



CYCLE FORUM

MINUTE

Tuesday, 31st July 2007, Committee Room 5, Town House.

Present:

DC Dave Cheseldine (Chair)
 TC Toby Coke
 LN Louise Napier, Aberdeen City Council (Minute)
 WH William Hekelaar, Aberdeen City Council
 FF Fiona Fraser
 NF Neil Fraser
 LO Lukask Olendereck
 ML Marcus Linkeman

Apologies: Gerard Vlaar, Carl Gerrard, Dave Lindsey, Liz Lindsey, Jackie Wilkins, Derek Williams

Item	Action By
<p>1. Welcome & Apologies</p> <p>DC welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies from Gerard Vlaar, Carl Gerrard, Dave Lindsey, Liz Lindsey, Jackie Wilkins, Derek Williams.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes Last Meeting (26/06/07) and Matters Arising</p> <p>No changes. There were no matters arising that were not included within the Agenda for the meeting.</p>	
<p>3. Report Meeting with Councillor Ron Clarke</p> <p>ML and FF gave a summary of the meeting with Councillor Ron Clarke. They concluded that it was a relatively positive meeting, but he was very non-committal. They had spoken about cycle parking, bus lanes, pinch points, the fact that Aberdeen has no dedicated cycle budgets, and is one of the lowest cycle spenders in the whole of Scotland. Cllr Clarke wanted the information on pinch points to be sent to him and he wanted to be kept in the loop with regards to ACF projects, etc. ML suggested that ACF should be coming up with projects with concrete ideas or suggestions for different problems. It was felt that this could be web-based and then taken to Cllr Clarke at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>4. Pinch Point Objections and Status</p> <p>An objection to the new set of proposed pinch points had been submitted by DW. DC had also put in a formal objection on behalf of ACF and had received a response from Roads that this needed to go to Legal Services. DC to formalise something and submit it.</p>	DC
<p>5. Final Summary of NESTRANS Challenge</p> <p>This was included on the agenda by CG and it was thought that a full update should be deferred until the next meeting. Essentially however as a result of the Challenge, 51 more names had been added to the electronic distribution list.</p>	
<p>6. Cycle Census</p> <p>It was thought that there should be some kind of cycle census. LN indicated that there was a willingness to do this from within the Council, and it may need ACF support. She also suggested that as WH was assisting her (student placement) that there would be capacity to do some kind of census or to include something within the City Voice/ Citizens Panel with regards to views on</p>	

<p>cycling from both the cycling community and discovering why people currently did not cycle. She also suggested that the Council was looking to put in counters in various places – for instance along the Deeside Railway Line and the Formartine & Buchan Way. In the meantime she would investigate the possibility of doing manual cycle counts on some of the cycle routes through the City.</p>	
<p>7. Transforming Cycling in the City – Suggestions for Projects This item was deferred until the next meeting.</p>	
<p>8. AOB <i>Tenants Open Day</i> ACF has been invited to attend an open day on Saturday, 1st September 10am-4pm in the Music Hall. It was essentially a Council event where they offer advice with regards to energy efficiency, etc. Due to the fact that the Highland Games had been cancelled it was felt that this would be an opportunity to sell cycling. NF, FF, DC and LN were available.</p> <p><i>London Bike Hire</i> 'Oy Bike' has set up a self service bike hire in London and has indicated that they would like to set up other self-service bike areas and within Scotland, Aberdeen.</p>	
<p>9. Next meeting The next meeting is on Tuesday, 28th August in Committee Room 5 in the Town House at 7.30pm.</p>	