

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of Meeting

**Townhouse, Tuesday 29 May 2012,
19:30hours**

Present:

David Cheseldine (DC), Fiona Fraser (FF), Neil Fraser (NF), Jyll Skinner (JS), John Tuckwood (JT), Sheila Tuckwood (ST), Derek Williams (DW)

1. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

Cycling provision for schools – Middlefield School is planning a program to 'normalise' cycling for students.

Railway Station Cycle Parking – DC reported that lighting has been installed in the area and that the Rail contact is corresponding about signage to ease access. The cycle rack will not be moved.

Cyclefest – FF and NF reported that there was lower attendance than previous at the Cyclefest. However, there was good interest in the cycle maps. The popups will need to be renewed, FF will email Louise Napier about council funding for new popups. DW will check to see what the numbers are of printed ACF flyers. JS will see that a printable version is available on the website. Discussion about the possibility of a gazebo for events, but consensus was that the cost would not be worthwhile for the current number of events planned in any one year.

Action: FF, DW, and JS

Access to the new Morrisons on Lang Stracht – Roads unit has asked the Roads Safety unit to look at the proposed design. It is under internal review. ACF will wait for the results of this review before further action.

Bike Week – There is a planned ride with SURF for 23 June. A Road Show will be at city and shire schools everyday during Bike

Week. BeCycle are holding a cycling safety workshop on Sunday 24th June as well as launching a helmet.

Sustrans Funding – The ACC has bid for money for the Deeside Line. No other bids are known to have been placed by the ACC.

Newsletter – The next edition will be Summer 2012. FF will look into the template to see what is needed to fill the issue. Submission deadline will be mid-July. Gavin Clark (GC) will write something about his attendance at the Edinburgh event of 28 April, 'Pedal on Parliament'.

2. Cycle Count

The cycle count is down this year from last year (771 to 650). The continuing cold and wet weather is a probable cause for the lower count. However, the count is still higher than the first count (2008). The Shell bike sheds were counted before and after the recent warm weather and the count jumped up significantly. To re-do the entire count imminently would be impossible. A one spot check to see if the weather bears out as a reason will be conducted by JS at the Esslemont count position. The cycle count will be posted to the website soon.

Action: JS

3. Council Elections Follow Up

We now have a council in coalition: Labour, Tory, and Independent. The ACF manifesto was sent to all party leaders ahead of the election and we can use this to open up a discussion with the new council. One councillor who did respond positively to the manifesto (Jenny Laing (Lab)) is now convenor of education committee – we should follow up on cycle training in schools. DW will email Barney Crockett, the new leader of the council, about meeting with members of ACF. **Action: DW**

4. Cycle Safety Event

DC, GC, JS, and DW are available to staff the event that will be from 10a-4p on 23 June. As there has been only vague information available from the event organiser, ACF will primarily treat this an opportunity to establish a relationship with the police in attendance. **Action: DC, GC, JS, and DW**

5. Any Other Business

CWSS (Cycling, Walking, Safer Streets) – The time to submit ideas to the council is soon. ACF will solicit ideas from the membership. DW suggested asking members for ‘problem junctions’ in order to focus on one concrete aspect of needed cycle provision improvement. DC will email Graeme McKenzie regarding this proposal and JS will send an email to members with this request.

Action: DC and JS

Potholes/Dropped Metal Access Hatches – JT asked about problems with potholes, etc in cycle lanes, particularly near Peterculter. ‘Fill That Hole’ a reporting method implemented by the CTC was suggested.

CTC Right to Ride – Louise Napier has been informed that JT is the Right to Ride Officer.

6. Next Meeting – Tuesday 26th June 2012