

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of October 2007 Meeting

Present

NF	Neil Fraser	FF	Fiona Fraser	GC	Gavin Clark	DL	Dave Lindsey
KH	Kris Howard	CG	Carl Gerrard	CP	Caitlin Prentice	DW	Derek Williams
LN	Louise Napier	GM	Gail McMillan	ML	Marcus Linkeman		

Apologies

GV Gerard Vlaar

1 Minutes of Last meeting & Matters Arising

Finances

CG is still owed £29.75 for the web hosting charges – **ACTION DL**
(post meeting note – now paid!)

Due to JR leaving a change in signatures is required, **ACTION - DL**

Opportunity Reporting

ML passed around a template. Identification of the problem, photograph of the problem, brief explanation of the issue and possible solution. CG believed he could enable the web to upload of photos and will investigate

ACTION: LN to circulate approved list of CWSS budgets.

Bicycle Recycling Scheme

A visit to “Bike Station” in Edinburgh is planned, Communities Scotland / Aberdeen Foyer are organising. DW has offered to attend to go to visit Bike Station in Edinburgh with Communities Scotland and Aberdeen Foyer.

Police Meeting

Fixing a date has proved illusive, the officer concerned is now on leave
ACTION CG to rearrange – possibly week of 15th November

Newsletter

The editor (FF) has received one article – the chair of the meeting mentioned about delivering on promises, all those who offered have agreed to submit to FF within 2 weeks – alternatively a “name and shame” campaign will follow

ACTION : Authors to start writing!

Filmfest (Bike Week 2008)

DL is speaking to Belmont as a possible alternative venue for 2008. Also in contact with Cycling Scotland

ACTION : DL to report progress next meeting

2. Pinch Point Objection

DW and FF attended the Policy & Strategy Committee that afternoon and made a presentation to the Committee. Members were presented with three options by roads officers

- 1 – Business as usual / do nothing
- 2 – Minimum 1.5 width lane with red tarmac through the lane
- 3 – No new islands at all within the city

The Committee went for the middle ground i.e. option 2 – and agreed to put in cycle facilities at all the traffic islands around the City (including existing ones). This will then go to the Area Committees and there will be a fresh look at proposals for traffic islands.

Discussed and generally seen as a positive outcome – for the first time city council policy has changed as a result of cyclists concerns.

ACTION: CG to write a small piece for the web site

3 Cycle Parking Update

CG spoke to Transition Extreme – who have written to their architect and get stands installed.

Given the lack of progress we are making with a number of individuals decided to write a “name and shame” press release covering:

Culter Medical Practice, Hazelhead Park (City Council) and Beach Boulevard Retail Park Park.

ACTION: CG to write and circulate for comments

DC wrote to Railway Station and has not yet had a reply. Action: DC to send to CF for the file store.

4 ACF Awards 2007

Discussion on the developing of a online “ACF Awards” online to award the “good and the bad” for cycling in the city in 2007 (cheap publicity if the press will run with it) over 2007. Decided to postpone until next year.

5. Consultations and responses

Aberdeen Airport Access: ACF asked by consultants on cycle access to Airport by BAA (Airport Operators) and associated traffic congestion.

ACTION: JR to send a response regarding the current cycling facilities and more general ground transport options to the airport.

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=45>

George Street CPZ: (CPZ=Congestion Parking Zone) Generally seen as supportive as discourage car travel to the city centre. DW has replied.

Kingswells – Bucksburn: Consultants would like to meet to discuss the route and standard of the route. Volunteers: FF, NF, DL and CG

ACTION: LN to arrange a meeting

Aberdeen – Westhill

Work has started – contractor on site however an issue has been detected. Discussed at meeting and was decided route must now go along side road on Queens Road and links to crossings on Queens Road rather than “improved” with lampposts in the middle.

6. Proposal ‘Cycle Aberdeen 2009’

We need a high profile event to market with sufficient time for the Council to come on board (hence 2009!). As an example each month we would have an event. E.g. April – launch Cycle Aberdeen. Close off Belmont Street – Cycle information stalls and trial cycles, etc. May – Launch a family cycle route (e.g. beach cycle route). June is Bike Week. July/August – International Youth Festival link. September – In Town Without My Car Day. Lead commuter cyclists from Park & Ride at Kingswells.... Other suggestions were duathlon (cycling and running), Commuter Challenge, Road Race, Park & Cycle, Cycle Calendar.

ACTION : For discussion next meeting

7. Proposed meeting with Nestrans

It is 12 months since we last met with Nestrans and there have been significant road changes. Amongst other items there is a need to encourage Nestrans market the Westhill-Kingswells route (they have paid for it)

ACTION: DW to arrange meeting. Volunteers to attend FF, NF, ML, DL, KH, DC.

8. AOB

Aberdeen University

CP indicated an embryonic scheme starting at the university “bike library” check out bikes the same as books at the library.

AWPR:

A response to our submission has been received, it does not answer any of the issues we have raised – but does ask if we want to withdraw our submission!

ACTION: GC agreed to send a response on behalf of ACF.

Bike Buddy:

DW updated ACF – someone is wanting to cycle from Great Western Road to the University and would like a Bike Buddy. DW feels that we should offer a

Bike Buddy service through the web. Would need to investigate legal issues, etc.

ACTION: DL to investigate through Spokes how the Bike Buddy scheme works and what issues would need to be addressed.

JR

DW thanked JR for all his hard work as part of ACF, that we were sorry to see him leave and wished him all the best in Nottingham.

9 Next Meeting

Tuesday, 27th November, 7.30pm in the townhouse