

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of meeting

Townhouse, Broad St, Aberdeen, Tuesday 25th October 2016

Attending:

Jyll Skinner (Chair), Gavin Clark, Bruce Cruickshank, Tito Casquahina, John Tuckwood, Sheila Tuckwood, Pamela Rackow, Chris James

0. Welcome & Apologies

Apologies: JS welcomed all and especially Chris James who had come along to introduce his role as Campus Cycling Officer at Aberdeen University.

1. Minutes of last meeting (4th October) and matters arising

The minutes were noted – matters are mostly covered in the agenda below. GC asked about contacting Cycling Scotland with our feedback on Pedal for Scotland. JS passed on the contact details so that GC can do this.

2. Chris James – Campus Cycling Officer

CJ explained that he has just begun a 6 month internship as CCO. The role is funded by Cycling Scotland and follows from pilots done elsewhere. There are 10 posts currently across various other Universities, including RGU. The aim is that they should qualify for a 'Cycling Friendly Campus'. There is various monitoring & evaluation to set a baseline, an analysis of gaps and also raising awareness of what facilities are there at present. Also consultation, both with staff and students. The role covers both Old Aberdeen and Foresterhill.

The first 'event' will take place next week and is a bike health clinic (Dr Bike) working with BeCycle and Adventure Aberdeen and with funding from the Big Bike Revival. Another project is to set up several tool stations. Longer term, it is hoped that Dr Bike events will become regular, and that rider training will also be available.

CJ has also met with Nestrans and Scotrail re their Bike and Go rental scheme – it seems they are keen to roll it out and are offering special deals to students.

3. Big Bike Revival

The co-ordinator has been in touch and was keen for us to organise a ride. Until now we have focussed on Pedal on Parliament and there was some discussion over whether we have the resources to run another ride too. The timing of BBR in 2017 is yet to be confirmed but it is hoped that it will be earlier in the year than during 2016. It was suggested that the existing 'Try Cycling' rides which take place regularly

organised by Cycling UK / CTC Grampian could be branded as BBR rides and were perfect for the target audience.

4. Bridge of Don Active Travel Hub

They have been awarded up to £10k and have been in touch to see if we can explore ideas together. Due to busy schedules, JS and the organiser (Susan Fraser) have so far been unable to meet up and it might be helpful if some other ACF members got involved to help out. JS to email the 'usual suspects' to see who is available and interested.

5. AWPR Ride

This idea seems to stem from a meeting with Cycling UK / CTC Grampian had with the AWPR team. The idea is that a one-off ride could take place on the whole route in the short window once it is complete but before it opens to motorised traffic. Various clubs have now got hold of this as an idea although there was no commitment yet on the part of the AWPR joint venture, it was agreed that it was worth exploring further and that the best chance would be for the various clubs and interests to work together.

5. Any other business

- i) ST reported a recent accident at Queens Cross where it was reported that the attitude of the Police officers who attended was thought to be inappropriate. There was some discussion over how the individual concerned could pursue this and what response we think we are entitled to expect from the Police in the event of a traffic incident. It was agreed that it is really important to make sure that incidents are report as this all feeds into the statistics which are used to help determine policing priorities. Further discussion too on the change in attitude from some Police forces – notably West Midlands. TC also reported that officers from Edinburgh had visited West Midlands to learn from what they are doing.
- ii) Plans from ACC re potential new infrastructure were then examined for comment. These are a) Anderson Drive (Bridge of Dee to Ruthrieston), b) Craigshaw Drive, and c) Parkway. Any comments back to JS by [date] [are these plans available on line for people to look at? Too big for my scanner!]
- iii) Berryden corridor – TC had been in touch with Cllr Willie Young who had agreed to a meeting but so far it hadn't happened.
- iv) TC gave a brief report of their ride with a reporter from the Evening Express who is intending to publish a week-long series of articles on cycling.
- v) BC gave a brief update on the proposed Kingsford stadium development. There is little else to report at present except to note that it will be discussed at a meeting of the Westhill Community Council on 1st November – a big turn-out is expected.

- vi) PR had met with HdR and MdB to look at the layout of ACF's website. GC to contact Carl to see if they can have access to the web account to see how it is structured.

6. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 29th November. 7.30pm in the Townhouse.