

Aberdeen Cycle Forum - Minutes of Meeting

19.30 hrs Tuesday 29th April 2008 Committee Room 5 at the Town House

Present

GV Gerard Vlaar	NF Neil Fraser	FF Fiona Fraser	GMc Gail McCrain
CG Carl Gerrard	PF Pablo Furentes	LL Liz Lindsey	DL Dave Lindsey
DW Derek Williams	DC Dave Cheseldine		

Apologies

DM Dan Millhouse Hall

2 Minutes of Last meeting & matters arising

First Choice's Bin – Following the intervention of ACC environmental health officers the cycle parking is free again, thanks to LN for making this happen.

Aberdeen University Green Transport Week DW reported this has now become shrunk to Green Transport Day Wed 14th May 0900-1400 @ Kings College. The following volunteered to assist with a stand.

Setup / Pulldown Delivery of display material (Maps, Pullups, Getting started leaflets, try cycling, newsletters) – **LN**

Manning the stall:

0900 - 1200	PF
1300 - 1400	DC
1200 - 1400	GV

ACTION : DW to confirm exact location with the university and inform those above.

ACTION : LN to print off newsletter 4 page → 1 (PDF is on the web)

Sustainable Transport Communities - DW has written to ACC councillors – LN confirmed an outline "report" (i.e. a bid for funding) has been sent to the Scottish Executive. The selected area has to be between 8 and 100,000 people. After much analysis of local areas, population size and possible projects) we are proposing : Kingswells – Bucksburn - Dyce.

3 “C” of CWSS (Cycling Walking Safer Streets) Budgets

Both DW and CG have received information on the 2008 cycling budgets within ACC, these will now be split between the three local areas, split approximately equally.

Red Lanes through islands	£ 18,000
Lanes, signs etc.	£ 36,000
Publicity	£ 1,500
Total	£ 55,500

The £1,500 on publicity was discussed at the meeting. This is currently under challenge by ACC auditors as may not classify as capital item, if so the £1500 will move to elsewhere in the budget.

Doug Ritchie (Engineer in roads dept.) is proposing a meeting in next month to go through our priority list. CH has met with LN and collected all the suggestions from earlier years.

ACTION : CG to collate rank and circulate before the meeting

2007 Cycle Spend by ACC – year end figures are not yet available but it is estimated total of £51,411 was spent from a budget of 51,500. (details in Doug Ritchie's letter – copy in filestore)

New North Deeside Road Lanes / Islands – This is perhaps one of the largest examples of the new red-islands/lanes we have. Lanes were installed on 4th April. CG did an audit and highlighted some gaps, work was completed at the end of April.

The lanes do not go through the “TorNa Dee junction”, it is understood this will shortly become a traffic light junction and further work will follow.

LN has received feedback from several cyclists that the lanes are an improvement. With the work now completed agreed to perform an e-consultation, thanks is also due to the roads engineers who performed the work (see below).

ACTION – CG to perform E-Consultation, with Email to those who live along the route

Post meeting note:

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=60&sid=e>

4 Cycle Count Results

Count was completed on the mornings of 22 and 23rd April – table attached at rear of minutes. Discussed during the meeting, general observations:

- Higher than anyone was expecting
- Auchmill Road (50 cyclists) was much more than expected – shows the promise if a decent route can be developed.
- Gender split (~ = 90% male) is interesting.
- Next date September / October
- “Shell path” results clearly justify decision to grit the path this winter.
- By comparison in Edinburgh Spokes had 130 one way on Loathian Road in a hour...
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ACTIONS:

DW to do piece for the web – CG to put onto new page and circulate requesting further volunteers

Post meeting note : available at:
<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=59>

CG to write to head of roads maintenance (LN to provide the name) thanking him for the gritting and providing the justification.

DW to send results to Nestrans

5 Bike Week (14 – 22 June 2008)

Commuter Challenge DM has been in contact with Edinburgh Bike who have now agreed to raise their sponsorship to £79 (minimum cost of a bike £229 – 150 from ACC).

