



CYCLE FORUM

MINUTE

Tuesday, 22nd February 2004, Committee Room 4, Town House.

Present:

Dave Lindsey, CTC, Right to Ride Officer (Chair)
 Derek Williams, CTC
 Jackie Wilkins, CTC
 Gregor McAbery, Environmental Forum
 Sarah Wingrove, Shell
 Louise Napier, Aberdeen City Council
 Maureen Young, CTC
 Gerard Vlaar, CTC
 Carl Gerrard
 Gavin Clark
 Sarah Wingrove, Shell

Apologies:

Kris Howard, Marjorie Inglis, Dave Tullet, Ian Inglis, Sonia Element, Jeremy Rushton, Cllr Martin Greig

Item	Action By
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>DL welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies from KH, MI, II, DT, SE, JR and MG.</p>	
<p>2. Minute of Last Meeting (25/01/05) and Matters Arising</p> <p><i>Berryden/ Hutcheon Street Response</i></p> <p>DW had sent this to Cllrs Ian Yuill, Martin Greig and John Stewart and Joanna Beveridge in Roads. He asked whether there should also be a press release. GM knew that there were already two press releases on this issue out and he thought that the press would pick up something put out the week after. DW to prepare.</p>	DW
<p>3. Report from Meeting with Councillor Ian Yuill and Hugh Murdoch</p> <p>DW, GV, SE and LN had attended this meeting on 1st February. The issues discussed were cycle budgets, developing a cycle network in the city, current infrastructure projects and road safety and driver awareness.</p> <p>There were problems with trying to secure budgets for cycling – as all infrastructure schemes are done on a project basis and this is how they receive funding. This has an impact on the development of any cycle network within the city. HM and IY felt that help was needed to develop a strategic network throughout the city. The Cycle Forum agreed to help to identify this network and any measures that might be necessary. This information could be fed back to LN. If there was a full list of cycling measures then improvements could be made over time when money becomes available. This list could also be used when other infrastructure improvements were being made.</p> <p>Cycle training was also discussed. IY and HM did not want the Council heading this, although they did not mind getting involved to a certain extent. It was thought that the project in Angus in which the CTC was involved should be looked at.</p> <p>Travel Awareness was something that LN worked on and HM agreed that the Road safety team and LN should work together to produce some leaflets, etc. for driver awareness.</p> <p>GV also discussed one-way streets, particularly Allenvale Road and Riverside Drive, and it was agreed by both HM and IY that unless there were serious objections these would be made contra-flow. It was also agreed that any other proposed contraflow streets be put to Roads.</p> <p>Overall it was thought to be a good meeting and Cllr Yuill and HM agreed to meet again in six</p>	

months.	
<p>4. Third Don Crossing</p> <p>The Forum had a look at the maps of the Third Don Crossing. It was agreed that 30mph should be promoted all the way along the route and it should consist of on-road provision all the way along. If the Council were to have over 40mph then this should be accompanied by a segregated facility that is just as easy to use as the road, where cyclists have priority over road junctions, etc. Where the point changes from a segregated facility back onto the road there should be very visible facilities so that it is made obvious to car drivers that cyclists will be rejoining the traffic. There was also a preference for measures on Bedford Road such as the bus gate. LN to feed comments back to Tom Rogers.</p>	LN
<p>5. Bike Week and Other Events</p> <p>LN informed the Forum that Green City Fun Day was to be held on Saturday, 28th May in Duthie Park. She had asked for a stall but had hoped that the Forum would want to take part as well. It was thought that there was a great deal of material available from last year that could be distributed again. The new cycle map would also be available. JW wondered whether different bikes couldn't be obtained for people to have a look at. LN asked whether the Forum couldn't produce a newsletter showing all the positive things that it had been involved in. Volunteers would be needed nearer the time.</p> <p>Bike Week (11th-19th June) was also discussed. Last year the Forum had been involved in the Chief Executive's Challenge, the launch of the bike map and bike rides. Events had also been organised in Edinburgh and Glasgow by Cycling Scotland. It was queried whether they wouldn't be prepared to do something in Aberdeen. LN to find out. JW wondered whether NESTRANS would be prepared to sponsor Company of cyclists to come up. JW to ask Colin Morsley. DW also to contact Peter Cockhead of NESTRANS if they would be interested in sponsoring a Good Practice Award for companies that had done something about cycling. It was also thought that a seminar on cycle practice could be given in Aberdeen. Hull has a 10% cycle rate and it was wondered whether someone couldn't be invited up during Bike Week. LN to contact Hull City Council.</p>	LN JW DW LN
<p>6. Cycle Parking</p> <p>SW thought the new cycle stands around the city centre should be appearing in the next month. There was a sticking point with stands on Union Street – as it was thought these provided a problem for people with visibility impairments – despite other street furniture being there. GM asked if the Forum knew whether cycle stands were included in the widened pavements report to E&I. JW commented that the Council were trying to reduce clutter.</p>	
<p>7. Freedom of Information Act</p> <p>LN spoke about how the Act gave a general right of access to all types of recorded information held by Scottish public authorities. Any person who makes a request, provided the authority holds the information, must be provided with that information within 20 days. A request should be made in writing or any other permanent form. There were certain exemptions – such as future publications, personal information, claims of confidentiality or any disclosure that could lead to substantial commercial prejudice. There was a limit as to how much any public body would provide for nothing; the public authority would meet the first £100 of costs, the applicant would then start being charged 10% of the total cost involved.</p> <p>JW to query whether the Forum could receive information on the impact of cycle safety of new roads schemes.</p>	JW
<p>8. AOCB</p> <p>GM stated that he was going to a meeting with the WPR Managing Agent on 7th March and he thought that there would be a couple of spaces available if any Cycle Forum representatives</p>	

<p>wanted to come along. It was thought that DT might be interested. LN to pass on details. LN spoke about the cycle map. She wondered how many copies the Forum were interested in acquiring. There were currently about 700 maps left. The group thought that 10,000 should be printed. LN then commented that there was still a considerable amount of money left over and she queried about developing a Dyce Cycle Map – with input from the Dyce Transport Management Organisation. There were reservations as to whether this was something the Forum could support – but there was agreement to look at.</p>	DT/LN
<p>9. Next meeting Tuesday, 29th March, 2005. Committee Room 4, Town House, Broad Street.</p>	