

**Aberdeen Cycle Forum**  
**Minutes of Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 19:30hrs, Ma Cameron's**

Present: Gavin Clark (Chair), Liz Lindsey, John Tuckwood, Mark Norbury

**1. Welcome & Apologies.**

Apologies from Sheila Tuckwood. MN was welcomed as a new member who has recently moved to Aberdeen.

**2. Minutes from previous meeting (November) & matters arising**

Largely covered in the agenda or superseded.

JT asked about our Westhill petition and how it had come to be removed from ACC business. GC had raised this with Cllr Ross at their last meeting and would follow it up at the next one. It was noted in passing the other problems with this route now including the poor design of the crossing points at the slip roads beside the AWPR roundabout.

**3. Campaigns.**

Rachel Martin is currently promoting our design competition for King St. More entries very welcome and open to all ages & abilities. <https://kingstreet.awardsplatform.com/>

**4. Consultations**

- i) Farburn Terrace. This consultation from ACC had closed yesterday and our response had been sent. Overall it was quite a disappointing proposal with some serious issues. It was regrettable that we were sending a negative response to a proposal for new cycle infrastructure, but it was agreed we had to "tell it like it is" and there was no point in ACC spending money to build something which would be sub-standard and probably largely unused, which is often what has happened in the past.
- ii) Marywell/Cove. There is a consultation event taking place next week and hopefully some ACF members will be able to attend. There is also an on-line questionnaire which closes on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. <https://consultation.aberdeencity.gov.uk/communities-housing-and-infrastructure/marywell-to-a956-wellington-road-cycle-path/>
- iii) Schoolhill. This stakeholder consultation for a new 'public realm' relates to the space in front of the Art Gallery and Robert Gordon's College. This is currently for 'stakeholders' only and presumably there will be a further consultation open to the public in due course. GC had some hard-copy plans which were looked over. However there is also a better drawing which can be shared electronically with some members. A few problems with the design were noted and we would send a full response by the requested date of 21 February. The main problem was that the design seemed to renege on what had been set out in the City Centre Masterplan (i.e. a two-way segregated bike lane).

## **5. Engagement with ACC.**

GC had been due to meet Cllr Ross Grant today but the meeting had been cancelled and is now expected to take place in February.

## **6. Events**

- i) Pedal on Parliament. The 'model' that has been followed by PoP in recent years is being rested, so they are keen that we do an event of some sort, but no pressure for it to be of the same model or on any particular date. They are hoping to have different types of event at different times of the year across the country. Ideas and suggestions welcome.
- ii) Green Family Fun Day. Takes place at Hazlehead on Saturday 16 March. We have been invited to have a stand. Ideas and volunteers welcome.

## **7. Any other business**

- i) GC reported that he had attended another steering group meeting of Grampian Cycle Partnership on the 28<sup>th</sup> (i.e. yesterday). They have now adopted a constitution and appointed officials. They are being supported in terms of resources and Secretariat by NESTRANS. The new Chair of GCP had asked GC about attending one of our meetings to discuss approaches and how we might work together constructively, which was welcome.
- ii) LL reported from a workshop she had attended run by Jacobs, and related to the 'Regional Deal' and in particular the transport strategy. A written summary of the day was expected to be sent out soon and could be shared once received.

## **8. Date of next meeting.**

Again in an effort to appeal to a wider section of the membership we may switch the February meeting to a Sunday afternoon. Details will be on the website in due course. GC had been approached by Emma Roberts of Big Bike Revival who would like to attend a meeting and talk about their project, so that might happen in February or March.