

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of Meeting

Tue 27th October 2009

Present:

RK Rhada Kessar
CG Carl Gerrard

FF Fiona Fraser
DW Derek Williams

NF Neil Fraser DL Dave Lindsey
DC Dave Cheseldine

Apologies

GM Gail McMillan ML Markus Linkelman

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Commuter Challenge – Results have been sent to Lesley Harrold of Grampian Police.

Ride Friday, Starting in the spring we plan for this to be a regular monthly event. ACF and CTC will provide the instructors. Nestrans will provide the publicity. Is it takes off we will ask Nestrans for a donation!

2 Kate Dean Meeting

FF,DW,DC attended. Kate is now the convener of the Planning, Infrastructure and Enterprise committee and was accompanied by Louise Napier, officer of ACC.

No major revelations of new thinking at the council came from the meeting, although KD was not aware that the Berryden Corridor developments lacked any priority for sustainable modes.

A copy of "*Aberdeen Local Development Plan – Main Issues Report*" was provided. This states any new development should be looking for access for cycling, public transport and walking. Naturally we should be supportive on this and respond to the consultation.

ACTION: DW

CWSS funding will not continue into the 2010./11 calendar year – we asked for ACC to step in. KD made no promises, but we should keep pressing. KD Has committed to meet ACF every 6 months.

3 New Members – New Ideas

It has been noted that although the attendance at meetings etc is roughly constant there has been no "new members" attending for a while. Possible reasons were discussed, including the economic climate resulting in reduced jobs in Aberdeen and competition from other organisations.

Agreed that we write to all 500 or so on the mailing list, making it clear we are not about to implode, but asking for more volunteers to come to the meeting and actively get involved.

ACTION: DW to draft. CG to Send

4 Requests to ACF

We have received the following requests

A – Stall at the Local Outdoor Access Forum Meeting (Tue 10th Nov 18:00-21:00, Old Townhouse), **agreed to go ahead** we should do DW will be present anyway

B – Stall at Aberdeen College (11 November 10:00 – 14:00). Discussed and agreed that on previous returns and our shortage of resource **agreed to decline**. Will give some material to Get-About who do have a stand.

C – Top secret event (we were not told what it is) at the beach May 2010 where we were asked if we would run cycle parking. Discussed and agreed it's not really our thing, but sufficiently curious DW will remain in contact.

5 The Council and Cycling

DC questioned if the council has a cycling officer, full or part time, is there even a job specification? Discussed and agreed that although ACC does not do as much as it should we don't have the resource to really lobby for more, particularly given ACC's current financial pickle. Agreed for discussion next meeting with Kate Dean.

6 NESTRANS Priorities for 2010

Louise Napier – who wanted ACF's view on proposed Nestrans activities in 2010/11 contacted CG. Note this does not mean the funding will happen! Discussed and agreed the priorities should be:

1 : Aberdeen - Blackburn detailed design (£ 25k)

2 : NCR Route 1 - key here is to act and get the "developer contribution" funding that will not be up for grabs for ever (£115k)

3 : Riverside Drive Phase 3 (£375k) - we see this as low priority, it's a nice to have but the areas above are more deserving. It's a lot of money and we should instead suggest instead, design study for:

- Torry into Centre of City
- Access to Dyce
- Parkway / AECC Access

ACTION : CG to write to LN and also Don Kent at Nestrans

7 Consultations

Berryden – has been raised with Kate Dean. Our chance of influencing at this stage is low. We agreed that we would not object in person at Committee.

Anderson Drive / Town → AECC

The web consultation attracted 9 responses:

- One from the Ordnance Survey licensing officer as ACC forgot to put the license

details on the documents! (this has now been solved)

- One rant about the city council, not repeatable in the minutes of the meeting.
- 7 Fairly general comments

ACTION : DW to pass comments onto council officers.

AOB

Cycling Scotland Roadshow - 17th November. DW has corresponded with the chief exec of Cycling Scotland, about how we would love to help but can't afford to pay a body already paid for by the tax payer. Net result is we now have two complimentary tickets.

DW and DL will attend

3rd Don Crossing – although we did not support we still need to get something out of it for cyclists, road are proposing a meeting 9th November 16:30hrs at the townhouse –

DW,DL,ML to attend.

Sustrans visiting Aberdeen, 16th November, they will be visiting Louise Napier and Grahame McKenzie, to agree the signing for NCR1 avoiding if possible Market Street. **DW to accompany them but others welcome to join him – it could last all day.**