

# Aberdeen Cycle Fourm – Minutes of Meeting Townhouse 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011

## Present

DW Derek Williams  
FF Fiona Fraser  
RK Rhada Kessar

DC Dave Cheseldine  
NF Neil Fraser  
JR Jonthan Russell

CR Clare Roberts  
LL Liz Lindsay

CG Carl Gerrard  
DL Dave Lindsay

## Apologies

ML Markus Linklemann

## 1 Minutes and Matters Arising

**ACF “Event leaflet”** – DC confirmed this was now done, a batch were used at Fresher Fair at Aberdeen University DC to forward the electronic copy to CG for archiving

**Code of Conduct** – Awaiting final input from RC and KS, noted that in the minutes the British Hose society would know little of equestrian matters and the British Horse Society may be a better place to ask.

**“Boris Bikes” scheme**, This was discussed again at the meeting in light of the Press coverage of the Nestrans event, Our view is unchanged on this (i.e. there are many higher priorities than a Boris Bikes scheme) ... But though we could provide some better suggestion, two key themes are:

**Short Term Hire** – currently in Addition to the free *Becycle* scheme, Foundry Bikes and Alpine Bikes hire short term, although Alpine is expensive @ GBP20/day!

Hire bikes to people for eg 2 weeks so they can try cycling before committing to their own purchase.

**Mobile Short Term Hire** – e.g. a unit outside the rail station etc or in summer at the beach /Duthie Park

In both cases borrowing one for a day or a week seems better for Aberdeen than a 30 minute hire period.

The status of the feasibility commissioned by ACC some time back is not known – CG will chase this.

## 2 – Justice Mill Lane

Aberdeen City Council EP&I committee decided to reject the officers recommendations for a one way system with no cycle contra flow and has asked for a new design retaining two way flow. DW sat through over three hours of committee and reported his observations to those present.

**Key Learning** - Our lobbying of key councillors was a major factor in the decision, a big thank you to all who wrote/emailed or phoned.

Learn More : <http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=133>

We await the new design with interest – DW has written to roads officers offering our input

at an early stage.

### **3 – Summary Belmont St Get-About Event**

DL dropped in with try cycling group and DW helped out at stall. Although it's done very well the cycling road show risks presenting a message that cycling is for kids...

With a bit more effort it could easily cover other things like bikes for adults, try a bike etc, even bringing in one of the Bike Shops for a "Dr Bike" We have had little success with a the Bike Shops but Nestrans has more clout (and exists as a legal entity)

DW to communicate our concerns to Don Kent

### **4 - CWSS**

**a) STATUS** Yet another meeting took place with Graeme McKenzie – the other roads officers were not available. The list was prioritised into what was could be done NOW and what could be done later / require TRO's etc.

Two Key points emerged during discussion:

- We should keep only ONE consolidated list (CG has it, get through [this link](#)) e.g. There were discussions over Slains Castle Stands etc.
- To get things on the list use the online web submission form (don't just email CG or Roads officers) <http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=130>

**b) USE OF CWSS** DW presented a list of proposed council activities from a recent report (**Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure Committee, 13 September**) to be paid out of CWSS funds, this included removal of diplomatic parking spaces, and preparations for a multi-storey car park. Noted that whilst the definition was *Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets* and not just cycling in many cases we felt the definition was being pushed too far.

As all the information is in the public domain we will attempt to do an audit of committee papers for the last 2 years, looking for "inappropriate" use of CWSS funds . CG to organise the volunteers: DL, RK, CR, DL, NF,FF

### **POST MEETING NOTES**

A – As of 4<sup>th</sup> October nothing has happened on the Ground, CG will chase Roads officers again.

B – All volunteers have instructions and links to the committee papers, deadline to return to CG is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October before the next meeting, if you want to volunteer there is more work to be done get in contact!

## **5 Senior Councillor / Officer Engagements**

Councillor **Iain Yuill** is now the Chair of Nestrans and we have been granted an audience to discuss cycling specific matters.

Discussed during the Meeting – our proposed agenda will be, in priority order:

- Quick review of where we currently are with Nestrans and cycling
- Role of Nestrans in responding to ACC proposals
- Cycle infrastructure across city/shire boundaries
- Securing funding for cycling
- Locking in the Benefits report
- Cycle marketing and promotion
- Bikeability - cycle training in schools

**PROPOSED DATE TUE 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – DW, ML and CG can attend,**

During the JML lobbying we contacted councillor Callum McCraig (Leader of the city council) based on his comments in the press “*there may need to be certain improvements to make cycling in the city more attractive*”

He has asked to meet us **TUE 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER** typically 16:30-17:00, Contact DW if you want to attend.

### **POST MEETING NOTE**

Joanna Murray, (ACC Leader of Transportaon Strategy) Has contacted CG and asked to meet with us again ( this is semi-regular a couple of times per year). CG is making arrangements, please advise if interested, 9th November 17:00hrs

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Finance** – CR reported that she, CG and DW had managed to navigate the Coop Bank’s totally confusing change of signatory form and she was now a signatory on the account. With access to it now in her control we look forward to a treasurers report.

**Planning Officers** – DW reported Planning officers were still missing things in plans, and we could seize the initiative and run a small seminar for them on what to look for etc, if interested in helping contact DW.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUE 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**