

Aberdeen Cycle Forum Minutes of Meeting

19.30 hrs Tuesday 27th March 2007
Committee Room 5 at the Town House

Present

DC Dave Cheseldine DF Ian Inglis MI Marjorie Inglis FF Fiona Fraser
NF Neal Fraser DW Derek Williams DL Dave Lindsey GC Gavin Clark
AF Anne Fraser ML Marcus Lickerman

Apologies

JW Jackie Wilkins GV Gerard Vlaar JR Jeremy Rushton LN Louise Napier

1 Minutes of Last meeting & matters arising

3 - Gritting of key cycle paths the “winter gritting document” is agreed in August or September, there may be a need to lobby before this point or nothing will happen. Also agreed to put into the newsletter to ask people to suggest any routes for next year.

ACTION: FF/CG to ensure it goes into the newsletter...

7 Fill that hole – those that had tried it reported that it seems to take longer than reporting directly to the council. Also noted by DL the standard of pothole repair i.e. throw in some loose gravel and let it settle has not improved. CG pointed out reporting it again in such circumstances results in a better quality of repair.

7 Local Transport Strategy – noted goes to consultation in June

2 Changes in “membership”, positions vacant

JW has resigned as Co-Chair due to work pressures and a forthcoming cycling trip to the Pyrenees, in addition a vacancy for newsletter DTP Guru exists

4 Newsletter – Spring 07 edition

CG has the copy off JR, we are a couple of articles short. Agreed way forward:

ACTION : DL will write a Article on Cycling Edinburgh FF will proof / “edit” the contributions. CG will do layout,

Accepted it will not be as high quality as if JR had done it but given how long this has been running there is a need to get something out for the spring.

4 Council elections – what can we do

DW outlines draft plan of writing to local leaders of the main parties asking for their views on cycling – results to go onto the website and then publicised, timing:

Questions out this week to allow 2 weeks for responses, responses go live on website with email alert 3rd week April.

ACTION : DW

6 Stocktake: where have we got to?

6a Urban cycle trails

These have disappeared into a council black hole, however DW reported that there was the idea of an invitation to Maggie Bochell and Andrew Nesbitt to cycle some of them, and he would contact them.

6b Cycle parking

Biggest success here is the change to the planning guidance to ensure a condition is added for the provision of cycle parking in new developments

City centre – we are still waiting for the new ones, JW continues to keep hassling

Commercial – the correspondence with Kingfisher/B&Q enters it's 8th month and the current stand has fallen off the wall again. Other companies are about as receptive. Key learning is it's better to have it in a planning condition from new build!

6c Pinch points

Ongoing, see minutes last meeting. Agreed to try and get Bedford Rd included in the trial of 1.5m cycle lanes. **ACTION; DW**

6d NCR 1

ACTION : AF to report signage problem at location in Dyce to Louise (appears they have been removed)

6e Cycle lane audit

Completed - generally responses were positive, key issues Not enough cycle signage i.e. painted on the lanes. King street has a number of improvements that can be made.

ACTION : **ML** to summarise **King St issues** in “briefing note” **DW** can use with ACC

6f Bike week 2007

Dates confirmed as 16th to 23rd June (2 weekends)

LN expects to have budget to support the commuter challenge, we will assume this is the case and plan on.

Matt Eastwood at Nestrans wants to “help” but nothing concrete. Has appeared.

DL's “mini cycling film festival” discussed – seen as a good idea, we have some funds to underwrite it if necessary. It remains to see if the rights issues of “public” showing of DVD's can be handled.

ACTION: DL to progress and come back with a proposal

6g Market Street

There are some issues with the cycle lanes – like why don't they go all the way. Before responding to ACC agreed to do e-consultation in the same way we did for S. College Street to get wider feedback.

ACTION : CG to do e-consultation, forward results.

Post meeting note – done, see:

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=35>

7 Suggestions for new round of cycle measures

The “opportunity list” is running low - we need to repopulate with suggestions for ASL’s dropped kerbs etc. Agreed to do e-consultation asking for new suggestions.

ACTION: CG to do e-Consultation

8 Consultations:

8a Access from the South

ACC and NESTRANS are consulting. DW has submitted some options from ACF.

8b City centre “Master plan” workshop, Stakeholder Workshop held this Thursday

ACTION : DL to attend via CTC.

9 AOB

Try Cycling Starts on Sunday 1st April – note it starts at 10:00hrs this year, further details and posters can be downloaded from the website.

www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/trycycling

SPOKES survey of council spending on cycling discussed – noted again poor position of Aberdeen (26 out of 27!). Agreed to do press release-

Action DW to draft. And send to press

Post meeting note – done and can be seen at:

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=36>

10 Date of Next Meeting

Tue 24th April – in the Townhouse

Agenda Items To Include Treasurers Report

Apologies received from: FF/NF

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