

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of meeting

Townhouse, Broad St, Aberdeen, Tuesday 28 March 2017

Attending:

Jyll Skinner (Chair), Gavin Clark, Bruce Cruickshank, Chris James, Henri de Ruiten, Micheal de Barra, Pamela Rackow, Mike Neiman, Tito Casquahina

0. Welcome & Apologies

Apologies received from Liz Lindsey & Dave Shannon.

1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Route feasibility: JS had been in touch with the consultants again and AECOM to ensure they had everything they were expecting from us.

Community planning – JS had looked into this and GC added what more he had picked up since the last meeting about how ACC were structuring it. It was not yet clear how beneficial to us it might be.

Active Travel Task Force – GC had submitted comments although had had trouble with the (supposedly) editable PDF submission form. MN had had the same problems. Neither had had any acknowledgement.

Walk, Cycle, Vote at the AECC – done.

Westhill cycle path – noted that some new drainage has been put in one problematic section which should reduce flooding and freezing issues there. Also noted that some sweeping had been done, but there is a lot of work going on so in places the surface is very rough and there are detours. BC commented that in the local development action plan there were to have been under or over crossings for the AWPR slip roads. No signs of any of these being built. TC suggested sending an enquiry to the AWPR team.

Also noted that the planning application for the next phase of Prime 4 has been withdrawn. This was to have been the trigger for improvement to the sub-standard section of the cycle path, so if it is not proceeding it isn't clear what will happen with that.

Kingsford – there are numerous objections to the application many of which are based on failings in the transport assessment.

2. NESTRANS Cycling Development Officer

JS has been in touch with Ruth Milne a few times and it was hoped she would have been attending the meeting. JS will follow up.

3. Pedal on Parliament – 22 April 2017.

We are still working towards a route along the beach esplanade and boulevard ending at Castlegate. Publicity materials have been produced (thanks to PoP) so we are committed to that now. Police had declined to commit any support to help us get across the one busy roundabout unless we obtained a TTRO (temporary traffic restriction order) at a cost of over £800. HdR is still in contact with Cllr Ross Grant on this point and other details. It has been pointed out to him that in both Edinburgh and Glasgow the Council have waived the cost of obtaining a TTRO.

It was noted that PoP is largely funded by a crowd-funding appeal so we are all asked to consider supporting it financially (and noting the help they have given us in providing publicity materials etc for each of our 3 PoP rides).

<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/pedal-on-parliament>

4. May Elections / hustings

JS had looked at some options for venues but it was not straightforward. She had also approached the local FoE contact but they are unable to assist on this occasion. Agreed we should probably drop this idea and concentrate on PoP.

5. National Transport Strategy

JS has prepared a response which has to be submitted by Friday. There was a brief discussion of some of the content.

6. AoBs

i) Cycle Count. This normally takes place in May. There was some discussion of the purpose or whether this is now redundant given that ACC have 14 automatic counters in place. It was agreed that it would be good to continue for at least one more year to provide an overlap on data. Agreed date is 16/17/18 May. JS will contact regular count helpers directly.

ii) MdB is still working with a contact at Cycling UK on a 'street visualisation' that they are going to produce for Union Street.

iii) Chris James – who has been Campus cycling development officer for Aberdeen University is leaving Aberdeen as the post has ended. All wished him well and thanked him for his efforts. The infographic produced as part of his dissertation is now visible on the ACF website.

7. Date of next meeting

25 April 2017. This will be the AGM. Start time will be the normal 1930hrs unless we also have a guest speaker booked in which case it may be moved forward to 1900hrs.