

Aberdeen Cycle Forum Minutes of Meeting

19.30 hrs Tuesday 23rd January 2007
Committee Room 5 at the Town House

Present

KH	Kris Howard	DW	Derek Williams	JR	Jeremy Rushton
FF	Kiona Fraser	NF	Neil Fraser	DC	Dave Cheseldine
LN	Louise Napier	SW	Sarah Wingrove		

Apologies

JW	Jackie Wilkins	GV	Gerard Vlaar	MY	Maureen Young
MoC	Mark O'Connor				

1 Minutes of Last meeting & matters arising – **Chair**

Westhill route - Responses tenders have been received for the first phase,, these are approximately 40% above the required budget. With the end of the financial year there is little time to re-tender the work and it seems likely the budget will be “recalled” by Nestrans. Similar rules apply to the river don work. This is seen as a scandalous waste of money However it may be possible for one project to subsidise another and complete one.

ACTION:

LN to provide update this week on current situation
DW to make representation to be made to Peter Cockhead

City Centre Roads Proposals – A separate meeting ACC/ACF took place after working hours, our response has been submitted, is now on the web, progress on the process on next meeting.
[link to response] <http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=31>

2 Meeting Maggie Bochel / Ian Yuill

Ian Yuill was not present!

Minutes of meeting were passed round and are also in the “filestore”, it would appear many things at ACC are now “deferred” until the May elections. e.g. the Local Transport Strategy.

3 Media Profile

The need to raise ACF’s media profile was discussed, this is seen as positive – however it is effort consuming e.g broadcast media normally need some at one hours notice. After discussion agreed we could be better at proactively sending out press material, e.g. ahead of the “pinch point” E&I meeting. Item to identify press opportunities to remain on agenda as “standing”

4 Newsletter

No one had made any progress on their articles and our editor seems to have gone AWOL, as a reminder these were:

- DW – Pinchpoints
- CG – consultations / commercial parking
- JW – residential
- SW - Westhill

DC – Tenement parking

Discussed this was still needed (40% of mailing list is “newsletter only”) All articles to JR by end of month – edited as best as possible, JR will try to pull into a draft. Vacancy for an editor is open.

Post meeting note: CG and DC ad DW have completed.

5 Cyclist – Bus Interactions

CG reported, letter had gone to George Mair, MD First Aberdeen – we had been contacted by Ben Gilligan, Operations Director over Christmas, CG, SW, and DW attended meeting on 18th January. An e-consultation was run from December to January

[link to econsultation] <http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=30>

95% of responses were positive – there are a few issues in the city with “leap frogging” and “pinches” – key to these is driver cyclists awareness . First’s commitment to safety is impressive with route risk assessments and driver training, investigations and quality assurance programs over their network. Ben Gilligan has offered to insert some ACF generated material into the driver training program.

ACTION: CG to draft, send round for comment and then send on to Ben Gilligan.

6 NCR Route 1

“Public exhibition” Has been arranged for Tuesday 30th Jan in the townhouse – news released and on web. LN will host as officer of ACC, we can provide support.

[link to article] <http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=32>

7 Pinch Points

Our Objection has gone in the committee papers include the full letter supplied by DW. Roads Officers have recommended PP’s go in – with coloured lane going in. as a “trial”. We await the outcome of the committee.

CG and JR have reconstructed a “pinch incident” on Bedford road – the photograph was circulated at the meeting and is in the file store.

8 Parking

Public JW not present but has communication from G. McKenzie a number of new locations have been identified within the city.

Action: LN to circulate and CG to add to filestore

Commercial - B&Q - CG reported that following a chase up a new stand had been installed that was worse than the one it had replaced. Follow up correspondence has gone to Kingfisher who have acknowledged our letter and are investigating, meanwhile the new stand has fallen off the wall.

[Link to B&Q story and pic’s]

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=29>

9 AOB

ACF website has reached 30,000 hits – CG circulated some statistics during the meeting

AWPR, will almost certainly be going to Public consultation

ACTION : JR to pull together a response. LN to send original material put together by D.Tullet.

Local Access Forum - noted GV was our "contact" on this and we were not receiving any updates

Union St. Pedestrianisation LN reported that the Disability Access Group (DAG) have not objected to the principle of cyclists using union street after pedestrianisation

10 Next Meeting Tuesday 27th February.

CG presented apologies

Topics for consideration as agenda items may be sent to info@aberdeencycleforum.org.uk

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