

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of Meeting

**Townhouse, Tuesday 30 October 2012,
19:30hours**

Present:

Gavin Clark (GC), Fiona Fraser (FF), Neil Fraser (NF), Liz Lindsey (LL), Jyll Skinner (JS), Gerard Vlaar (GV)

1. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

ACF Pop-up display panels – GC has met with Louise Napier about pop-ups. 4 new pop-ups will be stored at Marischal College and the 2 still serviceable will be stored by GC on behalf of ACF at least in the medium term. LN has said that the 4 new ones are more-or-less identical replacements of the originals with some minor updates.

Meeting with Aberdeen University Student Association – Jyll met with Gordon Maloney from the AUSA as well as a representative of BeCycle. BeCycle would like to see more promotion through ACF.

Torry Grampian Circle – ACF has withdrawn the objection to the proposed one-way system.

- 2. CWSS** – DW and JS went over the list of outstanding items with Graeme McKenzie and his team. David Cheseldine joined for a discussion of the proposed changes to Justice Mill Lane. Plans for the changes were examined and two points were of concern. 1) Traffic calming/a one-way priority section is not narrow enough to conform to Cycling by Design and 2) a ban on right hand turns from Holburn (northbound) onto JML will greatly hamper cycling permeability in the city centre. The roads team agreed to look at the plans again to possibly provide right turn access.
Action: DW & JS to stay in touch with Graeme McKenzie

3. **Transport Workshop** – LL, JS, GC, and John Tuckwood had attended the council's transport workshops. This is the very early stages of their efforts to produce a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP) for the city centre. The format was for all participants to provide suggestions and then work in small groups to coalesce these into points to be included in the transport plan. Suggestions were taken on problems with the city centre, positives in the city centre, and ideas on how to resolve problems. A draft will be produced and there will be the opportunity to comment further. A transport plan should be released following this, but the date for completion of the SUMP is not fixed, but likely to be in the second half of 2013.
4. **Bikeability** – LL, JS, DW, and Liz Pirie attended a very positive meeting about Bikeability in schools with Councillors Ross Thomson and Jennifer Laing as well as Warden Paul Wilson and Louise Napier. The councillors will contact the schools, particularly those that previously did not reply, about whether Bikeability is being provided. If they are not providing the training, they will be asked why not. The council will also look into providing bikes if children do not have access to one. Paul Wilson has been put in touch with those who volunteered to help via Cycling Scotland and had not been contacted.
5. **Planning Failures** – DW compiled a list of planning failures with regard to cycling parking or access infrastructure. DW is continuing to follow up with Maggie Bochel about these failures. Ross Thomson is assisting in his cycle champion role. Any other examples of planning failures should be directed to DW.
6. **Quality Cycle Corridors** – DW has written a piece outlining what the QCC should include. This document will be taken to Barney Crockett and Ross Thomson as a next step. **Action: JS to forward as necessary**

7. **AOB**

AWPR - As the bypass has received approval, now is a prudent time to request that cycle paths be added to the project. GV will draft a letter to be sent to Transport Scotland as well as the local council. **Action: GV**

Newsletter – FF tabled the Autumn edition which is now almost completed. Any further comments or proof reading welcome

ASAP. How the newsletter will be distributed was also discussed. Depending on how many pages the final version is, FF may ask LN if some can be printed and put out to bike shops. Otherwise it will be online only, although JS also suggested it could be sent to Aberdeen Voice.

8. Next Meeting – Tuesday, 27th November 2012