

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of Meeting

26th June 2006

Present

DC	Dave Cheseldine	FF	Fiona Fraser	CG	Carl Gerrard
LO	Lukask Olenderek	LL	Liz Lindsey	DW	Derek Williams
NF	Neal Fraser	KH	Kris Howard	DL	Dave Lindsey
KM	Konrad Maruszczyk	ML	Markus Linkelman		

As “new” members KM and LO were welcomed by all

Apologies

LN Louise Napier JW Jackie Wilkins

1 Minutes & Matters Arising

Urban – Cycle Trails; There has been no action by ACC on this, efforts to get Maggie Bochel on a bike have come to nought, however Andrew Nisbit ACC is now working for ACC three days per week and may be covering this.

ACTION: LN to find date that AN can make. **and DW to circulate date / all to the ride.**

Response to E consultations

Road changes : LN not present, deferred – note we have had approx another 6 responses.

ACTION: LN to report progress / response at next meeting

Central Refuges / Traffic Islands / Pinch Points

. A meeting has also taken place with Cllr Martin Greig who has agreed to raise again within the council (note the original correspondence with council officers remains unanswered)

Key points of discussion:

- DW has submitted another formal objection to ACC over next batch
- ACC has noted that there was “*no increase in reported accidents*” - generally agreed accidents are not reported. Also we received an email the same day from a cyclists knocked off as result of a “pinch”. We have forwarded on **ACTION: CG to contact respondent and ask if he is prepared to complain directly to ACC.**
- When the new (post election) committees are formed we have an opportunity to present the objection to the committee.

- ACC is looking at designing “*bypass lanes where possible*” – although we know from earlier discussions with Roads engineers there are limited opportunities for this.

Councillors on Bikes (for Bike Week)

All 47 councillors received letters from the forum asking if they were prepared to cycle during national bike week (Thanks to LN for arranging delivery)

- 4 Councillors responded
- 1 Councillor cycled, Deputy Lord Provost , **John West**. 43 no responses.

Local Transport Strategy consultative draft

At the recent NETCS meeting it was reported 25% of responses came from cyclists, the e-news seems to be working.

ACTION: CG to do final reminder to list before the closing date on 2nd July.

Cycle Parking

B&Q – wrote us a nice letter telling us they had fitted a new stand – we responded and have asked if it can be moved away from the wall. Measurements of B&Q surface area indicate with the new planning guidelines it would require 31 bike spaces – B&Q have installed 3.

Great Western Rd Medical Practice – we have written, acknowledgement received from the practice manager, the stand is planned but has been missed out by the developers. They will chase.

ACTION: KH (patient of medical practice) to continue monitoring, we will remind if no action.

3 Bike Week AAR

Filmfest – approx 50 people attended (room capacity 60). Both films well received – feedback was to do it again We were slightly over budget - Nestrans have asked for Invoices (DL is optimistic they will pay them)

Discussion session was chaired by Cllr Martin Ford [Shire] Feedback was collected by LL. Generally seen as a good success and we should investigate a bigger one next year.

ACTION – CG to put on Web

ACTION – DL to summarise and send to Matt Eastwood (for Nestrans records)

Nestrans Commuter Challenge - CG presented a summary from Matt Eastwood at NESTRANS

A number of operational issues e.g. late delivery of publicity and less than optimal weather impacted entrants. Press coverage was mixed, P&J phoned

three councillors on the day of the challenge – only one was participating, negative story ensued...

(Link to P&J Story)

<http://www.thisisnorthscotland.co.uk/displayNode.jsp?nodeId=149235&command=displayContent&sourceNode=149218&contentPK=17624625&moduleName=InternalSearch&formname=sidebarch>

End result 137 journeys logged across all modes of transport) – by comparison ACF (bike only) commuter challenge in 2006 had 332 entries.

58 people ticked the box (“ell me more about ACF”), this is a good result for us. NESTRANS have provided names.

Post meeting note – after removal of “duplicates” Mailing list has grown by 52 members

ACTION: CG to review emails address for “duplicates” with existing list – provide update next meeting

Try Cycling – Numbers for bike week itself not known, but are seen as dropping off, perhaps due to weather , on some days have been more CTC members than “new” cyclists.

ACTION: Review – at end of September, to put onto September Agenda

Highland Games - Entire Event was cancelled by ACC on safety grounds, due to flooding and water damage of Hazelhead Park

ACTION: DW to contact Sinclair Laing to see if an alternative is planned.

4 - Meeting with Councillor Ron Clarke

In the New Administration Cllr Ron Clarke is responsible for transport issues (across all committees)

DW has arranged meeting 17:00hrs on Friday 29th in Townhouse CG, ML, FF and DW will attend.

Proposed Agenda

- ACF Role
- Cllr Clarke’s Role
- Spending on Cycling in Aberdeen (CG to bring SPOKES Survey)
- Central Islands
- 20mph Zones

Post Meeting Note : CG,ML,DL,DW and FF attended Townhouse – Cllr Clarke forgot to turn up – now rescheduled for Tuesday 10th July.

5 Bike Survey

Possibility of doing our own survey as done by SPOKES in Edinburgh was discussed:

ACTION : DW to discuss at Cllr Ron Clarke meeting

ACTION : DL to find out how SPOKES currently do it

AOB:

ML reported on Bike "loan" scheme in Barcelona, was a great success –

ACTION: ML to write ~ 300 words to put in the "" for next newsletter (Late autumn / Winter)

NETCF (North East Transport consultative Forum) meeting held in ACC last Wednesday, DL attended

- Chaired by Andrew Nisbet (AN) – Intro Kevin Stewart
- Main topics of discussion : AWPR and Cross-Rail discussed
- AN critical presentation of public transport in Aberdeen – need to drop next

DW noted the new Transition Extreme Sports centre had no bike stands, ironic for somewhere with plenty of bike facilities inside/

ACTION: CG to write to manager (we now have "form" letter for this)

Next Meeting

Tuesday 31st July 2007 19:30hrs in the townhouse