

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of meeting
24th April 2007

Present:

DC Dave Cheseldine DW Derek Williams FF Fiona Fraser NF Neil Fraser
ML Markus Linkelman LN Louise Napier CG Carl Gerrard KH Kris Howard
ME Matt Eastwood (Nestrans)

Apologies

GV Gerard Vlaar, DL Dave Lindsay JW Jackie Wilkins SW Sarah Wingrove

1 Minutes and Matters Arising

Newsletter - text will not be changed, hence ACC will not be offering printing services. An option is available to get 200 copies photocopied. Agreed this was the best way forward. **ACTION:** CG to get printed, DW to distribute.

Council Elections,

Responses received from Scottish Conservatives and Scottish Lib Dems (following a reminder) – nothing so far from Labour and the SNP, proposed to go live on Monday 30th if no response by then.

Post meeting note – responses live on the web (SNP delivered on pollig day) at:

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/?pf=ht/031.php>

King Street Report Received from ML, DW to send on to ACC, CG to put into filestore.

E-Consultations, for both Market St and new roads suggestions are on the web at:

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/.php?pf=news.php&nid=37>

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/?pf=news.php&nid=35>

Feedback for M/street to be forwarded on to ACC by DW

Agreed to keep roads suggestions open for another 2 weeks before forwarding to LN

2 Treasurers Report

DL not present – deferred to next meeting.

3 Bike Week

- **Commuter Challenge.** ACF existing challenge is ready to be run again, however ME (of Nestrans) indicated during the same week they will be running a commuter challenge of their own – for one day only, and for more than cycles. The idea using this instead was presented by ME and discussed. A number of options are possible and there are advantages / disadvantages of each.

ACTION : CG to discuss with ME before next meeting and come to agreement over various options if we will / will not do it.

- **Filmfest**, Nestrans have agreed to find budget, DL is in negotiations with the distributor of the Grahame Obree film “Flying Scotsman” details to be confirmed. Agreed that this will be done “legally” i.e. via the distributor or not at all.
- **Highland Games** are on Sunday 17th June at Hazelhead Park, there will be a green city fun day event as well. We have been offered a stall. Agreed to take it. **VOLOUNTEERS REQUIRED**

4 Planning Update

DW has seen new bikes in the storage in West burn Place ~40 bikes in it, this is encouraging and backs the need for the change in planning guidance. LN indicated it may be possible to do a survey of residents to determine who is using it.

ACTION: LN to investigate ACC doing survey and report back to council.

AOB

Maps – LN has had a quote for - 5,000 and is within budget this includes up to 50 changes. It was discussed if we should put “forthcoming” routes on the map but was decided against.

Aberdeen Green Routes, DW raised the idea of a Green route, linking the Deeside Line with the F&B way. LN is submitting a “parallel route” to the AWPR as part of the mitigating measures. This could form a green link.

ACTION: LN to keep ACF informed.

Cycle Routes in the city. DW suggested we solicit peoples favourite cycle rides in the city, and place them on our website. Agreed this needs more thought but first step might be for us to come up with some city rides.

ACTION: DW to progress.

Urban Cycle Trails: ACF has renewed invite to Maggie Bochell to survey some of the suggested trails. **ACTION:** LN to broker date with MB and ACF.

Land Reform Act – DC reported that to conform it is permitted to cycle across gold courses (but not greens). Cyclists need to keep to paths (unless no path) – complaints have been made to Scottish Golf Union. One of the proposed Urban Cycle Trails would need a path across the golf links.

River Dee Route - Preliminary designs are back for the River Dee route, Louise has them. Tender for Sustrans work has come back, 2 step upgrades

NESTRANS, 2007/8 funding:

50k for West Cults roads bridge on Deeside Line

380k for Kingswells to Groats roads / Hazelhead park

50k for river dee work / riverside path.

6 Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 29th May 19:30hrs

Proposed agenda items:

- Treasurer's report
- Highland games