

## **CYCLE FORUM**

## **DRAFT MINUTE**

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2005, Bruce Room, Town House.

## **Present:**

DL Dave Lindsey, CTC, Right to Ride Officer (Chair) JR Jeremy Rushton, Friends of the Earth LN Louise Napier, Aberdeen City Council Carl Gerrard, Shell CGJW Jackie Wilkins, CTC Kris Howard, CTC KH Mark O'Connor, BP MC Sarah Wingrove SWDerek Williams, CTC DWNeil Fraser NF FF Fiona Fraser DT Dave Tulett JΒ John Braisby GVGerard Vlaar Sebastian Rimestad SR MY Maureen Young, CTC

## **Apologies:**

Item	Action By
1. Welcome & Apologies	
DL welcomed everybody to the meeting. There were no apologies.	
2. Minutes Last Meeting:  DW was chairing.	
3. Update on Review of NCN Route 1 (North) – Feasibility Study	
LN gave a rundown of the recommendations from the Feasibility Study. The Study's final route went from Tillydrone, across Grandholm Bridge, west below Danestone, around the back of the Health Club, under Persley Bridge, along the River Don, across the Don opposite the Football Park, up to Stoneywood Terrace, alongside the River Don until reaching the Formartine & Buchan Way. This would involve upgrading existing paths, a new cycle/ pedestrian bridge, new riverside cycle paths, improved access to underpasses, as well as on-road improvements and facilities. The route would also allow for a local recreational/ commuter route for cyclists with points of access to the countryside and links between the communities of Bucksburn, Dyce, Danestone and Bridge of Don.  It was asked whether the rest of the NCN was being reviewed. LN stated that it was (from Old Aberdeen to Duthie Park), and confessed that she had hoped the Cycle Forum would be actively involved in that review. A group of JW, JR, MY and DL agreed to look at this. It was also thought that Sandy Cormack from CTC should be involved.	JR, JW, MY, DL
4. Consultation on College St Dualling	
There had been a meeting with Joanna Beveridge. The group had spoken about a link to the railway from the College Street car park. This could be upgraded so that it was more of an entrance for cyclists to the station with a toucan crossing. There would also be undercover cycle parking, etc. The engineers would look at making the dual carriageway lanes a little bit wider both northwards and southwards. DW spoke about how it would be preferable to have a 1.5m wide cycle lane but that it would be. It would be slightly over 1m and advisory, not mandatory within the carriageway. They had discussed with the engineers that it was a bigger problem	

having a discontinuous lane and just because there was not a cycle lane, did not mean that there wasn't a cyclist. HGV's, buses, etc. wouldn't have a problem going into the cycle lane especially if it were advisory. There would also be dropped kerbs, etc. on Affleck and Marywell Street with ramps going in. The area where roads were severed were still considered part of the carriageway – so there would be no problem with dual use pavements, etc. The group would be meeting again in 2 weeks. Phase 2 would concern the bridge.	
5. Consultation on City Centre 20mph Zone	
CG had drafted a response and thanked everyone who had contributed to the letter. The letter had agreed that the outer cordon ought to be adopted everyday. It was also thought physical calming measures were a good idea – although studies had shown that even reducing the limit, reduced speeds by a notable amount. The report on this would be going up to the September Environment & Infrastructure but it was thought that the Officer recommendation would not be in favour of putting a 20mph speed limit through the city centre.	
6. Consultation on Traffic Management Review for Cove, Nigg, Altens, Tullos, Kincorth and Torry Areas	
DT and DL had both been looking at responding on behalf of ACF and CTC respectively. LN had already done a response and would forward this on to both DT and DL to ensure that cyclists needs were being comprehensively backed up.	LN
7. Six-Monthly Meeting Convenor of Environment & Infrastructure and Head of Roads Management	
DW had to discuss: Third Don Crossing, Bike Week, WPR and Strategic Projects, such as a properly engineered route from Westhill to Anderson Drive, a route from the City Centre to Torry, and a route from Kingswells to Bucksburn.	
8. AOB	
Website It was thought that responses to consultations and letters should be on the website so that members of the public could see them. This is to be taken forward by CG and JR.	JR, CG
Berryden/ Hutcheon Street Workshops DW spoke about the workshops that are being set up with local residents and interested groups to look at smaller-scale solutions to the Roads proposed infrastructure. The dates were Wednesday 31st August from 5.30pm and Tuesday 6th September from 5.30pm, both at 9 Skene Street. DW asked whether anyone would be interested in attending, and if they were they should contact Joanna Beveridge in the Roads department.	
NESTRANS  LN spoke about the money that been given to cycling projects from NESTRANS. It was originally recommended that £50,000 was allocated to cycling, but it looked very much like up to £120,000 could be scheduled. This would be confirmed later on in the month. CG asked about the cycle lane infrastructure that had gone down on the North Deeside Road. Where red stripes had gone in, double yellow lines had not reappeared. This was the same on Bedford Road and the Beach Boulevard. LN to find out and report back.	LN
8 Next meeting The next meeting is on Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> August, 2005 at 19.30pm, Committee Room 5 in the Town House.	