

Aberdeen Cycle Forum Minutes of Meeting – Townhouse - Tuesday 31st May

Present

Derek Williams DW	Gerard Vlaar GV	Fiona Fraser FF	Carl Gerrard CG
Neil Fraser NF	Dave Lindsey DL	Liz Lindsey, LL	Claire Roberts, CR
Rhara Kessar, RK	Jonathan Russell JR	Dave Cheseldine DC	Markus Linkelmann, ML

Apologies

None Received

1 Minutes and Matters Arising

Accident Stats on North Deeside Road, we have supplied our data to Milltimber-Bieldside-Cults Community Council (MBC), who are now discussing with the Grampian Police the differences between the two sets of data.

Police Safety Meeting – we've had various attempts to chase this up but with no success, we will now wait for the LN to return.

Cycle Campaign Network – DL has contacted they are happy for a nominal payment of £20 as we have no income. DL to progress (a cheque was written at the meeting).

Cycling Walking and Safer Streets – We have pursued, a meeting will now be held at ACC on 15th June, we will do the "usual" request for features: *Post meeting note – no on the web*: <http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/?pf=news.php&nid=130>

LOAF (Local Outdoor Access Forum) and big paths

DL as CTC Right Tor Ride Rep has also been contacted with complaints by a MTBer LOAF is going to inspect the sites, 14th June – GV wants to join.

2 Cycle Count

Thanks to all who counted, results are very impressive, 28% up on 2008, 19% on last year see more details here:

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/?pf=news.php&nid=128>

We had follow up from both the Evening Express and cooperated well with the EE providing names of people to interview, although we had to interview to ensure women were represented in the people contacted by the press!

The EE ran a 80% of a page on it – as ever managing to link the story to potholes, lack of roads spending, traffic and the councils request to un-ring-fence budgets. Opening line of article was "*it can be uncomfortable, tiring and dangerous.*" They contacted the AA for a quote, the response was relatively surprising "*councils have to accept cycling as the new reality*".

We have also been contacted by Aberdeen Voice (www.aberdeenvoice.com) and will do a short piece, ACTION CG to supply photos.

Post meeting note – can now be seen at:

<http://aberdeenvoice.com/2011/06/cyclists%E2%80%99-spokesman-urges-gearing-up-for-bike-week/>

3 Bike Week (18-26th June)

Commuter Challenge is well under way, 8 companies so far including a few big names, we had a little difficulty with registering the event on the bike-week site, but this has now been solved.

Try Cycling GV has similar issues with registering the two try-cycling events, CG to see if he can assist

Highland Games – we heard nothing from ACC so pursued, appears the eco-city tent has been axed this year on budget grounds (getting hold of an ACC events organiser is rarer than a car obeying the 20mph in the city centre). Conclusion is we will not attend

4 City Planners and Cycling

DW has been having a long running debate with the planners re cycle input into major non-rads developments that have gone “bad” e.g. new Pitrodie, Justice Mill Lane etc. He will meet with planner Mid July – all welcome to attend the meeting.

5 Cycle Parking

DC confirmed Parking is now outside St James Episcopal Church and he has written to the minster thanking him. Other locations to be pursued by DC were discussed and now include:

- Marschical College / Townhouse
- Hazelhead Park
- Culter outside Post Office
- Chapel st next to Oxfam / Nova

6 AOB

No other items were discussed.

Date of Next meeting – TUE 28th JUNE