

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of monthly meeting

Tuesday 28th April 2020

Present: (Virtual meeting held via Zoom) Gavin Clark (chair) and Rachel Martin

Our previous meeting (7 April) by Zoom had worked well with 6 taking part. This was meant to be our AGM but as there were only two of us present we decided to postpone AGM business until next month because we need a minimum of 6 people to have a quorum. It's not clear if there was a technical or other reason why more didn't or couldn't join? Is everyone just fed up of virtual meetings already?!

Minutes of last meeting are online - https://aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/20200407_165_cf_min.pdf

Consultations

We had a look at all the consultations we've responded to over the past year. They're mostly on our website at <https://aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/consultations/>. However, there are a few missing the full response (eg., bike hire scheme) so Gavin will find the responses and send them to Rachel to put on the website.

We discussed how the Council no longer email us directly to ask for a response to many consultations and often we find out about these from members of the public. For this reason we decided to edit the bit on our website that says we're treated by the Council as a "statutory consultee" as this no longer reflects the reality. We still respond to all transport-related consultations.

Campaigns and events

The Scottish government has just announced £10 million in funding for popup infrastructure for the pandemic. Gavin to write an email for Sandra Macdonald requesting the Aberdeen City Council apply for some of this funding and offering to assist if we can.

POP launched a campaign last week for space for distancing. This seems to have been very effective if the government response is partly prompted by this campaign but perhaps they were planning it anyway. We have posted two photos of Aberdeen with the "space for distancing" overlay to Twitter and cc'd in the Aberdeen City Council. Rachel to post more this week.

Cycle count

Gavin contacted Will at the Aberdeen City Council by email about the cycle count numbers from city council sensors but hasn't had a reply. We're not sure whether city council employees are able to check their email from home. Rachel has had problems reaching schools in the city by email and one deputy head said they were unable to

access the official email account from home. We're still hoping to do our usual cycle count in September.

Next meeting May 26th.