

Aberdeen Cycle Forum - Minutes of Meeting

19.30 p.m. Tuesday 31st October 2006
Committee Room 5 at the Town House

Present

DW	Derek Williams	KH	Kris Howard	DC	Dave Cheseldine,
DL	Dave Lindsay	CG	Carl Gerrard	LN	Louise Napier
JW	Jackie Wilkins				

Apologies

MI	Marjorie Inglis	II	Ian Inglis	SW	Sarah Wingrove
MoC	Mark O'Connor	SE	Sonia Element	JR	Jeremy Rushton
FF	Fiona Fraser	NF	Neal Fraser		

It was noted that the meeting fell on Halloween and it might have been better to move it as many of the higher than normal number of apologies related to this.

1 Minutes of Last Meeting, Matters Arising and Updates

(2) **Aberdeen University** – the leaflet that was not distributed at freshers fair has at least been placed on the universities travel pages website:

<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/estates/environment/transport/publications.php>

(4) **Training** – links on the ACC school travel web pages. LN indicated the work had been done and was just awaiting a link on it, we will link directly to these ourselves.

ACTION : LN to send link “as is” to CG such that it can be linked to from ACC website

(6ii) **Station Parking** – The new stands are being used, DW continues to chase Scotrail on where the cover they undertook to install is.

2a Cycle Parking Update - Residential

JW and DW have spent a afternoon in ACC’s planning department, 18 applications were examined (flats small and large), of the 18 applications:

- Eight contained no planning condition for cycle parking
- Five contained no plan or planning condition – a total of nearly 500 flats
- Nine contained a planning condition for parking – but do not specify type.
- In one case it was not possible to determine if there was a condition or not.
- There is no relationship between size and type of development and provision of a planning condition
- Developments with no parking provision had no cycle parking either.
- None of the planning conditions referred to any form of standard for parking.

(without a planning condition it is not possible to take action against a developer after construction)

During the visit a comment was received “*I used to cycle until I moved into a flat now I have nowhere to keep it*)

Conclusion – There is wide variation in the application of planning guidelines.

LN reported she had to report to the planning committee with a “final standard” for adoption – supplementary planning guidance in **February**. This was discussed and agreed as essential – with the absence of any standard it is little surprise there is such variation in the application of planning guidelines.

ACTIONS:

DL to gather information from other regions in Scotland via CTC Right to Ride reps

JW to forward information on “eco homes” as used in England to LN and CG.

LN to draft up supplementary guidance on cycle parking for consultation by ACF

As interim measure

LN to keep up pressure on DC officers involving Maggie Bochel

2b Cycle Parking Update – City Centre / Public

JW has had meeting with Graeme McKenzie (Roads department) – the “outstanding” city centre parking is stored in ACC depot – work orders will now be released for installation.

For the new locations GMcK has agreed to develop plans by 28th November

Cove Library (Council development with no cycle provision) was discussed – agreed to put onto the “waiting list”

ACTION : JW to provide updates as necessary

Note cove library to be added to listing.

2c Cycle Parking Update – City Centre / Public

Garthdee B&Q – After initial correspondence store manager has been in contact with CG, new “loop” stand has been ordered, expected in 3 weeks it will be placed under the canopy of the store.

Beach Boulevard – site managing agent has asked our assistance in design of new facilities, CG has performed site visit and drawn plans for 4/5 Sheffield stands on each of the current islands. Funding will be available in next financial year (May 07) – we will contact them again nearer the time.

Peterculter Medical Practice (no facilities) – practice manager contacted – no response so far

Garthdee Boots (wheel bucklers) – letter and photographs sent to director for environmental matters at Alliance-Boots, parent company of Boots the Chemists), no response so far

Garthdee Currys (Wheel bucklers) / **Kitty Brewster Currys** (No facilities) – letter and photograph to Dixons Stores Group, parent company, – acknowledged and awaiting further actions.

Alpine Bikes (no facilities), CG is not able to do this one for “commercial reasons” – details to be passed to DL

ACTION : CG to provide updates as necessary and Alpine bikes details to DL.

3 Pinch Points

More appearing, appears our reservations are being ignored by roads department DW has written to Ewan Kay expressing our displeasure at being ignored.

Many are being applied as traffic calming measures, Edinburgh do not use traffic islands as traffic calming measures.

Agreed we will formally object to the next batch to ensure it comes before the E&I in 23rd January.

ACTION DW to draft “paragraph” and submit.

E&I committee meets on 7th November and 23rd January

4 Bike Week 2007

Aberdeen - Banchory “mass ride” proposal discussed, agreed we do not have enough resources.

It is not known if we can get budgets secured for e.g. “company of cyclists” out of CWSS pot until Feb 2007.

ACTION LN to investigate securing of council funding

Other bike week 2007 events deferred to next meeting

5 New Cycle Lane Audit / Proposals for new cycle lanes

All now received and are now saved in our new online “filestore” – those present at the meeting received details on how to access them, this information is not included in the minutes.

ACTION : CG to collate results report back next meeting

6 National Cycle Route 1 – feedback on Meeting with ACC

Money is available from Nestrans and Sustrans – route was reviewed, at a meeting in Mid December, key areas to spend the money:

- 1) Bridge over west cults road
- 2) Further work to improve route north of the city centre.
- 3) Cycle lanes on Market street

7 Next edition of “ACF Bulletin” for year end.

SE is able to edit it if we have the article – plea to be added to the “minute mailing”, deadline for submission – **End of November**

8 Any Other Business

Kingswells Route – detailed response expected from Faber Maunsell by 28th November, delay is understood to have been due to land negotiation issues.

DC has written to Jacobs Babbie Stonehaven spur as agreed in August Meeting.

Nestrans corporate plan was circulated at the meeting (for those not present a copy may be downloaded from)

http://www.nestrans.org.uk/docs_info/docs_info.asp

It was noted cycling was conspicuous by its absence – one photograph and one very small paragraph on pp18 do not send a very strong message Nestrans is supporting cycling.

ACTION: CG to write to Peter Cockhead expressing our concerns.

9 Date of Next Meetings

Tuesday 28th November

None in December

January will held one week early 23rd Jan 2007