

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of meeting

Townhouse, Broad St, Aberdeen, Tuesday 29th March 2016

Attending:

Jyll Skinner (Chair), Gavin Clark, Clare Roberts, Mike Nieman, Tito Casquinha, Patricia Melo, Henri de Ruyter, Liam Barker, Colin Wright.

Guests from Friends of the Earth: Amelia Hannah, Kirsty McAbery, Gregor McAbery, Michael Moore

0. Welcome & Apologies

JS welcomed all and especially guests from FoE. The presentation given by Amelia Hannah, from FoE Edinburgh, plus comments & questions from others will be captured separately and posted on the website.

1. Presentation by Friends of the Earth – air quality issues

See separate document.

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

i) JS is still awaiting a response from Cllr Yuill as to when the Westhill cycle path item would again be presented to Committee. He does not seem to be responding to emails.

ii) the CWSS list will be finalised later this week and sent to ACC. We have a few items but less than might be expected. JS suspects that ACF members are disheartened by the fact that the vast majority of our suggestions from previous years have not been implemented.

3. Absafe

This local personal safety charity had been in touch with JS asking about whether our members might like to help raise sponsorship for a long distance ride by wheelchair athlete Kenny Herriot.

4. Shelter – Borders Bike Ride

Open invite for us to take part in their fund-raising sportive.

A similar invite had been received from charity North East Sensory Services who are organising a 66k ride to the south of Aberdeen in September

5. Cycling Scotland Community Grants

We recently heard that these grants (funded by Transport Scotland) are open for applications, with a closing date of 6 May. Discussion ensued about what project we could devise in the short time available and to make use of the £5k grant available. PM and GC both had ideas and it was agreed that we should brainstorm for another week or so before deciding if we had a worthwhile project that could be delivered within the existing capacity of ACF.

An alternative might be to seek a partner of an established organisation who might have more capacity, if we had mutually compatible objectives.

<http://www.cyclingscotland.org/our-projects/award-schemes/cycle-friendly-community-project/the-cycle-friendly-and-sustainable-communities-fund>

6. Pedal on Parliament

Most of the arrangements are underway and the sub-group will meet again to ensure everything is in place. HdR and others have been distributing flyers and this will ramp-up closer to the day.

7. AoBs

- i) Will Hekelaar from ACC has been in touch about coming to speak to ACF about the Active Travel plan. It should be possible to fit this into the next meeting (which will also be the AGM).
- ii) We have just learned that the Deeside Way is to be closed for 14 months due to AWPR works. There is to be a diversion via the A93 and Station Road. Most of those present thought this was unreasonable and JS agreed to contact ACC about it. RP also mentioned works on the Formartine & Buchan way some of which have been well handled by the contractors, but there have been problems too.

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 26th April. This will also be the Annual General Meeting with election of office bearers etc