

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of meeting and AGM

Townhouse, Broad St, Aberdeen, Tuesday 26 September

Attending:

Jyll Skinner (Chair), Gavin Clark, Bruce Cruickshank, Tito C, Colin Wright, Alan Irving

0. Welcome & Apologies

1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Kingsford: JS and BC had attended the Council pre-determination meeting and had presented a statement on behalf of ACF, focussing over our concerns of impacts on the Aberdeen – Westhill cycle route.

It was noteworthy that officers had suggested that there were solutions for the narrowest section near Prime 4. This seemed to be contrary to the position they took after our campaign for changes based on safety grounds.

We had had an enquiry from a member via social media as to whether the outcome of the recent AECOM study of the A944 had been made public? We haven't heard although BC noted that some of the points which we had made in response to that seemed to have also found their way into the Active Travel Strategy.

2. Council Leaders to attend next month's Meeting (31 Oct).

There was discussion over how we could make best use of this opportunity. On the previous occasion when Cllr Jenny Laing had attended we had shown a short film from New York showing the transformation of some streets after experimental construction of new cycle routes, followed by Q&A. Suggestions for this time were:

- TC has ample footage of cycle infrastructure failings in Aberdeen
- The topic of our (lack of) engagement with both Councillors and officials
- The role of the Council's 'Cycle Champion'
- Winter treatment of cycle routes

Agreed that we should email the membership soon to intimate the meeting and ask for questions to be submitted.

There was some further discussion of the success or otherwise of the Cycle Champion role. JS was to be meeting Cllr Ross Grant later this week and would see how that went.

3. De-brief of recent survey

This was deferred as MdB was not present. However MdB had also intimated that he was leaving Aberdeen imminently. JS would chase up to try and get the info from him in a way that could be presented to a future meeting.

GC also noted that MdB had the Union St 'visualisation' as he had been the lead with Cycling UK on that so we would need to get a copy from him for future use.

4. AoBs

- i) Following on from HR's departure and now MdB, JS intimated that she would step down as Chair at the end of this year. The loss of 'active' members was a concern and it was agreed that in our next mass email we should invite other members to get more involved.
- ii) GC noted that the Police 'close pass' initiative which had started in West Midlands and then spread to Edinburgh was now to be implemented nationally (at least in Scotland). It was agreed that we should contact local officers to find out what that would mean for Aberdeen.
- iii) GC had attended a Cycling UK 'networking' event within the last couple of weeks. There had been some interesting speakers and the opportunity to make new contacts, but the event was maybe too short to fully capitalise on this. Many of the attendees were from outwith Aberdeen.
- iv) CW mentioned that a Nestrans report on potential changes to the layout of Queens Rd (from Hazlehead roundabout to Anderson Drive) had been referred to the Council for a decision but without any recommendation. CW described some of the proposals

6. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 31 October.