CG reported the background to the web site to log results was now available but was not live as part of ACF site until other events are confirmed. questions to be added on the form include:

- Gender
- Do you wear Helmets
- What practical thing could change to make the journey better

ACTION : LN to confirm to DM ACC can supply the “missing” £150 in Prize money

Highland Games Stall (Sun 15th June)

The stall is confirmed. From Bike week we have received a pack of 100 wheel reflectors and balloons etc. LN has a new set of maps and other leaflets. From those at the meeting

Available are: CG, FF, LL, DL, NF(TBC), LN – set up.
Not Available: PF, GM,

FURTHER VOLOUNTEERS REQUIRED – if you are reading the minutes please get in contact!

Newsletter

FF is planning a new “bike week special” – the following volunteered items:

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| DW | Cycle count (text as per the website) |
| | Bike Fit / Becycle |
| CG | Commuter Challenge |
| DW | Film Night Text |
| FF | Higland games (come and see us) |
| LN | Projects update e.g. Kingswells Cycle Path |
| GV | CTC Special bike week morning runs list. |

Deadline – 10th May

Filmfest

DL reported Cycling Scotland are paying for the rental of the films, a representative for Cycling Scotland will be attending from Edinburgh – also showing a 3minute Cycling Scotland film.

DW has generated publicity text – LN can get “graphic designed” and printed. The date of the film is 18th June, the time will be known in next 10 days as the Belmont finalise their program.

6 – New promotional “pull ups”



These are now finished and will be used in Highland games etc – LN showed two at the meeting.

If not in use agreed that they can be lent to other organisations, company BUG's etc if required on a short term basis.

7 – New Major Developments –cycle parking

DC reported he had been in correspondence with Stewart Milne re cycle provision at the new Ac[e]rgy development in Westhill. A minimal total of 12 cycle places will be provided. The status at the other developments is not known (but is not expected to be better). LN reminded all the development was in Aberdeenshire and complaints should be made to the 'shire council.

ACTION : LN to provide name to DC.

ACTION: DL to forward issue to Mark hagger (CTC's shire right to ride rep)

8 - AOB / Date next meeting

CG reported Jeremy Rushton had received a letter from Transport Scotland re our AWPR objections (it appears transport Scotland are using the address of the first letter received!) Letter has been forwarded to DW.

Date of next meeting proposed as Tuesday 27th May, Committee room 2

Apologies received in advance from ; CG, LL,DL, GM

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Cycle Count, April 2008

Location	Time				Gender			
	7.30 - 8.00	8.00 - 8.30	8.30 - 9.00	Total	male	female	?	Total
Deeside Line (nr Holburn St turn off)	23	13	12	48	38	10		48
Shell Path (junc with Abbotswell Rd)	27	32	14	73	66	7		73
Union St (junc with Union Terrace/Bridge St)	25	30	23	78	56	22		78
George St (junc with Hutcheon St)	19	15	15	49	36	12	1	49
Auchmill Rd (nr Chalmers bakery in Bucksburn)	30	19	5	54	51	2	1	54
King St (junc with Mounthooly Way)	15	21	35	71	48	23		71
Grandholm Br	6	4	4	14	9	4	1	14
Nth Deeside Rd (Mannofield; junc with Countesswells Rd)	20	15	14	49	36	12	1	49
Queens Rd (junc with Springfield Rd)	19	11	10	40	35	5		40
Westburn Rd (junc with Westburn Drive/Argyll Pl)	24	13	13	50	40	10		50
Victoria Bridge (north end, junc with Market St)	12	14	8	34	28	5	1	34
Grammar School (junc Esslemont Ave/Rose St)	14	21	18	53	35	17	1	53
Kings Gate (between Hazlehead and Anderson Dr roundabouts)	5	4	7	16	15	1		16
TOTAL	239	212	178	629	493	130	6	629

Count undertaken on either 22 or 23 April
 Weather: clear, dry

Key: peak period 