

Dundee Cycling Forum

20th March 2017
Dundee University, Dalhousie Building

Participants

Atholl Hutchison, Wendy Hutchison, John Berry, John Whyman, Peter Clinch, Steve King, Nina Gillespie, David Martin, Trudy Cunningham, Marianne Scott, Donald Baddon, Jenny Anderson, Neil Quinney, Robert Webster, Mark Sinclair, Kim Reid, Scott Reid, Stephen Cragg, Jojo Neff, Gill Town, Tony Turvey, Andrew Smith, Ralph Jessop, Michael Holligan, Kate Treharne, James Beattie

Apologies

Laurie Bidwell, Ron Laurie, Norma

Introduction

David M welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. Nomination of Notes Taker

John W agreed to take notes. The last notes were agreed by **Trudy C** and seconded by **Jojo N**

2. Actions from Last Meeting

a) Website - www.dundeecycling.co.uk Further content required

Action - **All** to send ideas for content to **Steve K**

Action - **Steve K** to add email address for contacting dundeecycling@gmail.com

b) Facebook Page www.facebook.com/DundeeCycling additional admins have been done, but still an issue with posting to the main page

Action - **Steve K** or other admin to look at changing settings to allow members to post to the main thread, rather than just as visitors.

c) email dundeecycling@gmail.com **John W** is managing the gmail account

d) Constitution Draft Constitution had been circulated. **Steve K** reported that helpful comments have been received.

Action - **Ron L**, **Marianne S** and **Steve K** to amend and bring a second draft to the next meeting

e) Treasurer **Steve K** has investigated club and society accounts at RBS, TSB and Clydesdale

Action - **Steve K** to make his choice and **John B** to provide a small opening balance from DCC to support the Forum

3. Cycle Route Diversions

a) Apex Hotel - resurfacing the road for one week, NCN 1 and Green Circular diversion using footway

b) V&A – closure of NCN 77 and Green Circular April 2017 – Jan 2018, diversions to be signed using footway around plot 6 and 4 pedestrian crossings. The consensus of the forum was that this is not good enough. Objections highlighted this as route a main commuting and leisure route. Footway diversion is not designed for cycling. Action – **Mark S, Trudy C, Donald B** and **Neil Q** to visit the site and bring forward recommendations

c) Riverside Flood defence work – closure of NCN 77 and Green Circular March – October 2017. Diversions signed using footway for pedestrians and road/Seabraes cycle route Tesco's bridge. Other routes discussed as options into the city. Tesco's bridge not always working. Riverside Approach footway is too narrow for cyclists, and parked cars make the road intimidating. Can the road be coned as "No Parking" until work complete to give cyclists space?

Action - **John W** forward request to ask Engineers

Diversion information is on DCC Green Circular webpages, but could also be up on Dundee Cycling Facebook. Sustrans also need to include information on their website

Action – **Neil Q** to forward to Sustrans

4. Bikeability Officer

Grant Pettigrew has started and is based at Ancrum Centre. Is delivering with Primary and Secondary Schools and has support from Dundee and Angus College.

Marianne S reported that 3 schools in Dundee are Cycle Friendly Schools including Braeview Academy. This is much lower than any other city in Scotland. A PR launch hopes to generate more interest.

I-Bike officer is in post and working with St Pauls and Harris and their feeder primaries.

Trudy C suggested getting support from Student Teachers at Dundee Uni. Old Cycling Proficiency and support from trainee Policemen also discussed.

5. Planning Guidance

Planning applications at Old Kingspark site (housing) and Kingsway East (retail) were discussed, mainly connectivity of walking and cycling routes and cycle parking. Routes along and across Kingsway particularly highlighted as needed.

Action – **John W** to make enquiries about Forum accessing the Weekly list of Planning Applications and getting it forwarded to the Planning Team **Stephen C, Trudy C** and **Donald B**

6. New Cycle Counter

Electric Score Board cycle counter to be installed at Douglas Terrace. Planning consent has been sought and there had been no objections during consultation phase. If approved installation should be in the next couple of months.

Action – **John B** lead

7. Training Courses and Information events.

These events will listed on the Facebook Page

a) Cycle Ride Leader Course 25th March Abertay University, free usually £75. See here:- <http://www.cyclinghub.scot/course/cycle-ride-leader--led-ride-assistant>

b) Cycle Ride Leader Course 10th April Dundee University, free usually £75. Follow the link below and use code CS58C954 See here:-

<http://www.cyclinghub.scot/course/cycle-ride-leader--led-ride-assistant>

c) First Aid Course 8th April

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cycling-uk-first-aid-course-dundee-tickets-31411549791

d) Maintenance Course 19th 20th April TBC

e) Cycle Law Scotland Presentation 23rd March, Dundee University, free. See here:-

<http://www.cyclelawscotland.co.uk/dundee/>

Please note that courses may be free, but you need to book, and they may be cancelled if not booked enough.

Action - Further information from **Donald B**

8. Audit of City Centre

John B reported that 12 attended the audit on 12 March 2017, and carried out a look at different parts of the town and recorded data over coffee, with further work by **Jojo N**. **John B** warned Forum members not to expect immediate results! Where next? Information and observations being sought from the Lochee and North East Wards. A consultant from ARUP is currently engaged by TACTRAN. More comments on infrastructure, barriers, signage and information etc for Lochee and Northeast would also be useful. **Jojo N** usefully suggested a format of 1) Where is it? 2) What would you like changed? 3) Provide an image to illustrate. **Nina G** to discuss collation of data and feeding this into ARUP work.

All comments will be assessed, an action plan developed and funding applications made

Action - **John B** to see if mapping programme can be shared

9. Public Participation Events

a) Wee Jaunt **John W** explained that offers of help from Forum Members for Wee Jaunt in Camperdown on 11th June had been received including Gazeboes, mechanics, mobile pump track and on the day helpers. Cycling Scotland were checking the route today.

Action - **John W** to continue to liaise with Cycling Scotland over the event.

Post meeting note. Cycling Scotland have assessed the route as unsuitable for the Wee Jaunt as it is not tarmac and the hills are too great. They have asked about other venues in Dundee, but they do not meet the requirements for the event either.

b) Wee Jaunt Perth is on 6th August

c) Cyclofun 28th May, Tayport to Tentsmuir - **Tony T** explained the event and the agreed feeder rides that were to be led by Forum members from Dundee. Looking for vintage bikes, and looking to cater for people with restricted mobility. More information www.cyclofun.co.uk

d) Pedal on Parliament 22nd and 23rd April in Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Inverness. All thought we should do one in Dundee possibly linked to hustings with political representatives. Some thought, given time constraints, there was too much to do this year. Look instead to invite someone from Cycling UK and Spokes to give presentations on lobbying. All present thought that there will be times when the forum would want to lobby politicians.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 1st May 6:30pm Dundee University, subject to confirmation from **Trudy C.**

Positions:-

- Chair/Facilitator - **Laurie B** (standing down as a councillor, and more able to represent the forum after May)
- Advisory Group - **Nina G** (Sustrans) **Marianne S** (Cycling Scotland) others TBC **Martin H** (Scottish Cycling) **Ralph J** (Cycling UK)
- Vice Chair/Facilitator - **David M**
- Secretary - to be provided by DCC
- Treasurer - **Steven K**
- Social Media/Website Team - **Steve K, Scott F, Neil Q**
- Event Planning Team - **Trudy C, Jim B, John W, Donald B**
- Projects/Audits Team - **Donald B, Gill T, John B, Neil Q, Jojo Neff**
- Planning Applications Team - **Stephen C, Trudy C, Donald B**