

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of Meeting

**Townhouse, Tuesday 29 January 2013,
19:30hours**

Present:

David Cheseldine (DC), Gavin Clark (GC), Fiona Fraser (FF), Neil Fraser (NF), Euan Innes (EI), Liz Lindsey (LL), Jeremy Pye (JP), Jyll Skinner (JS), Tom Skinner (TS), Derek Williams (DW)

Apologies:

Gerard Vlaar (GV), Ian Mitchell (IM), Carl Gerrard (CG)

1. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

Roundabouts -Large number of response emails re: request for suggestions of roundabouts that need improvements. A meeting with the council/NESTRANS was cancelled due to winter weather on the 5th of December 2012. The meeting will be rescheduled for the end of February/beginning of March post Doug Ritchie's meeting with BEAR Scotland.

Action: JS to send digest of email responses to Doug Ritchie

ASLs at Tesco Woodend – ACF is waiting to hear from ACC regarding the ASLs at the junctions near Tesco Woodend. They should be installed soon following a review of the junctions.

Gritting/winterising cycle routes – ACF was advised that it was too late for any cycle routes to be placed on the gritting rota for this winter season. Many routes have been affected by ice, particularly Howes Road. An ACF member was in touch and contacted the Winter Maintenance Team. Due to the inability to effect change this season, ACF will work to have key routes gritted next season.

Action: JS to send members email requesting suggestions for routes

Pedal on Parliament – The date for POP has been set for 18 May 2013. ACF will discuss logistics of sending a delegation at a future meeting.

Union Square cycle stands – 5 new cycle stands were installed near the Guild St. entrance over the festive period. This installation further highlights the problematic stands at the railway station.

Action: GC to continue efforts in regard to station cycle stands

2. **Meeting with Planners** – GC, LL, JS, DW, and Clare Roberts met with Tom Rogers, Garfield Prentice, Doug Ritchie, and Maggie Bochel from Planning with Ross Thomson in the chair. ACF was encouraged that the meeting went ahead and that future meetings are planned. ACF would like improvement in the planning processes, particularly a process that addresses cycle infrastructure and parking.
Action: DW to stay in touch with Ross Thomson about dates for future meetings.

3. **First Bus** – First Bus is proposing handing out packets containing hi-viz jackets to cyclists as well as providing bicycle maintenance checks for students. A representative was in touch with ACF to ask if the Forum would like to assist in this project. LL asked the representative if First and ACF could begin a dialogue to improve the relationship between cyclists and bus drivers.
Action: LL and JS to meet with First

4. **AWPR cycleway** – [cf. minutes of October 2012]
GV asked to revisit the proposal to write to the AWPR planners about including a cycleway. ACF maintained, based on a lack of recent campaigning on the issue, that it would not take point position on the request. ACF will co-sign a letter first signed by CTC Grampian or CTC Scotland.

5. **Cycle safety data** – ACF has been provided with the data for collisions involving cyclists in Aberdeen. Roundabouts and T-junctions were the highest factor mentioned in the data for 2012. GC mentioned that it would be interesting to have data for 'near misses' in addition to the current statistics.

- 6. Quality Cycle Corridors** – The piece DW wrote as an overview to the QCC project were sent to Barney Crockett and Ross Thompson. In order to better outline routes that should be targeted as QCCs or QuietCCs, a separate meeting will be convened.

Action: DW will arrange a meeting to discuss QCCs

- 7. Consultations** – Hopecroft development must have comments submitted by the end of the month.
The local plan will be discussed at future meetings.
The Cycle Action Plan Scotland (CAPS) is available on the Transport Scotland website. CTC will be taking the lead on responding to CAPS. ACF will have the possibility of pointing out relevancy of CAPS to Aberdeen.

Action: TS to forward comments on Hopecroft to DW

8. AOB

Formartine Line – NF pointed out a recent report that suggested reopening the Formartine – Buchan Rail Line.

People & Planet – JP mentioned that P&P are holding a Green Awareness Week at Robert Gordon University. BeCycle is involved and JP invited interested members of ACF to participate in a group ride from RGU to Aberdeen University on 16 February at 11 am.

Action: JS to provide details to members ahead of event

Deeside Line – CG asked that it be mentioned that the improvements to the Deeside Line have not progressed. DW believes this is due to inclement weather.

Thanks - The meeting wished Dave Cheseldine well in his new job and thanked him for all his hard and successful work over many years to press the council for more cycle parking, especially in the city centre.

8. Next Meeting – Tuesday, 26th February 2013