



CYCLE FORUM

DRAFT MINUTE

Tuesday, 29th November 2005, Committee Room 2, Town House.

Present:

DL Dave Lindsey, CTC, Right to Ride Officer (Chair)
 JR Jeremy Rushton, Friends of the Earth
 LN Louise Napier, Aberdeen City Council
 DW Derek Williams, CTC
 SW Sarah Wingrove, Shell
 FF Fiona Fraser
 NF Neil Fraser
 MI Marjory Inglis
 II Ian Inglis
 GM Gregor McAbery
 DC Dave Cheseldine

Apologies: Carl Gerrard, Cllr Greig, Gerard Vlaar, Mark O'Connor, Sonia Element, Jackie Wilkins.

Item	Action By
<p>1. Welcome & Apologies</p> <p>DL welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from Carl Gerrard, Cllr Greig, Gerard Vlaar, Mark O'Connor, Sonia Element, Jackie Wilkins.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes Last Meeting (25/10/05) and Matters Arising</p> <p><i>Website</i> DL had paid CG for the hosting.</p> <p><i>Schools Questionnaire</i> This had been to the Safer Routes to Schools Group and approved.</p>	
<p>3. Cycle Forum Newsletter</p> <p>DW anticipated that this would be email based like the Highland Cycle Campaign. LN thought that there would be the possibility that the Council could produce a couple of hundred colour copies for distribution as well. NF asked if we would want any adverts, as sponsorship for the newsletter. It was generally agreed that it was better not to do this as it could lead to complications. Articles were discussed. It was agreed that DL would do an article on oddities of the week, FF would write one on the fact that it was now legal to flash, LN to do an update on cycling infrastructure going in, GV on keeping Aberdeen Moving, DW to do an update of roads schemes and ACF responses and JR and SE to do the editing and contents.</p>	<p>DL FF, LN GV, DW JR/ SE</p>
<p>4. Detailed Designs for City Centre</p> <p>LN discussed proposed infrastructure for; advanced stop lines at Broad Street and Upper Kirkgate, Rosemount Viaduct at Union Terrace; the face of junctions at St Machar Drive; and red textureflex at the refuge islands on Springfield Road and Garthdee Road. The plans were agreed. There was also a discussion about the proposed contraflow routes around the City Centre. LN explained that these had been put forward by the Cycle Forum in 2003 – and it was only now that Aberdeen City Council had looked to try and implement them. The list had only gone out for consultation in order to kick start the process off. Concerns were raised that there needed to be a more strategic approach and a working group should be formed. SW, DW, MI/II and DL to form group. LN highlighted that no designs had been done as yet, so the Cycle Forum could put forward any suggestions and they would be looked at for adoption.</p>	<p>SW, DW, DL, MI/II</p>
<p>5. Aberdeen City Council Gritting Policy</p>	

<p>SW explained that there had been several accidents from Shell employees last week on the way to work. A lady had slipped on the Shell cycle path and had fractured her ankle in a couple of places. LN had spoken to the engineer Jim Stalker in maintenance, who had stated that all the gritters had been busy with the roads, due to the rain, and then heavy frost. Pavements and cycle paths were also given a lower priority than roads. SW felt that this was unacceptable, and agreed to write a letter to James Stalker, copying in Cllr Yuill.</p>	<p>SW</p>
<p>6. Constitution DW to contact the Aberdeen Voluntary Association for assistance and advice on the constitution.</p>	<p>DW</p>
<p>7. AOB GV discussed the pre-Local Access Forum meeting that had taken place the previous evening. There were 4 places for users and 6 people had put themselves forward (of which 2 were cyclists). Unfortunately this had split the vote. Meaning that no cyclists were in LAF. LN had discussed this with Rachel Sharp, the Access Officer. She had indicated that there would be an opportunity for the Cycle Forum / a cyclist to come onto LAF at a later date – as one of the first discussions at the LAF would be whether there was any user group missing. JR discussed the Cambridge Cycle Campaign Manifesto. They have a code of Conduct for shared paths, etc. This code states that it is up to cyclists to behave appropriately. JR thought that there should be a code of conduct, etc. developed for Union Street. He felt that this sort of publication would pre-empt any decision to omit cyclists from this area. JR to put something together.</p>	<p>JR</p>
<p>8 Next meeting The next meeting is on Tuesday, 24th January in Committee Room 5 in the Town House. Please note this is one week earlier than usual.</p>	