

# Aberdeen Cycle Forum

## Minutes of Meeting

**Townhouse, Tuesday 26 February 2013,  
19:00hours**

### **Present:**

Gavin Clark (GC), Fiona Fraser (FF), Neil Fraser (NF), Liz Lindsey (LL), Ian Mitchell (IM), Jeremy Pye (JP), Tony Rafferty (TR), Clare Roberts (CR), Jyll Skinner (JS), Radek Tschirch (RT), Derek Williams (DW)

### **Apologies:**

Carl Gerrard (CG), Richard Pelling (RP)

### **-1. Presentation from First Bus**

Norman Wood and Craig Duthie from Aberdeen First Bus presented the portions of the driver training that pertains to cycling. The cyclist awareness training that they use is being used across the UK. All drivers receive an annual review. Any drivers having any collision are brought back for training that includes the cycle specific portions. All drivers' manoeuvres are recorded electronically. The main issues with bus/cyclist interaction are cyclists undertaking buses and the large blind spots that bus drivers must work around.

Any complaints about buses should report as many as possible of the following: time, fleet number, or route number.

**Action: JS to arrange photo to illustrate blind spot problem for possible publicity in conjunction with Mr. Wood**

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

#### **Pedal on Parliament**

Possible delegates will include LL, IM, JS, and TS. Will canvas interest among members to join a delegation.

**Action: JS will email members and DW will look for ACF banner**

#### **Station Cycle Parking**

GC has received nothing further from Scotrail regarding station cycle parking.

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

### **Meeting with Planners**

ACF was due for a mid-March meeting with the group including city planners and Ross Thomson. The meeting will be postponed until members of ACF can meet with Barney Crockett and Ramsay Milne.

**Action: DW to coordinate with Mr. Thomson**

### **AWPR Cycle Route**

Gerrard Vlaar has written to the Transport Minister and copied the correspondence to all NE MSPs as well as his local councillors and the provosts of Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire. The Press and Journal covered the story and there has been some support from those who received the letter.

### **Quality Cycle Corridors**

Current focus will be on the King Street corridor, the Westhill Cycle Path corridor, and the Duthie Park to Altens corridor.

**Action: CR, RT, and JS to look at King St., IM, DW, and JS to look at Westhill, and JP to look at Duthie Park to Altens. DW to arrange meeting to look at possible QCCs**

### **People and Planet Ride**

The ride has been postponed indefinitely.

**Action: JP to update with a future date if possible**

## **1. CWSS Update**

DW circulated a list via Graeme McKenzie of what has been done/what will be done with the CWSS budget. Members of ACF questioned the timeline for some of the items as well as the monetary number attached to 'Give Me Cycle Space' campaign.

**Action: DW to liaise with Mr. McKenzie about the issue arising**

## **2. Roundabouts**

Replies to the member emailing were sent to Doug Ritchie. A meeting with Mr. Ritchie has been postponed until after he meets with BEAR Scotland.

RT brought examples of international roundabout good design practice.

**Action: RT and CR to organise examples where good design can be implemented with Aberdeen roundabouts, DW to arrange the meeting with Mr. Ritchie**

**3. Gritting/Winterising**

JS circulated responses to the gritting member emailing to the Forum. As the system of progressing requests is convoluted, ACF will ask for help with the next steps from Ross Thomson.

**Action: JS will send digest and text of gritting email responses plus a request for assistance to Mr. Thomson**

**4. Guild Street/Virginia Street**

After the trial period, planning officers were asked to consult with stakeholders before deciding whether or not to make the measure permanent. ACF was not properly consulted before a meeting in January that did decide to make the measure permanent. Donald Kinnear has been contacted about the oversight.

**Action: DW will be in contact with Ross Thomson about next steps and the possibility of a formal complaint [Post meeting note: DW and CR met with Ross Thomson and Donald Kinnear on 7 March 2013]**

**5. AOB**

**Cycling Health UK**

JS mentioned a survey being conducted by Cycling Health UK. The survey makers are looking for 10k responses from people who cycle once a month or more.

**Action: JS to circulate link to the survey to ACF members**

**Morrison's' Lang Stracht**

Tesco has challenged the planning permission granted to the Morrison's' on Lang Stracht. When the reapplication is submitted it may be possible to lobby for a better junction design.

**Bike It**

IM reported that a Bike It officer will be coming up from the Central Belt to the Airyhall School. IM intends to get in contact with the Bike It officer with a view to finding out what needs to be done to get someone assigned to Aberdeen.

In support of the above, if members would like a Bike It officer assigned to their child's school/area, the following link allows them to register this request with Bike It :

- <https://survey.sustrans.org.uk/askforbikeit/>
- 6. Next Meeting – Tuesday, 26 March 2013, 19:30 hours**