

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes from meeting on 25th August 2020

Attendees: Gavin Clark (Chair), Liz Lindsey, Dafydd Trystan Davies (speaker) Bob Pringle, Sandra Macdonald (Councillor), Nico Silvani, Moira Donald, Adam Price Charles M Smith, David, Daniel, Richard, Alison Stuart, Rachel Martin, Fiona McDonald

Everyone was welcomed by Gavin.

Presentation from Dafydd Trystan Davies about Ysgol Hamadryad – the first active school (by design) in Wales

Dafydd Davies shared his experience with developing an active travel school from the start of designing a new build school to it's current capacity of nearly 200 pupils.

Key points

Parents were at the heart of the process and all parents of the initial intake of pupils were asked to plan an active travel route to school from their home (submit it to the school) and then try it out before starting school. This process identified barriers and obstacles to safe routes and gave a good idea about which routes children would actually use.

Support & guidance given to parents

School Infrastructure: ample bike & scooter parking, year 1 lessons (4yrs) on scooting & biking

Hard infrastructure (in liaison with council) – reconfiguration of junctions, 20mph speed limits and no parking on local roads (enforced)

Responded to difficulties for some parents – dropping children off (sometimes at different sites) and then getting to work and logistics surrounding afterschool clubs.

190 pupils >95% travel sustainably

Majority walk & scoot ~25% bike & tend to live further away. (All live within 3 miles)

25 parents signed up to walking bus – 20 pupils – staffed by members of staff – added extra half an hour onto 2 staff members days to support the walking bus. Parents also

volunteer but the school felt it was essential to have staff in place. All of these children attend the breakfast club.

Staff are allowed to park but need to be on site by 7.30am before car park is closed.

[Link to the report](#)

A number of people left the meeting at this point.

ACF Business

Bike Lessons & Dr Bike *(funded from money raised for Reclaim the Streets Event)*

Bike lessons to run next 3 weekends – all spaces have already been taken.

Sat 29th Aug 9.30 – 12.30 Dr Bike at Duthie Park the following weekends at Hazlehead and Seaton Park run by Adventure Aberdeen

Dr Bike sessions have been advertised via Facebook but due to COVID not intending to advertise more widely in case too many people turn up.

Branded Items *(to be funded from money raised for Reclaim the Streets Event)*

Rachel shared a quote for ACF branded bike bells: £330 for 250

Discussion about quality of the bells & where they are made. Gavin suggested obtaining a sample.

Snoods made in the UK by the same company.

Spaces for People

Beach & Carden Place active travel routes – disappointing that not much work seems to have taken place yet.

Moira Donald reported that the new bit of protected cycle lane at Maberly St is too narrow and because there are bollards in place it is now difficult to avoid the potholes. Not cycle friendly! Good further up where there is plenty of space.

Nico agreed that it looks more like an extended footpath than a cycle path.

Moira – between Charlotte St & further up where there is a road closed – the sandbags block half of the cycle lane.

Gavin – ACF have already reported some problems with the new measures to the city council but have not had any response & issues have not been fixed quickly.

Annual Cycle Count

Usually ACF run a cycle count over 2 hours in May. Didn't run this year due to lockdown. General agreement that doing a cycle count in September probably wouldn't provide particularly useful data as many people are still working from home rather than commuting by bike to work. The increase in bike use in Aberdeen appears to be mainly leisure cycling.