

**Aberdeen Cycle Forum
Minutes of AGM & meeting
Townhouse, Broad St, Aberdeen, Tuesday 30 April 2013**

Attending: Cllr Ross Thomson, Derek Williams (DW), Jyll Skinner (JS), Clare Roberts, Gavin Clark (GC), John Brady, Laura Fruhen, Radek Tschirch, Tom Skinner, Marjorie Inglis, John Sands, Liz Lindsey (LL), Sheila Tuckwood, John Tuckwood, Euan Innes (EI).

Proceedings of the AGM.

Reports of the year past were given by DW, then by JS and CR. DW then stood down as Chair and the process of electing new officials was handled by LL. The following were elected unopposed.

Jyll Skinner - Chair

Gavin Clark - Secretary

Claire Roberts –Treasurer

LL gave thanks to DW for his exceptional contribution as Chair over the 10 years of ACF. It was then proposed that DW be appointed as Vice-chair which he accepted.

Talk by Cllr Ross Thomson.

Cllr Thomson described the process whereby he had become ACC's first Cycle Champion, as a result of ACF's Manifesto at the time of the May 2012 elections. He then spoke about a number of pertinent issues and how ACF can maximise its influence and impact.

0 Apologies had been received from Fiona (FF) & Neil Fraser, Carl Gerrard, Ian Mitchell, Gerard Vlaar

1 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

First Bus – JS had met them again and the idea of posters is being considered. **Action: JS to continue to liaise with First Bus**

Pedal on Parliament – this is now confirmed as Sunday 19th May, and will leave the Meadows at 1300hrs

Rail station cycle parking – GC had at last had a reply from ScotRail, but they were still citing unspecified security concerns as the reason why cycle parking could not be installed anywhere on the concourse.

Meeting with planners (Don crossing) of the dates which had been circulated, 9th May appeared to be the most suitable.

Quality Cycle Corridors – it was proposed to hold a separate meeting to review progress and look at the practicalities of mapping using Bing. **Action DW, JS to meet with Ian Mitchell**

Gritting – Cllr Thomson had pursued this with officials who were currently investigating, including what happens in other cities, and will report back to him in due course.

Guild St / Market St junction – ACF had proposed an on-demand phase to the traffic lights and officials had said they would consider this. However when

chased by DW they gave a negative response. DW has asked them to justify their decision and a further response is awaited. **Action: DW to report back in due course.**

Prime 4 development (Westhill cycle path) Cllr Thomson had suggested a contact which is worth pursuing before escalating the matter to a 'campaign'.

Action: DW to follow up.

Roundabouts – JS is awaiting a date for a meeting with officials (Louise Napier & Doug Ritchie). **Action: JS to finalise meeting date.**

Dyce Station cycle paths – a query had been received over use of Nestrans funding because paths are in poor condition and subject to flooding in places.

Action: JS to contact Joanna Murray

Newsletter – FF has not set a deadline and welcomes any submissions, especially ones in a positive vein. **Action: All to submit happy articles to FF**

Bikeability – a further meeting is planned for July. City Wardens are now trained and the role of the group is to encourage ACC to do more. More volunteers are needed and one idea put forward was for senior pupils undertaking DoE to assist as part of their volunteering / community service.

2. Cycle count. This is now proposed for 14, 15, 16 May although the timing may not be ideal because of students being between lectures & exams. It has also been commented that a significant number of regular commuters will be finished their journey by the start time of 0730. **Action: DW to coordinate the count.**

3. Meeting with Planners. Dealt with at 1 above.

4. City centre proposals. It has been noted that some large projects may be coming forward and we need to ensure cycling interests are not prejudiced by pedestrianisation or traffic diversions. Watching brief meantime. The same would apply at Haudagain in due course, and there is a further large office development proposed towards Westhill at the site of the Veterinary hospital.

5. Consultations & applications. Responses have been submitted recently in connection with several schemes: Grandholm Masterplan, Cornhill former hospital site. Maidencraig detailed plans now coming forward and EI would check if the comments made in relation to the masterplan had been taken onboard. **Action: EI to check Maidencraig detailed plans.**

6. Ellon Rd / Parkway plans JS had met with officials and the consultant producing the design. The intention is to have a shared use path from Bridge of Don to the AECC. There are also plans for the Parkway which are more promising.

7. AOBs: the process for pulling together the ideas for QCCs were discussed.