

**Aberdeen Cycle Forum
Minutes of Meeting
19.30 hrs Tuesday 25th March 2008
Committee Room 5 at the Town House**

Present

LN Louise Napier	DW Derek Williams	FF Fiona Fraser	GM Gail McMillan
KH Kris Howard	CG Carl Gerrard	NF Neil Fraser	DL Dave Lindsey
LL Liz Lindsey	DM Dan Millhouse Hall		

Apologies

PF Pablo Fuentes

1 Minutes of Last meeting & matters arising

First Choice Bin – LN has contacted environmental health offices at the Council, (to be chased)

Bike Fit / Bike Training – 18 people responded to DW, expressing interest in performing the 4 day Cycle Scotland training course. Cycle Scotland have provided an estimate of to DW of £ 1,500 for 6 people 4 day course,

Filmfest – DL reported in Principle Nestrans would sponsor, DL has also contacted Cycling Scotland who have sponsored the Edinburgh cycle film festival.

2 ACC - CWSS (Cycling Walking, Safer Streets) Budgets Status

Spending - LN reported that non-infrastructure spending was on track with more “getting going”, “cycling to work” leaflets and cycle maps in the press also the new “pull-ups” display stands have come from this budget

Infrastructure spend including the batch of red tarmac destined for North Deeside Road / queens road and through some pedestrian Islands was planned but had been delayed due to recent snowfall. Pre work has been done e.g. road is marked up, expected completion is still before the end of financial year

CWSS in 2008 – Due to the local/national government settlement a number of previously “ring fenced” budgets have now been lost. This includes Road safety, Safer routes to school, School travel plan budgets.

CWSS continues 2008/2009 – estimated to 350k – 400k note that the average spend in Scotland is 25% spend of the budget, Aberdeen is between 10 and 15%

Discussed and agreed this was a better outcome than we were expecting mid-year, thanks to LN for her hard work in getting part of the budget spent.

ACTION DW to write to Doug Ritchie re 2008 budgets. Expressing our concern re the 2008 situation to ensure spend continues.

ACTION CG to meet with LN before next meeting – ranking of existing and new opportunities, thus enabling us to have a “opportunity list” as the year progresses and the financial situation becomes clearer.

3 ACF “Stall”

The Design of the new "pull up" display stands has been completed and has been sent to the printers! – thanks to all involved in the design.

ACTION – when delivered LN to provide a photograph of the pull-ups for short article on website

Other requests to attend events with the stall.

ACC Tenants Open Day :

26th July in Music Hall, similar to last year, - discussed and agreed to do it again

Aberdeen University - green transport week 12-16May

Exact details are not yet known, but will be a one week event. We probably don't have the resource to staff “full time” but a help-yourself display is possible. LN also have some trainee planners who can help.

Highland Games / Eco-city - 15th June Hazelhead Park

Discussed and agreed to do it, note this is the first weekend of Bike Week 2008

4 Bike Week (14 – 22 June 2008)

Commuter Challenge – CG reported back on feasibility study for adding own maps to website. It is technically possible but we do not have the time/resource to do this before BikeWeek. Agreed to run with the website form earlier years.

ACTION; CG to continue with the mapping system with a view to getting onto our website late this year.

DM reported there had been no response to his sponsorship request to Edinburgh Bicycle, he is chasing this up. LN suggested some support could come from council; bike shops might be happier to come up with matching funding.

Filmfest - DL confirmed the Belmont was agreed and the time would be
Wednesday 18th June 18:45 Cinema Three.

We can distribute leaflets at the event, we will also get an listing in the Belmont Program, deadline for the info is the end of April.

ACTION CG to provide Bike Week Logo and ACF Logo to DW for the Belmont Programme.

Other Events

The CTC rides at the weekend before / after the Bike week can potentially be branded as "Bike week events" as with Try Cycling

5 Sustainable Transport Development Communities

DW reported on the recent Scottish Executive announcement:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/03/17083340>

Discussed and agreed we should support

ACTION: DW to write to leader of ACC encouraging ACC to register an interest

7 Cycle Map – Reprint

Order has gone to printers for 5,000 copies (estimated to be enough for 2008)

8 - AOB

Cycle Census

Discussed and agreed we would have a go ourselves - DW to lead on this, approx 12 locations agreed, most likely we will do the "morning rush" 07:30-09:00 one date in April and then repeat 6 months later.

ACTION: DW to draft "counting form" and arrange dates

Bike Parking – Lidl Wellington Road

Various complaints received to ACCC re the new wheel bucklers that block the disabled parking bays when used. CG has made site visit, photographed and written to Lidl.

9 Date of Next Meeting:

TUESDAY 29th APRIL 19:30hrs in the Townhouse

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