

Aberdeen Cycle Forum

Minutes of meeting

Ma Cameron's - Sunday 25th November 2018 @ 3:00pm

Attendees: Gavin Clark (Chair), Angela Conroy, Ian Mitchell, Kevin Mathew, Rachel Martin (Communications & Campaign Secretary)

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies from Liz Lindsey and Mike Nieman.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Ian Hamilton from AECOM was present at the previous meeting and discussed how road networks may work when the AWPR is open. Discussed three options. ACF will give feedback to AECOM and the best way to deliver on locking-in of benefits.

3. Campaigns and PR

ACF crowd-funded two ICE Designing for Cycle Traffic books and presented one to Martin Ford of Aberdeenshire Council in October and the other to Ross Grant of Aberdeen City Council in November.

On Sunday 25th ACF and Friends of the Earth Scotland organised a joint air pollution event on St Nicholas St in Aberdeen to highlight the harmful effects of air pollution and call for low emission zones, space for walking and cycling, and pollution-free public transport.

Kevin Mathews from Sustainable Travel Policy at the University of Aberdeen is planning to apply for funding for ebikes that can be used by the community. Initially just a small selected will be purchased for staff and students at the University of Aberdeen and surrounding community. ACF is supporting the application.

Rachel is working on a design competition for a segregated bike path on King Street, Aberdeen. Funding has been applied for through LUSH - still waiting to hear back. Will also contact University of Aberdeen for support.

4. Consultations

Craigshaw Drive - Overall good but could be better with three improvements:

- a) Physical barrier to prevent vehicles from driving in the lane and parking there.
- b) Continuous on side roads to give priority to active travel
- c) Narrow the width of the carriageway further to 6.5m

Cross-city connections - Not many thoughts on this one. Some query why there's no focus on links from towns into the centre rather than cross-city connections. Also wondering whether these will be segregated paths or share and care.

Roads hierarchy - ACF to report back to AECOM

Traffic measures - ACC proposing cycling on contraflow on Andrews and Charlotte streets. Also wants to introduce parking restrictions.

Abellio - want to interview a cyclist who uses Dyce station

5. Interaction with Aberdeen City Council

Gavin met with Ross Grant who is generally supportive of cycling infrastructure. There's some regret about not applying for community links plus funding. Says Union Street bike path petition too ambitious. Wants to focus on neighbourhood cycling schemes segregated bike paths for schools.

LEZ - city council has commissioned work from SEPA on air quality. Waiting to hear back about this.

6. Any other business

7. Date of next meeting

Next meeting to be an informal Christmas meal at Ma Cameron's, Tuesday 18th December at 7:30pm.