

# **Aberdeen Cycle Forum**

## **Minutes of meeting**

**Townhouse, Broad St, Aberdeen, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Attending:

Jyll Skinner (Chair), Gavin Clark, Mike Nieman, Ian Mitchell, Henri de Ruiter, David Thornley, Tito Casquinha

### **0. Welcome & Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Liz Lindsey and Ruth Wolfe.

### **1. Dyce Sustainable Transport Plan**

We were joined by Andrew Robb of AECOM who have been engaged by ACC to produce the plan and wanted our thoughts on improvements to cycle infrastructure in the Dyce area – gaps, opportunities to connect existing routes etc

There followed a wide ranging discussion on a number of general failings in infrastructure provision, design and implementation. It was agreed that we would canvass the entire membership for comments, as few of those present had detailed knowledge of Dyce.

### **2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising.**

No matters arising other than those covered elsewhere in the agenda.

### **3. In town without my car day – 20 September.**

There was a free-flowing discussion about what we can do on our stand to engage with the public. There were issues with using the stall to recruit, or to gather feedback. In the end it was agreed that we could gather feedback on routes, via a map which we could have on display. The idea of a quiz was also put forward as a way of engaging people. The stand will be live from 1000 – 1600 and volunteers are needed to cover an hour or two.

### **3. Movie night**

The feature length documentary Bikes vs Cars will be shown at the Belmont Filmhouse on Wednesday 16 September (at 1800hrs). There will be a Q&A to follow the film, with a panel consisting of representatives from ACC, Aberdeenshire Council and Nestrans.

It was also discussed that we would invite all of the Councillors from the CHI Committee, and offer to pay for their tickets. This could also be used as a means of generating publicity for the event. It was a bit risky because there are 19 Councillors (implying a maximum liability of  $19 \times 9 = \text{£}171$ ) although in reality we will be probably be lucky if 2 or 3 accept. Those present agreed that we should proceed with this plan.

#### **4. Pedal for Scotland event**

There is to be a 'family' ride on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> on a traffic-free route in the city starting in Duthie Park. It was noted that the last 2 iterations of this event have not been particularly well attended (or publicised) so it was hoped there would be a greater turn-out this year. There is an entry fee for the event, but most or all of this is thought to go to charity.

#### **5. We walk, we cycle, we vote**

Most of those present were unsure about precisely what this is. Matt Helme is thought to be the contact. It is possibly an initiative put forward by the organisers of Pedal on Parliament to hold a demonstration ride to coincide with the SNP party conference being held here later in the year.

#### **6. AOBs**

i. Haudagain improvements. This has now progressed to the next phase in the design process. A few of the ideas previously put forward on behalf of ACF seem to have been taken on board, but the proposal is still far from ideal and in our view not optimal in terms of Cycling by Design standards.

ii. It was noted that it was almost a year since the Westhill path had been to the CHI Committee (28 October 2014) and there had been an undertaking for it to go back to Committee after 12 months if there had been no progress.

iii. Comment made re underpass on Dyce Road near McDonalds. Could a ramp or gutter be installed to make this easier to negotiate by bike?

iv. To note that there is a 'Love to Ride' challenge going on in Aberdeenshire during September (see [lovetoride.net](http://lovetoride.net))

#### **8. Date of next meeting**

Next meeting to be Tuesday 29 September, 1930hrs at the Townhouse (Broad St / Queen St entrance).