

ACF Meeting Agenda

Attendees: Gavin Clark, Rachel Martin, Nicolo Silvani, Francesco Sani, Daniel Verhamme, Hanne Bruhn

1. Welcome & introductions
2. Minutes of previous meeting (June) & matters arising
3. Campaigns – Make Aberdeen Accessible
4. Consultations – LEZ
5. Events & other activities
6. Any other business
7. Date of next meeting – provisionally 28 September

1. Welcome and introductions

No new members joining the meeting. However, GC noted that Liz will be leaving Aberdeen and moving to Durham; as the only remaining ACF original member that still joins monthly meetings, she will be missed when she moves later this year.

2. Minutes of previous meeting (June) & matters arising

Point-based City Masterplan consultation

- ACF has not yet provided an official response but City Growth and Resources Committee has now discussed this last week as part of City Masterplan review.
- List of projects listed as delivered in the report was quite selective and did not mention other projects that have not yet progressed at all.

FS: Cycle Hub(s) to come maybe in the future? This was a project mentioned in the original Masterplan but it was not specified what exactly this was going to be.

NS: Read in one of the documents that Castlegate could be the location for one such cycle hub; Dundee Cycle Hub can give an idea of what it might look like. In reality the 10+ 'cycle hubs' mentioned in the CCMP were more likely some kind of enhanced parking rather than a multi-function staffed facility along the Dundee model.

Other Locations discussed

- GC has emailed Sandra MacDonald in relation to traffic data before and after the opening of the new development at Counteswells. It is evident that there is more traffic using this road and (anecdotally) faster, which makes it feel less safe, and much less pleasant for cycling. The road is supposed to be closed to through traffic at a later phase of the development but that could be several years away. Meanwhile many of the residents from the first phase are using it as a route into town in preference to the A944, and/or people travelling to Kingswells or farther out are using it to avoid congestion on the A944 corridor. There should be a case for earlier closure or at very least a reduced speed limit (say 40mph) and seeing traffic data would be one way to make the case.

works have been completed, no reply as of yet

- DV: in relation to the recent consultation over 3 options for the A944, there was an offtrack trail beside AWPR, could be redeveloped further for leisure, although agreed that the 'on-line' route was likely to have more appeal for commuting.

3. Campaigns - Make Aberdeen Accessible

Map and Gallery including all entries have been produced (NS and RM)

NS, GC to add more entries for city centre before campaign closing

HB: Sustrans is doing an accessibility 'census' and she volunteered for that

DV: Peterculter-Drumoak section of Deeside Way - a large obstacle rock has been removed along with some surfacing improvement.

HB: Buchanan Formartine tarmacked in Ellon. But barriers have been kept as before

- Decisions on how to wrap up the campaign

Campaign end: deadline on September 12th or day after to gather last-minute interest linked with Tour of Britain coming to Aberdeen.

Posts to be published to promote cycling for everyone, not just elite cyclists (Tour of Britain) and note the close date for the campaign

Decided to inform ACC (and Aberdeenshire Council) of results, possibility to provide solutions to barriers and/or highlight priorities among entries

A new Cycling by Design version is still to come out, the campaign could be linked to this if it does come out in the coming weeks.

4. Campaigns - No Idling Campaign

Huntly campaigners had displayed the banner in the Square over the summer holidays and it had then been relocated to the school. RM: News of the campaign and banner on The Huntly Paper. Will share paper article on social media

Aberdeen Climate Action retweeted RAC post

Consultations

- a. Ellon to Garthdee consultation deadline was extended
- b. LEZ: GC sent our comments and received an immediate response, which was unusual, pointing out we had interpreted part of it in the wrong way. Correction provided by ACC as part of response

- c. Consultation about new pump track in Torry. This is a valid type of cycling; good to get kids on bikes and pump track can be a way to do so. We can respond that we are in favour

Events and Activities

- Last session of Bike Lessons and Dr Bike went well, however lessons weren't completely full

RC: We still have some carry-over funding from last year. £3k total received but still £630 unspent

- Ideas for spending:

a. Freebies (bells, etc as discussed earlier in the year)

b. E-sign cycle counters

c. Led ride training

d. More cycling lessons. (HB) Potential to link with the new 'Scotland children bike scheme' trial

GC: Could participate with Aberdeen Multicultural Centre or similar

e. Street art, something cycling-related (wall – like in Nuart, or street - like in Dundee's Union Street)

f. Maintenance Lessons/Bike Recycle Classes (Angus Cycle Hub or Fire Trail for provider + Adventure Aberdeen for venue to mention a few possibilities); possibly women-only as well

- Aberdeen Climate Action: involvement with COP26 23rd October (12-2pm)

Event in Broad Street: GC might join as a speaker

Co-hosting: interested, however as we are not insured it might be best not to co-host GC, RM)

We could affiliate with Cycling UK for future event insurance

- Community Garden Festival, CFINE (NS)

Bike ride included as one of the activities

NS to share post about it.

- Ideas for new campaigns:

RM: [Photograph cyclist/regular person half-picture](#), we could do something similar

- Street Art, as discussed earlier in the meeting

Any other business

Message from Principal at St Machar School for Cycling Friendly Award

Format of meetings going forward: meeting will stay online for the time being, but we could move to hybrid model (especially in the nicer season)

Next Meeting set for Tuesday 28th September, 19:30