

Aberdeen Cycle Forum  
Minutes of Meeting  
25<sup>th</sup> July 2006 – Committee Room 5 Townhouse

**Present**

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| DL | Dave Lindsay    | MC | Mark O'Connor  |
| DC | Dave Cheseldine | NF | Neil Fraser    |
| FF | Fiona Fraser    | JW | Jackie Wilkins |
| DW | Derek Williams  | RC | Rachel Cavill  |
| CG | Carl Gerrard    | KH | Kris Howard    |

**Apologies**

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| SW | Sarah Wingrove | JR | Jeremy Rushtron |
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**Minutes and Matters Arising**

**Bike Week** – final results were shared at this meeting, the press release was covered by the Evening Express on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> (after much encouragement by ourselves), photograph was not included.

**[Link to Online version of the EE Article “A bid to Get People on their Bikes has been hailed a Success”](#)**

**Grampian Police Road Safety Unit** – Sergeant Brown will attend August Meeting, this is scheduled to start at 19:00hrs

**ACTION** : CG to book room from 19:00hrs for August Meeting

**ACTION** : Suggestions for topics to DW by email before the meeting

**Ian Yuill (IY) Meeting**

Maggie Bochell (MB) -ACC planning officer was also present. ACF code of conduct for shared use paths was discussed and council would like to see it.

Code of conduct has been sent to MB by JW

Whilst the council can specify provision of cycling parking in new build it has limited powers to get existing developments to install it. It is felt ACF may have more success here.

**ACTION** : CG to generate e-Consultation, Cycle Parking etc. where would you like to see more (or better!) - generate a “hit list” we can use to contact owners.

Post meeting Note: e-Consultation is online:

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/?pf=ec/060729ts.php>

Cycle storage in Edinburgh Tenements – this was shared with IY and MB who want to know more.

**ACTION** : DC to get more information from Spokes / Edinburgh City Council

We have an option to give a 10min presentation on the role of ACF to the Environment and Infrastructure (E&I) committee, November is best slot, discussed and we will present

**ACTION**: DW to arrange with clerk to committee for November

**ACTION**: CG to draft presentation and circulate, this should be on what the forum does – NOT about cycling in Aberdeen.

### **3 - Feedback & Consultations**

**Westhill** has been done – by SW, this was discussed at the meeting and seen as a quality piece of work – particularly the comparison against a “quality cycle corridor”

**Aberdeenshire routes** and consultations – DL is to get in contact with Mark Haggan (CTC Right to Ride Rep, Aberdeenshire South ) over any further queries he may have.

**Pinch Points:** DW has received consultation on a number more of these – agreed that we should reiterate our previous concerns. Also agreed that we should strongly object to the principle of using traffic islands for traffic calming – such measures add to the risks cyclists face when traffic calming is supposed to protect vulnerable road users.

**ACTION:** DW to send comments to Graeme McKenzie.

### **4 Treasurers Report**

CG was paid for the £50 ACF contribution to the commuter challenge prize, currently we have funds of 973.89 given our burn rate this is seen as sufficient for the near future. Noted that web hosting of approx £30 will become due in October

### **5 AOB**

#### **“Car free in the city” / “In town without my car”**

DW has received information from Andrew Stokes (ACC) that this will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> September in Aberdeen (6-22<sup>nd</sup> September is European In town without my car week) a planning meeting is happening shortly – DW will let people know date.

**ACTION:** any suggestions on what could be done to DW

WPR “Stonehaven Spur” Consultants are drafting route for southern (Stonehaven) spur, DL attended meeting (we were invited at late notice).

Need to communicate with Jacobs Babbie – suggest letter drafted to cover the connectivity with cyclists and the need for a segregated lane the length for the spur. Although this is not in the city it was felt we should make our views known.

**ACTION:** DL – to work with Mark Hager (CTC Right to Ride) and send submission.

#### **Red Tarmac (DC)**

DC reported on a study done by Napier University indicating Cars were 5x less likely to encroach into red on road cycle lanes. This was seen as useful material for the forum in discussions on a number of areas – but we need the definitive study to be able to cite it.

**ACTION ;** DC to get hold of provide definitive references / report

#### **Getting Students on their Bike (DW)**

Student cycling in Aberdeen is lower than other Scottish cities. Getting more students on their bikes is seen as a quick win in increasing cyclists on the streets.

DW has contacted Clair Wright (Aberdeen Uni Travel Plan Coordinator. We have an option to give out cycle maps and “suggested student routes” at

**ACTION :** DL / DC and DW to follow up with Claire Wright with potential map or leaflet on the next week – needs to be done before Freshers Fair

#### **Holidays and Communications (CG)**

During JR’s holidays the “info@” email address has been redirected to CG.

During CG’s Holidays the “web@” email address will be directed to DC and e-Consultation feedback will go direct to DW

As we never seem to be able to find previous documents etc when we need them (other than those on the public areas of the website) we now have an email address:

**archive@aberdeencycleforum.org.uk**

Any "important" correspondence between meetings e.g. discussions on events etc. should be cc'd to this address. CG will ensure it is periodically archived onto the "protected" part of the website for future reference.

**Telephone Contact (CG)**

Historically Louise Napier's number has gone on the website, following her departure CG reported we now have the option of a redirectable number with fallback to an answering service that emails the message as MP3 file.

This was discussed and although we do not get that many calls it was decided to try it

Telephone number will be **0705 069 5299**

**ACTION:** CG to set up and put on website in September when JW is back as he may end up with the MP3's

**Aberdeen Citizens Panel (JW)**

The next survey of the panel will be on transport next survey is on "Transport" we can ask for questions to go on the survey –JW to progress

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 19:00hrs **NOTE EARLIER START TIME** to allow 45 mins with Grampian Police before "main meeting" starts.

Note also Sep meeting is 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of ACF – suggestions for an "event" are welcome