

Aberdeen Cycle Forum – Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 27th November 2007 at the Townhouse

Present

DL Dave Lindsey LL Liz Lindsey ML Markus Linkelman RK Rahda Kessar
CG Carl Gerrard NF Neil Fraser DW Derek Williams
SW Sarah Wingrove HB Hamish Booth

Apologies

KH Kris Howard LN Louise Napier FF Fiona Fraser
DC Dave Cheseldine JW Jackie Wilkins

Mins and matters arising

“Bike Station” Edinburgh (Bike Recycling Scheme) – DW participated in a visit with Communities Scotland, Aberdeen Foyer, Aberdeenshire Council, Bruce Armitage (independent consultant on behalf of Aberdeen Foyer). No one attended from ACC as staff are restricted in travelling outside the city! Foyer will continue to push this, we will publicise if anything comes of it.

Police – Attempts to arrange the meeting with Grampian Police have come to nothing, **CG to have one more attempt**. However LL reported she had contacted the police RE the recent “Think Bike” publicity. Turns out this is bikes of the motorised variety however PC Neil Morrison has agreed to investigate cycle accidents.

JR Leaving – Matters arising

- **Signature** on Account, agreed CG will replace JR, **DL to progress**
- **Web domain** this is registered in JR’s name (not ACF) – CG to investigate costs of getting changed, however this will not be free.

Cycle Parking Press Coverage

Press release went out – was covered by the P&J, CG did an interview – see:
<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=47&sid=e>
The Council’s 40 stands is less than 10% of number in Glasgow or Manchester

AWPR - response to the response (i.e. we don’t want to withdraw the objection) was done by GC, is now on the web:

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=48&sid=e>

Bike Budyng – discussed at the meeting – the major issue is public liability insurance for anyone that does it. **DL to make further enquiries.**

Pinch Points

Detailed plans received for the new ones, discussed a meeting – comments received, any further feedback to DW who will coordinate and send back to Grahame McKenzie

2 Consultations

a) Use of “empty” Taxis in Bus/cycle lanes (currently they should only be in lanes when they have a fare) – discussed and agreed we should object. **DW to pull it together**

b) Local Transport Strategy (LTS), this has just come out at the time of the meeting - we will need to respond as a forum by Jan 18th –

Also need to invite individuals to respond when situation clearer – **CG to do web alert**

3 - Newsletter

CG has provided a PC to the editor (FF) capable of running the DTP package, FF has a reasonable amount of copy – this was discussed at the meeting, agreed we should now target the new year – next steps:

- CG to augment the copy with one or two other stories he has
- FF to edit down a bit and circulate copy
- Final layout to be done January. (FF)

4 – CWSS Spending

ACC has allocated £ 350k to this for financial year 2007/8 of which cycling got 48k), however there is a risk it will not be spent and will be lost (just like 2006/7). DW has been in contact with ACC.

Link to list of projects : (Appendix A page 5)

<http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/ACCI/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=9665&SID=4938>

“Email your councillor” option discussed and press release option. Decide to hold for now as ACC has recruited an additional consultant to do some of the feasibility work.

Work has started on Westhill-Kingswells-Aberdeen route (one of the “casualties” of 2006/7) agreed to publicise this an alert people support may be required for 2007

SW to get some photos, CG to do web article – DONE:

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=51&sid=e>

5 BikeWeek 2008 (14-22 June 2008)

“**Film Festival**” – DL indicated he was investigating the Belmont as an option this time and is in contact with Edinburgh over what was successful this year.

Commuter Challenge –. CG reported 12 of the email addresses supplied by Nestrans have now requested remove from the mailing list. Discussed and decided after last times poor Nestrans showing we would need a very good reason not to do our own one this year

Other Options discussed :

Evening event with councillors / debate?

Bike vs Car Commuter “Race”

“Bike Fest” in Belmont Street – would require ACC support – **DW to enquire**

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Next Meeting 22nd January 2008 (one week earlier than Normal)