



CYCLE FORUM

MINUTE

Tuesday, 25th May 2004, Committee Room 5, Town House.

Present:

Dave Lindsey, CTC, Right to Ride Officer (Chair)
 Derek Williams, CTC
 Jackie Wilkins, CTC
 Gregor McAbery, Environmental Forum
 Sonia Element, BP
 Maureen Young, CTC
 Adan Realey, Conocophillips
 Ian Inglis
 Majorie Inglis
 Warren Murphy, Aberdeen City Council (Minute taker)

Apologies:

Jeremy Rushton, Friends of the Earth
 Louise Napier, Aberdeen City Council
 Dave Tulett, Marine Lab
 Kris Howard, CTC
 Councillor Martin Greig

Item	Action By
<p>1. Welcome...</p> <p>...especially to Ian, Majorie and Adan who had not been before.</p>	
<p>2. Minute of Last Meeting (27/04/04) and Matters Arising</p> <p><i>Aberdeen Cycle Map</i> On track to be available during Bike Week. The second proof of the map would be available for checking on Thursday 27th May. Everyone was welcome to come to St Nicholas House after 4.30pm to help with the checking process.</p> <p>Sonia confirmed that BP's financial contribution will be forthcoming and that the BP logo should be printed on the map.</p> <p>Adan said that ConocoPhillips could well provide a contribution to future versions of the map.</p> <p><i>Green City Funday event</i> There was some confusion as to whether or not a bike power generator had been ordered to be situated next to the Cycle Forum stand. WM to check with Belinda Miller.</p> <p>More people were required to help man the Cycle Forum stall at the event on 29th May. LN to email round the Forum and CTC/BUG members to be contacted.</p> <p><i>City Centre pedestrianisation</i> Forum had been invited to a presentation of the Council's pedestrianisation proposals and had been invited to put in a formal written response to the proposals by the end of July.</p> <p>DW encouraged anyone and everyone to comment on the proposals since the Council appears to put great store by the volume of comments it receives.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>WM</p> <p>LN</p>

LN to circulate dates of the Council’s pedestrianisation consultation sessions.	LN
<p>3. Arrangements for Bike Week (12th June – 20th June)</p> <p>Three events now being planned – a tie-in with the CTC’s Discovery Run on the Sunday; the Chief Executive’s Challenge on the Wednesday and launch of the cycle map at a Bike Breakfast on the Friday.</p> <p>JW urged all members to keep encouraging their chief executives and other high-ranking people to take part in the Challenge on Wednesday 16th June.</p> <p>A draft press release was due to go out later in the week and David Ewan of the Evening Express was hoping to use it with a relevant photograph.</p> <p>Now that it was more certain that the cycle map would be ready for Bike Week, a Bike Breakfast was to be organised during which the map would be launched. Jeremy Rushton had contacted Councillor Martin Greig who was willing to do the launch. Ian, Sonia, Louise and Warren were to meet to discuss arrangements for the Bike Breakfast. It was important to invite the map sponsors along.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>JW/GM</p> <p>II, SE, LN, WM</p>
<p>4. Website</p> <p>The Forum had registered a domain name – www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk - at a cost of £6.75 for 2 years. It was suggested that there ought to be some content in place by the time of the map launch since the map will contain the web address. If necessary this could say that the website is under development. An email contact needed to be provided although this could be as a link through the website.</p>	
<p>5. Green Route to Hazelhead</p> <p>Councillor Greig had written to the Forum asking for views about a ‘green’ link between Ashley ward and Hazelhead. DL and DT had provided a written response.</p> <p>To move the issue forward it was suggested that DL and DT contact the Councillor to discuss the concept. It may be that an officer in Environment and Infrastructure Services is already involved in looking at the issue and this could be clarified with Councillor Greig. (<i>nb. Alternatively, the Council’s Access Officer is Rachel Sharp – telephone 523316 – ed.</i>)</p>	DL/DT
<p>6. Raising ACF profile with Councillors</p> <p>DW explained that just £21,500 of the Council’s £340,000 ‘Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets’ budget had been allocated to cycling. Whilst officer recommendations had been passed by the Councillors, at the meeting Councillor Delaney had commented on the need to consult with Cycle Forum about future measures. He was keen that appropriate measures be developed and that schemes like the Dyce Drive cycle path be avoided in future.</p> <p>DW went onto say that Councillor Yuill – convenor of the important Environment and Infrastructure Committee – wanted to meet with Forum representatives and council officials.</p> <p>These things were taken as very positive steps in terms of raising the profile of the Forum.</p> <p>The discussion moved onto press relations. LN to put ‘Dealing with Press’ on the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>LN</p>
<p>7. Cycle Parking</p>	

<p>It was felt that Aberdeen didn't have enough cycle parking, that the facilities provided were not well signed and that new developments should be required to provide parking.</p> <p>It was suggested that a sub-group needs to look at the issues. JW was to prepare an email asking for people to form the sub-group. WM/LN could provide the Council's input to the review.</p>	<p>JW</p>
<p>8. AOB</p> <p><i>Third Don Crossing</i> WM intimated that officers working on designs for the Third Don Crossing want to discuss cycle provision as part of the scheme. SE volunteered to meet with the officers, and LN to be asked to email other members of Forum to see who else would like to attend.</p> <p><i>Wellington Road dualling</i> Wellington Road is to be widened between the Charleston Interchange (A90 junction) and the Burger King roundabout. Again, officers would like to discuss cycle provision. LN to be asked to email members of Forum to see who could attend, particularly if anyone from Shell would be willing.</p> <p><i>Union Square – Guild Street redevelopment</i> DW had asked Joanna Beveridge for a copy of the development proposals to see what cycling provision there would be. A small sub-group may be required to be set up to look at the plans.</p> <p><i>Cycle access as part of the Western Peripheral Route</i> In relation to previous discussions at Forum - GM reported that the Aberdeen Access Advisory Group is to discuss the fact that cyclepaths are not included as part of the Dee and Don river crossings.</p>	<p>LN/SE</p> <p>LN</p>
<p>9. Next meeting</p> <p>The next Cycle Forum meeting will be on Tuesday 29th June, 7.30p.m. in Committee Room 5 in the Town House.</p>	