

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes from meeting on 23rd February 2021

Attendees: Gavin Clark (Chair), Liz Lindsey, Nico Silvani, Rachel Martin, Francesco Sani, Ben Martin (in part)

Nico Silvani had expressed a willingness to be more involved in the operation of the Forum. Noted that although the constitution only provides for the 3 main office bearers, there is nothing to stop additional roles being created, as had been done with Rachel. A title of digital comms. officer was agreed. Ben Martin joined the meeting which was then quorate and the matter was agreed unanimously.

GC discussing agenda – thanks to RM for minutes from last meeting.

1) Don't Be An Idler campaign: extended to 1st March and hitherto already 16 entries. RM to share on Facebook to get some publicity. GC invited Cllr. John Wheeler (though may also ask Sandra from ACC) and Gavin from Friends of the Earth to vote on the submissions; RM's children may vote as well. RM has created a gallery and will create a voting system with perhaps two rounds in case of a draw;

2) Consultations/planning applications. GC put in comments (thanks to Liz) regarding the housing development on the southern outskirts next to the Causey Mounth road; GC mentioned also wanting to put in comments for the proposed drive-through food outlet at Wellington Rd. The idea of new drive-throughs seems so incongruous, surely it was obvious they would generate new traffic, but it seems unlikely we would be listened to. GC also mentioned the old station building in Cults and looked at the proposal (maybe a cycling café?) Someone had contacted us suggesting we should consider objecting but it was hard to see why. ACC 'Citizen Space' consultation page has forthcoming consultations mentioned and GC had a look and there is something on Dee View, possibly, in Cults, regarding a one-way street.

3) GC said ACF have been asked to endorse the Walk, Wheel, Cycle, Vote. manifesto for the 2021 elections, which is based on three points (accessibility, etc.) – will circulate to all present;

4) Pedal on Parliament: in place of a mass event, PoP has to do with lighting, this year: GC and Liz and RM discussed how practical it may be to do the light displays from home for the event (24th April); RM wondered if lighting on bikes may be better instead;

5) Campaigns & events. Cycling lessons, 20th March (Climate Week North East) though RM said Adventure Aberdeen have not been available for bookings yet; NS said they are closed until further notice. GC said Angus Cycle Club may be contacted but all other climate week events, said RM, are on Zoom, thus they may have to be cancelled; GC asked RM about funding for Phil Goodwin to come to Aberdeen – we can keep the (Foundation for Integrated Transport) funding for now as he will not be able to come (the funding was £400); We should use it for a related purpose or perhaps the possibility of pursuing the same idea at a later date

6) Any Other Business. RM asked about the meeting we'd been invited to for the launch of the new Cycling design handbook 'Cycling by Design' Nathan had been the only person who had been interested but not known if he had been able to attend. Liz mentioned that last night was the Grampian Cycle Partnership's AGM which she attended.

Garthdee allotments - contact wanting bike racks and we put them in touch with ACC.

Bike storage at Kincorth block of flats - do we know how to get cycle parking at flats. Gavin referred him to the housing officer and if that didn't work suggested they contact their Councillor. Cycling Scotland can possibly also provide funding.

Another person is asking whether it's possible to hire a hand cycle for an adult child who was having knee difficulty. Grampian Disability Sport - <https://www.grampiandisabilitysport.org.uk>

Date of next meeting -30 March