Dundee Cycling Forum

Meeting
23rd March 2026 17:30-18:30
Central Library Café space

Participants

Present:
Catherine Wykes
David Wykes
Russell Pepper
Angela Cantali
Jojo Neff
Jonathan Simpkins
Steve King
Peter Clinch
Iain McDonald

Apologies:
Graham McBain
Valentine Scarlett
Donald Baddon
Jenny Baddon

1. Welcome and Apologies

CW - Welcomed all to the meeting and apologies noted. A round of introductions as a few people had never met.

2. Minutes of AGM 12/01/2026

IM - proposed the minutes
DW - seconded the minutes

3. Actions from previous meeting

What	Who	Update
See if any libraries etc. can be used. If not, contact Jerry/Claire to see if room at Meadowside St Pauls would be available.	Russell	Done – Central Library café space will be the regular meeting place now

Write letter to Cycling UK	Donald	Donald has written this, Cath will edit a bit then send.
Get out to community centres to see what folk want/need from cycling in Dundee	Cath, Valentine, Donald	Get out to community centres to see what folk want/need from cycling in Dundee
Leaflet redesign – Cath and Aaron to meet/talk	Cath/Aaron	Leaflet redesign – Cath now has contact details and needs to meet with designer
Send emails to all candidates and additional ones as and when they are announced	Iain	Has sent emails for 5 candidates, waiting on announcement of other 3. In the meantime will send to regional offices.

4. Consultations

a. Dundee City Council "Streets Ahead"

RP – explained what Streets Ahead is. It's a redesign of DCC's adopted guidance on street design – the last update was in 2003 so much-needed. It is guidance for developers to adhere to but also anyone making changes to the streets and roads in Dundee, so has potential to make a significant impact on the way streets are designed. It also contains guidance on cycle parking for new developments, and has Cycling by Design embedded within it.

CW – has responded on behalf of the DCF.

RP – made the point that it is really worth responding and getting quite specific on certain points if they want to. **ACTION**

b. Local Development Plan – call out for ideas

RP – explained that DCC Planning Department are updating the Local Development Plan and that they are looking for ideas for both land use and policies. DCF can submit their own ideas. Deadline is 31 march – link here: https://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/service-area/city-development/local-development-plan/planning-division-consultations

CW – DCF will get a collaborative document put together for folk to contribute to. Agreed JN and SK will contribute, CW to submit. **ACTION**

General discussion around specific ideas they could put forward, such as explicitly banning all new drive through developments in Dundee, and also banning the re-opening of new drive throughs by a different operator if one operator ceases operation on a site.

5. Task Groups

a. Planning Group

No updates.

b. Campaigning and Engagement Group

i. Letters being sent to candidates for Scottish Parliament

As noted in Section 3 above, IM has sent emails for 5 candidates, waiting on announcement of other 3. In the meantime, he will send emails to regional offices. **ACTION**

ii. DCF recruitment – leaflets, events to attend, establishment of volunteer pool and method of contact

Will be organised once the leaflets are ready.

RP to set up meeting between CW and communities officers. Also to talk to DCC City Centre Manager Gaynor Sullivan re: setting up a marquee on same day as farmers' market. **ACTION**

iii. Supporting Critical Mass

DCF Comms to cross-post Critical Mass SM post. **ACTION**

RP – To see if DCC comms can do the same. **ACTION**

c. Communications Group

CW has written an article on cycling for the Dundee Civic Trust – it is with their editors now for approval

CW - DCF did a litter pick along the Docks path and t got great engagement – could be a way forward!

RP – There is a litter pick being organised as part of the Dighty Regeneration Project – will share details for those who want to join. **ACTION**

Cath W will write a blog piece on the Cycling Scotland Conference.

d. **Treasurer and Fundraising**

SK - Currently £1,900 in the account

e. **Events**

i. <u>Pedal on parliament feeder ride</u>

Will be on 23 May. PC and JS happy to be ride leaders.

6. AOCB

a. SUVs – Evidence that SUVs are dangerous, being 77% more likely to kill a child and 30% more likely to kill a cyclist in a collision. London is making parking permits for SUVs more expensive, has also been done in Wales (Cardiff).

CW – does DCF want to campaign for similar here?

SK – are there bigger priorities?

PC – brought up a book on the topic that is over 20 years old!

JN – ridiculous that its such old news yet only now are places acting.

General discussion around what could be done in Dundee. SUVs could attract higher parking charges, be banned outright from the city centre using the ANPR system for the LEZ, have higher parking permit charges etc. All possible!

CW – proposed adding it to the manifesto and emailing Steven Rome. Agreed. **ACTION**

b. Cycling UK, Walk Wheel Cycle Trust and Women on Wheels are hosting an Online Scotland Election 2026 Hustings, 6-8pm, 14th April.

The session will be chaired by climate activist Laura Anderson and will pay particular attention to the experiences of women and the barriers stopping more women from walking, cycling and wheeling for everyday journeys.

You can sign hup here: https://www.cyclinguk.org/hustings-sct-14-04-2026

c. Cycling Scotland Conference – in Perth on Wednesday September 16th.

CW – DCF doesn't necessarily need a stall but would be good to have representation. AC will be there with her other hats on. DCF can pay for someone else to go too. No decision made but the idea is out there.

d. Forth ports

JN – noted that he'd contacted RP about the lights along the port being off, and it was good that Forth ports had responded positively and are actively looking into repairs.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 25th May 2026, 17:30-19:30 at Central Library Café space.

Positions:-

- Chair/Facilitator – **Catherine W**
- Vice Chair/Facilitator – **David M**
- Secretary – **Russell P**
- Treasurer – **Steve K**
- Communications/Website Team – **Steven K, Valentine S, Donald B, Alice T, Catherine W, David W**
- Event Planning Team – **Trudy C**, **John W**, **Donald B, Jojo N, David M, Peter C, Valentine S.**
- Campaigning and Engagement – **Donald B, Valentine S, David M, Graham MacB**
- Planning Applications Team – **Trudy C, Donald B**

Actions

What	**Who**
Go through Streets Ahead document and provide further feedback	All
Send manifesto email to remaining 3 candidates/regional office representing political party.	IM
Set up meeting between CW and communities officers.	RP
Talk to DCC City Centre Manager Gaynor Sullivan re: setting up a marquee on same day as farmers' market.	RP
DCF Comms to cross-post Critical Mass SM post	DW
DCC comms do the same	RP
There is a litter pick being organised as part of the Dighty Regeneration Project –share details for those who want to join.	RP
Action on SUVs added to the manifesto and email Steven Rome re: the same.	CW