

ABERDEEN CYCLE FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Townhouse, Tuesday, 24 APRIL 2012, 19:30hours

The normal ACF monthly meeting followed on from the AGM which took place earlier at 18:45hours

Present:

Derek Williams (DW), Richard Pelling (RP), Gavin Clark (GC), Clare Roberts (CR), Marcus Linkleman (ML), Rahda Kessar (RK), Gerard Vlar (GV), Sheila Townsend (ST), John Townsend (JT), Neil Fraser (NF), Fiona Fraser (FF), Dave Cheseldine (DC)

1. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

Cycling provision for schools – the issue of cycle parking at Harlaw Academy and the recommendation of the head teacher (that cycling in the area of the school is not safe) was raised once more – no action.

Cycling Proficiency is not available at Cove primary school – Cycle Scotland is trying to fill the gap left by the police in 2010. Aberdeen Cycle trainers are also trying to help.

Greenbrae Primary (Bridge of Don) has been proactive in supporting cycling, identifying safe routes to school and cycling proficiency. The school is the core of a cycle demonstration project funded by Nestrans.

Railway Station Cycle parking – numerous requests over the years have led to at last to some more stands being installed. But they are in a poor location. It would be good to have them relocated to the location prior to the Union Square Development. **Action: DC**

Cyclefest – Alford Transport Museum, Sunday 27th May – ACF will have a stand, (pull-ups, leaflets, maps etc from Louise or Nestrans) – **Action, GC to co-ordinate**

New Morrisons Store on Lang Stracht – the new junction for this store will remove a section of cycle lane and has a left filter lane, with the risk that vehicles will cut across cyclists to access the lane. Roads have designed in a short section of shared path to avoid the left filter. Our view is that cyclists will not use this as it is inconvenient and involves waiting for two phases of a toucan crossing. This design is not compliant with 'Cycling by Design' but has nevertheless been approved by committee. ACF are unhappy with this position as it is considered that this change is detrimental to cyclists compared to the existing provision. The on road cycle lane should be continued up to the junction. ACF may choose to challenge the advice given by officers to the committee. It is believed that Tesco will be challenging the local development plan because of this development – **Action, DW/ RP to investigate**

2. Bike Week 16-24th June

Commuter challenge will not be run this year. Free Cycle training from Aberdeen Cycle Trainers. SURF (Sustainable Urban Fringes) ride is believed to be in that week – group ride from Bridge of Balgownie out to the back of Dyce. Try Cycling will be organising a Bike Week version of their normal Sunday ride. Does beCyCle have anything planned for bike week? One of the CTC morning runs is intended to go to beCyCle but this will most likely not be in bike week. Does Don Kent/Nestrans have any plans for Bike Week? – **Action, DC to check** .

3. Sustrans Funding

Try to encourage ACC to bid for Sustrans funding (match funding). Suggest this for upgrade of the Deeside Line, Route along the Dee, Culter-Cults. **Action: DW**

4. Cycle Count

Suggested dates for Cycle count are 8th, 9th, and 10th May although Monday 7th is a holiday.

5. Newsletter

Articles are requested for the next newsletter.

6. AOB

Pedal-on-Parliament, a group from Aberdeen are intending to cycle down to Edinburgh and join the Pedal-on-Parliament action to encourage the Scottish Parliament to increase funding for cycling.

7. Next Meeting – Tuesday 29th May 2012