

Aberdeen Cycle Forum Minutes of Meeting Tue 25th May 2010 – in the Townhouse

Present

CG Carl Gerrard FF Fiona Fraser NF Neil Fraser DW Derek Williams
DC Dave Cheseldine DL Dave Lindsey II Ian Inglis MI Marjorie Inglis

Apologies

GV Gerard Vlaar

1 Minutes and Matters Arising

Meeting with Joanna Murray (JM), additional action is that we will work with Louise Napier (LN) on a list of cycle projects for further use by JM and Nestrans.

Justice Mill Lane - this is now moving to statutory consultation – expect the formal letter shortly and will object.

“**Webmaster depute**” position – Newsletter has gone out, no volunteers, next step is to do a mail shot – and if necessary and keep putting on the bottom of other news items.

If you are reading this and feel like you are a wanabee webmaster then drop us a line to web@aberdeencycleforum.org.uk

2 Treasurer.

All present thanked DL for his work from the start of ACF. Agreed given our current status of a small number of transactions per year DW (who has the chequebook and statements etc.) should hold onto them for now. Current signatories are CG,DW,DL.

3 Cycle count

After something of a false start (first Tuesday was a school holiday) count was repeated 2 weeks later – data below:

cycle count form
May-10

core sites	7.30 - 8.00	8.00 - 8.30	8.30 - 9.00	male	female	total '10	change 09- 10	total 09	total 08
Auchmill Rd	20	14	19	43	9	53	8	45	54
Deeside Line	29	25	21	67	7	75	14	61	48
George St	20	17	24	46	15	61	8	53	49
Grammar school	17	12	15	31	12	44	4	40	53
King St	21	24	29	51	22	74	-8	82	71
Nth Deeside Rd	24	20	4	38	9	48	-11	59	49
Queens Rd	20	14	10	36	8	44	-4	48	40
Shell path	37	24	14	67	8	75	2	73	73
Union St	33	36	30	79	20	99	-3	102	78
Victoria bridge	19	15	7	33	5	41	-8	49	34
Westburn Rd	16	11	13	28	12	40	-5	45	50
TOTALS				519	127(20%)	654	-3	657	599

Additional site – Stoneywood Rd = Total 50

No major gain unlike last time, but probably within statistical error – other key points, Less “serious” cyclists (i.e. lycra clad etc) , more diverse particularly higher percentage women, **DW to forward to key stakeholders in ACC Nestrans etc. CG to put on web**

4 Meeting Kate Dean (KD)

This took place just before the evenings ACF meeting – DW and FF attended. LN was also present. Key points from discussions:

- KD is not “anti-cycle” , but as ever lots of discussion on maximising traffic flows.
- AWPR is seen as universal panacea to all the cities transport problems.
- Current accident statistics discussed –
- Berryden can be amended at detailed planning stage– although this and other schemes now seems to be on “back burner” due to current funding situation.
- Nestrans is running out of cycling things to do (see comments RE JM meeting list above) .
- Nestrans has been given funding for cycling neighbourhoods, details remain unclear but more to follow, planned to tender during bike week.
- Local developments containing poor cycle planning. Supplementary guidance is being rewritten by LN, this will be circulated to DW when available

5 Common Road Fund / lack of CWSS spending / Red Tarmac.

CG has spoken to ACC – this goes back to committee on Monday, it is unlikely the SG will approve it, recommendation to councillors is to approve rest of the scheme. If they don't next committee meeting is September – as ever then too late to spend the money.

Noted that when ACC contacted Transport Scotland, they found a number of ACF members had already done so (via MSP's?) to tell Transport Scotland them to say “no”. Clearly the mailshot had some effect...

When outcome of Monday ACC meeting is known CG and DW to contact Doug Richie (DR) to discuss detailed designs that are currently being worked on

DC has been in contact with councillor Yvonne Allen who raise the concerns over the use of red tarmac. She has been asked by a constituent if it is “leagal” – DR has been instructed to find out – it is, life continues....

6 Bike Week

Commuter Challenge – CG has worked with Don Kent (DK) at Nestrans to re invigorate, has pitched to 23 companies – most likely we get three or four to join in – as well as the individual challenge. Get-About will provide the prizes, individual £250 in St Nicholas vouchers, company – the “Get-About trophy”.

LN is getting leaflets / posters developed, Nestrans has instructed “Big” to do some PR – CG will provide the details. Note the challenge can be viewed at:

www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/challenge/

Union Square event on Saturday 19th DW is setting up. Meeting next week to finalise details – can you help man a stand on Saturday 19th, contact DW.

Highland Games – at the moment we don't have enough volunteers, and it is seen as less “use” to us than the US event above **if you are reading this and want to take the lead please do so!**

7 – Constitution

After the last meeting CG had done nothing, but amazingly DW has worked up a new version. CG to check to see it reflects what was discussed then DW to circulate. Next part will be harder, working out how to “convert” the list to “members”

8 - AOB

Aberdeenshire has launched its new “No excuses” zones in Westhill and Peterhead.

Where you should be able to travel easily by bike i.e. without a car: see:

<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/transportation/NoExcuseZone.asp>

Noted the recent Sheriff’s determination RE cycle helmets:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/highlands_and_islands/8692359.stm

NEXT MEETING : Tuesday 29th June 19:30 hrs at the townhouse