

Aberdeen Cycle Forum
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday 28th July 2009, Town House

Present

DL Dave Lindsey NF Neil Fraser KH Kris Howard LL Liz Lindsey
DC Dave Cheseldine

Apologies

CG Carl Gerrard ML Markus Linkelman RK Rahda Kessar GM Gail McMillan
FF Fiona Fraser LP Liz Pirie DW Derek Williams

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Police and Road Safety: New electronic variable message signs seen by several people - KH on Wellington Road, near Craiginches, NF on Great Northern Road, DL & LL on the Langstracht at Anderson Drive – but no photos yet. **ACTION : ALL**

Bike Week: No information about whether the Commuter Challenge draw had been made (CG & DW not present).

Post Meeting Note – Draw has been made at Nestrans, winner has been contacted

DL had written to thank Dallas King, the Manager at the Belmont, for hosting the Film Night.

GV not present so no information about whether he had written to Sue Bruce, the Chief Executive re the 'Bike to Work' at ACC. **ACTION : GV**

Cycling Scotland CAPS: DL still to write to Nicol Stephen. **ACTION : DL**

CWSS for 2009/10: CG, DW & DL met with Doug Ritchie
There will be around £67.5k for cycling from the £350k pot. £30k of this is for cycle lanes through traffic islands (this will allow about 12 islands to be treated). ACF to supply suggested islands (initial list sent). Long list of cycle schemes put forward by ACF network discussed – ACF to further identify priorities from these. **ACTION : CG**

Note re "Good Practice" on Deeside Line not yet circulated to email list.
ACTION : CG

No feedback as yet from Council on A96 cycle route

Green Times: DW had sent out an email request for shortish items on "everyday" cycling. LL has submitted one, and DC is about to.

Anderson Drive cycle route: DW & DL to ride/walk the route with ACC trainee planners the following day, 29 July. Meeting at Asda, Bridge of Dee, and doing whole length to Haudigan

2 Cycle Parking

City Centre DC had been informed by Graeme McKenzie that 15 new stands were in place on Union Street, Chapel Street and Holburn Street. DC provided a map showing their positions. KH was doubtful whether those outside Somerfield were in place. **ACTION** ; KH to check.

Generally thought that stands in pairs are not obvious enough, and clusters are needed. Graham McKenzie is looking at the possibility of several at the Edward VII statue, where there should be plenty of room. There are also four new ones at the Art Gallery/RGU area.

Station DC reported little progress, except that Scot Rail had at last informed him as to why they cannot erect stands – because they only own 2 ft in front of the station, and the rest is owned by the Centre developers. The developers have only put 5 stands in front of the city square. There should be better signage to those in the College Street parking area. Other stations such as Dyce and Laurencekirk have good cycle parking facilities. More pressure needs to be applied to Scot Rail. **ACTION** : DL to contact other RtoR reps around the country to get more information about facilities at other stations.

4 Evening Express item on cycle lanes in Bridge of Don and follow-up responses

No one present knew anything further about this.

5 Consultations and Responses

Westhill Cycle Way DW & DL had a meeting with Graeme McKenzie & Colin Burnet earlier in the day. With larger numbers expected to use it, safety is a

priority. Planned developments:

improving the section linking into Westhill (bollards instead of gate, & surface improvement);

improving sight lines at junctions, gate house and vet practice;

widening path in some areas by moving the dyke back, and removing overhanging trees;

improving the section past the garage – formalizing its use, increasing its size, and improving the exit;

toucan crossing at Kingswells roundabout which will be linked with newer 'intelligent' lights at the roundabout.

Lights at Lang Stracht turn-off still not functioning (electrical supply not forthcoming).

6 AOB

None

Next Meeting – Tuesday 25 August