

Aberdeen Cycle Forum - Minutes of Meeting Committee Room 5 at the Townhouse Tuesday 25th August 2009

Present

CG Carl Gerrard GM Gail McMillan LL Liz Lindsey DL Dave Lindsey
KH Kris Howard

Apologies

DW Derek Williams LP Liz Pirrie DC Dave Cheseldine

0 Commuter Challenge Winner

The prize was presented to winner Tim Griffin before the meeting by CG, photos taken and press release sent to P&J, EE and BBC Online

Post meeting note – P&J contacted CG for more details and interview with Tim, this was supplied but as far as we know story was not run.

1 Minutes and Matters arising

VMS signs – thanks to KH for getting photograph for the web, **ACTION:** CG to update article

Post meeting note – now completed see:

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=91>

Our response to C(r)APS by Cycling Scotland - DL has written to Nichol Steven MSP. and has received an acknowledgement.

CAPS formal consultation, Aberdeen City Council and Nestrans have both responded, responses were available at the meeting, both share the common theme the target of 10% is laudable – but there is no cash to back up the promises.

Deeside Way, Dogs, Walkers and Cyclists – CG confirmed note had been circulated, has also spoken to LN. Within the city council the question has been asked as to why this is not been an issue in earlier years, general conclusion is traffic has not been as heavy. Agreed to keep a close eye on the situation.

Green Times - LL has been contacted over her submission, and agreed it can be used – publication, as an insert in the *Citizen*, is expected in next couple of weeks.

Post Meeting Note – was published on Thursday 3rd September, anyone not receiving the citizen can see an online copy here:

http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/communityadvice/sl_environment/cma_yourenviron_greentimes.asp

Note it's not LL in the Photo!

Anderson Drive “dual use pavement” study – ride through has been completed by DW, DL and 2 trainees from ACC's planning department – a number of good options exist.

Cycle Parking – the ones near Somerfield do indeed exist

Rail Station Bike Parking – DL has contacted CTC RtR, response expected at next meeting.

2 – Berryden Consultation

Discussed, but due to limited numbers present, and lack of knowledge of the area of those who were, agreed to defer any decision to September Meeting, which is still within consultation timeframe, general points:

- It's less than optimal, and has circa 1960's design about it
- If we object can we really influence it that much – is it really going to stop it?
- Are we better putting our limited resource into the detailed design stage?
- It's really about more than cycling – is there any other group planning to object e.g. community councils?

3 - Commuter Challenge 2010

DW's proposal for CTC to run a workplace commuter challenge (i.e. firms compete) was well received. Agreed we should support as an alternative to our "own format" challenge if it happens. In DW's absence further details were not available.

DL also asked for the raw data of the 2009 challenge (minus personal details) to allow further analysis **ACTION:** CG

4 – ASDA's Pedal Power

LL reported she had had contact with ASDA, Andy Bond (Chief Executive of ASDA) is cycling Lands end-John O'Groats in support of Charity Pedal-Power, which is planning to set up 300 bike clubs across the UK. The tour stops in Bridge of Dee in Aberdeen. ACF is welcome to have a stall – Agreed we should do this LL, DL and DW are all available.

Post Meeting Note – excellent showing, see:

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=92>
for link to videos etc on Pedal Power Blog.

5 - Friends and Partners Updates

BeCycle, CG has recently heard from Becycle – they have put 150 bikes on the road and are currently receiving them at the rate of 5 per week. Currently looking for bigger premises within the university.

Aberdeen Cycle Trainers. Now live on the web, approx £12/person per based on £60 for 5 people. See: <http://www.aberdeencyclertrainers.co.uk/>

6 Tenants Open Day Morning

Discussed and agreed that given we are doing the ASDA one, and very short of time we will not do it this year.

7 AOB

LN has contacted CG, she is trying to initiate a study into "cycling neighbourhoods" (think cycling towns) but smaller and is looking for someone to discuss with - GM offered.

Also from LN: Deeside Line – Bridge over West Cults Road , work will start November, path closed but diversions will be in place **ACTION** : DL to contact CTC who are regular users

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Tuesday 29th September

This will be ACF's 6th Birthday – further details to follow of social event before the meeting