

# Aberdeen Cycle Forum

## Minutes of Meeting

**Townhouse, Tuesday 26 March 2013,  
19:30hours**

### **Present:**

Gavin Clark (GC), Laura Fruhen (LF), Euan Innes (EI), Liz Lindsey (LL), Ian Mitchell (IM), Jeremy Pye (JP), Jyll Skinner (JS), Radek Tschirch (RT), Derek Williams (DW)

### **Apologies:**

Fiona Fraser, Neil Fraser, Radek Tschirch, Gerard Vlaar

## **1. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising**

**First Bus** – Advantageous to continue in dialogue with First. JS to stay in touch with Norman Wood and to arrange blind spot photo now that weather has improved.

**Action: JS to open dialogue with Stagecoach similar to previous interaction with First.**

**POP** – Pedal on Parliament's date has changed to May 19<sup>th</sup>, a Sunday.

**Action: JS to contact organisers about start time and email ACF members.**

**Station Cycle Parking** – GC contacted Scotrail, but via a Spokes contact is informed that all previous correspondence has been ignored.

**Action: GC to continue follow up.**

**Meeting with planners** – DW is waiting for a date to be set for a future meeting.

**Action: DW to continue to follow up with Ross Thomson.**

**QCCs** – IM, DW, and Stewart MacIlroy surveyed the Westhill route, report forthcoming. JP surveyed the Duthie Park to Altens

route, report circulated. Radek Tschirch surveyed King St, report circulated.

Once more Quality Cycle Corridors/Quiet Cycle Corridors are surveyed and reported on, the routes will be made available to the general membership/public via the website for priority gathering before moving to presentation to representatives of the ACC.

**Action: LF to survey University of Aberdeen to Foresterhill, JP to survey Duthie Park to Altens via Shell path, IM to develop standard format for reports, GC to review the Duthie to Altens route, JS to review the King St. route.**

**Winterising/Gritting** – Ross Thomson sent the replies to the gritting email.

**Action: JS to contact Ross Thomson about progress on inclusion of cycle routes and to share information about Edinburgh's off street gritting.**

## **2. Updates: Guild St./Market St., Westhill Path at Prime 4**

Claire Roberts and DW met with Ross Thomson and the council officer responsible for the consultation before the Guild St./Market St. closure was made permanent. Two options were discussed for cycle access to Guild St. from Virginia St.

1) Convert Virginia St. pedestrian crossing to a Toucan crossing which would link to the Ship Row cycle route.

2) Change closed lane for continuing access from Virginia St. onto Guild St. into a cycle only lane with a demand response signal. Cyclists would have press button access to include bicycle crossing section into the junction signal cycle.

**Action: DW to stay in touch with Donald Kinnear about timeline.**

The condition of the ACF complaint regarding the narrow section of cycle path near the Prime 4 development continues to be the same. ACF will continue to work for widening of the path at this pinch point.

**Action: DW will draft a press release to be accompanied by a photo of cyclists in action at the pinch point by JS. JS will email ACF members about a possible photo opportunity with a larger gathering after the press release is published.**

## **3. Roundabouts**

There is a suggestion of a meeting at the end of May to tie in with internal planning meetings. LL, GC, IM, DW, and JS interested in attending.

**Action: DW to set meeting date/time with ACC. ACF should decide which roundabouts are priorities ahead of the meeting.**

#### **4. NESTrans funding**

ACF received the list of areas funded via Joanna Murray. The list was circulated.

**Action: DW to follow up.**

#### **5. AGM**

ACF's Annual General Meeting will take place immediately before the April Forum. DW has expressed an interest in stepping down from the chair.

**Action: JS to email members asking for nominations for all roles two weeks prior to the AGM date. Ross Thomson will be asked to speak briefly after the AGM.**

#### **6. ACF Newsletter**

FF requests articles for the next newsletter, with an emphasis on positive news.

**Action: JS to ask for publishing deadline.**

#### **7. AOB**

**Maidencraig Consultation** – Plan currently submitted essentially the same as the master plan.

**Action: EI and IM to resubmit comments to the current plan**

**Positive Cycle Coverage** – Congratulation to EI for coverage in the Evening Express of a letter encouraging Aberdeen towards better cycle access.

**Options for bridges over the River Dee** – Options available on the ACC website. Search for 'Brig o Dee'.

**Bikeability Meeting** – Next meeting date to be set soon.  
[Update: meeting set for 22 April at 14:00]

#### **8. Next Meeting – Tuesday, 30 April 2013, 19:00 hours (AGM)**