

# Aberdeen Cycle Forum

## Minutes of meeting

**Townhouse, Broad St, Aberdeen, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

Attending: Jyll Skinner (Chair) (JS), Sheila Tuckwood (ST), John Tuckwood (JT), Liz Lindsey (LL), Gavin Clark (GC), Ian Mitchell (IM), Bob Pringle (BP), Kris Howard (KH), Tegwen Northam (TN)

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### **1 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

Roundabouts. JS is still trying to fix a date to meet with Joanna Murray (ACC Infrastructure strategy & programmes). There had been some suggestion (from ACC) that this should become a regular event, but actually confirming a date was taking a very, very long time.

Westhill cycle path. The petition has now been submitted to ACC's new petitions committee. They are currently checking that it is valid (needs to have 250 signatures which can be verified as on the electoral register for Aberdeen City). The first actual meeting of the Committee is expected to be in April. Even then, it's not clear what powers the Committee will have or the outcome would be.

Triple Kirks. DW advises there has been no further response from the developer (Dandara). Our options seem to be either to escalate this politically (such as by writing to the Transport Minister), or to try and get the press to pick up on it, possibly tied to some other story or some other topic related to the development.

Cycle parking (suggested locations). JS and GC have some suggestions which have been sent in from the membership. These will be collated and passed to relevant officials at ACC.

Cooperation between bike clubs / organisations – outstanding.

### **2. Draft Response to Local Development Plan / Main Issues Report**

JS tabled a draft which she has prepared. DW has commented. Others are free to make suggestions or comments up until the deadline for submission (24 March). TN asked if we can suggest that a target (for proportion of journeys made by bike) could be included.

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### **3. Cycle Safety Leaflet**

There had been some comments after this was put on Facebook, and a few more suggestions were made. BP is to consider these and may re-draft some of the text. JS is to ask Louise Napier at ACC about the possibility of any funding for publication. It was felt that for ACF to endorse it and have its logo shown it would probably be necessary to include a short disclaimer. It would probably be too slow and complex to ask ACC to endorse it.

### **4. LOAF representation**

DW has been ACF's rep on the Local Outdoor Access Forum for a couple of years but is now standing down. Having representation at the LOAF has been important in the past and has brought some real benefits such as the extension of tarmac surfacing on the Deeside Way. There are usually 4 meetings per year, and the next is 6<sup>th</sup> May. Any volunteers to take on this role?

### **5. Triple Kirks**

Dealt with under matters arising, above.

### **6. AOBs**

- i) Pedal on Parliament this year will be on 26<sup>th</sup> April. There was also a discussion about the merits of a local (i.e. Aberdeen) 'protest' ride.
- ii) Closure of NCN 1 at Muggiemoss Rd. It seems that the road closure will be for traffic but that it will be passable for cyclists (or at least pedestrians) at all times. JS will watch out for updates.
- iii) IM had attended a MUSIC (Mitigation in Urban areas: Solutions for Innovative Cities) event. They are considering various initiatives for involving people in decision making, such as use of social media & featuring weekly topics or even live interactive sessions.
- iv) BP made some comments around the relative low profile of ACF and its degree of influence.
- v) TN suggested some improvements for the way we use Facebook, including sending out the date of each meeting as an 'event'.

### **7. Date of next meeting.**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. It is hoped (but still to be confirmed) that the Police will attend for the postponed Q&A. If so the start time will be brought forward to 1900hrs. See website for up to date info on this nearer the time.

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