we had had from Police which was unhelpful and against any cycle ride on public roads as a matter of policy. The content of the letter was read out to the meeting. It was agreed that we should write a reply, and that both documents should go on the website.

The sub-group which has been dealing with PoP arrangements will aim to meet again on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

### **3. City Centre Masterplan Consultation**

The next round of this is on currently. JS will submit a response on behalf of ACF, but we would also encourage members to send in their own responses.

Russell Henderson from BDP (consultants) had offered to meet with us again and there was some discussion of whether this was worthwhile. Our April meeting would be too busy as it is the AGM and just ahead of PoP. JS to investigate setting up a separate meeting.

#### **4. A96 dualling.**

JS had attended a meeting held for 'non-motorised users'. Given that no route for the dualling has yet been identified, the meeting wasn't very beneficial. However it is clear that the intention is for there to be no provision for cyclists alongside the new road.

#### **5. CWSS**

We still have the opportunity to submit ideas for projects - large or small – which we would like to see taken forward. There was some discussion of what previous money (£250k in 2013/14) had been spent on. Agreed that in our next email circulation to the full membership we should canvass for further suggestions.

#### **6. Cycle safety meeting**

This was to be with ACC Roads , and Police, scheduled for Thursday at 4pm and was a follow up to the last meeting in November. JS, LL and CR would attend.

[Postscript: JS was unable to attend, but GC did instead. Full report at next meeting]

#### **7. Forthcoming elections**

There was some debate over whether the May elections include local Councils and consensus was that they don't , so we probably won't put in effort to contact MPs.

#### **8. AOBs**

JS has received a consultation on the Local Development Plan, but this isn't due until June.

#### **9. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday **21 April 2015**. Note that this will be the AGM and will start at 7pm rather than 7.30. Also note that it will not be the last Tuesday of the month as usual, but is being held one week earlier so that it is ahead of the PoP ride.