

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of Meeting – Tuesday 19th January 2010

Committee Room 5 at the Townhouse

Present

DW Derek Williams DC Dave Cheseldine ML Markus Linckelmann LN Louise Napier
FF Fiona Frase NF Neil Fraser RK Rhada Kessar HB Hamish Booth
CG Carl Gerrard GM Gail McMillan

Apologies

GV Gerard Vlaar LP Liz Pirrie DL Dave Lindsey LL Liz Lindsey

1 Minutes and Matters Arising

Local Development Plan –DW has submitted

CWSS meeting with ACC. CG has chased Dough Richie and Graeme McKenzie to no avail, he will continue to do so.

NESTRANS – discussed and agreed we need to keep our eye on the ball. If the plans are going before ACC for funding in March we need to know what the plans are before we lobby for it. Whilst we are now well tied into the “awareness” arm on Nestrans (Don Kent) we do not have the info in the policy sections. **ACTION** DC volunteered to contact Derick Murray to find out what’s on the list.

Scottish Government Active Travel Consultation – CG and DW completed, it can now be viewed on the government website, note ACC’s response is also on the same page:
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/ticc/inquiries/ActiveTravelResponses.htm>

Awards – only three nominations so we quietly dropped it.

2 Cycle Map Changes

LN presented the list that was compiled by DL,GC and DW before Christmas, this totals some 60 changes, current quote from the publishers only allows 50. DW has been in contact with Union Square who may be prepared to pay for more in exchange for their logo on it. Discussed and agreed we should try for it.

ACTION : LN to contact publisher to get revised quote

ACTION : DW to continue discussions with U-square

3 Cycle to work Scheme at Aberdeen City Council

GV wrote to Sue Bruce (chief exec ACC) – why is the council not in a cycle to work scheme? Good news is a scheme has now been approved in December, for both bike-to-work and bus season tickets. ACC is currently tendering for a provider of the scheme.

Noted the ACC bike-to-work scheme is only open for new entrants for a few weeks per year, in common with many, but not all, employers.

Aim to have running by bike week.

AOB NCR1 has been approved by Sustrans.

4 Look Ahead & Themes for 2010

Discussion resulted in the following list of events that ACF may or may not participate in, post meeting research shows the dates below. If you are aware of other dates / significant events, please email web @ aberdeencycleforum.org.uk

<u>Event</u>	<u>Dates and Comments</u>
Bike Week	19 – 27 th June
Highland Games & Eco City	Sunday 20 th June - 50 th anniversary of the games (first weekend of Bike Week)
LOAF Meetings	Not Known
Cycle Count	Proposed 21-22 April (Wed/Thurs)
Tennants Forum	Expected September – exact date TBC, we have had a stall before
End Financial Year	5 April – to Lobby ACF to get the CWSS spending finished!
Nestrans Budget to ACC	April – exact date TBD depending on committee timetable
Bon Accord BR	May – Exact Date TBC, last year we did some joint publicity with them
Gt Inverurie BR	TBC (between May and June) – will we have team ACF this year? http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/recreation/events/gibr.asp

Looking forward to 2010 activities – a number of themes appeared

1 – Given the current ACC financial position and the general economic climate work on infrastructure will be difficult.

2 – We should revisit the constitutional question (i.e. have one)

3 – Building relations with the Taxi Drivers, is it an issue for cyclists, what can we do about it?

4 - Compliance with the 20mph limit in the city center

5 – New Blood, we really need some new people at meetings and to get more involved.

5 Newsletter

FF is still awaiting results from the earlier promises, CG volunteered a small piece on the web and twitter. DW a piece on “write to your councillor”

5 AOB

Deeside Line HB reported the Deeside line had been blocked by a landowner in Aboyne by planting trees on it. The Shire council access officer is involved.

Deeside Line (again) CG reported the bridge over west Cults road is now complete

Email and Twitter current numbers are:

- Main Mailing List 489 members
- Twitter 24 Followers <http://www.twitter.com/aberdeenCF>

General discussion followed on why people twitter – but agreed if it is in use we should try it. Who do we follow?

- SPOKES (Lothian Cycling Campaign)
- CTC
- Aberdeen Skirts and Spokes
- BeCycle

Potholes the situation is dire, CG to do an email reminder to all on how to report them – see

www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/pothole

Agenda - Next agenda to have the more friendly reminder to get involved.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Tuesday 23rd February 19:30hrs