Dundee Cycling Forum

15th January 2024
Hybrid meeting (Zoom and Meadowside St Pauls)

Participants

Valentine Scarlett, Catherine Wykes, David Wykes, John Whyman, Jenny Anderson, Donald Baddon, David Martin, Jojo Neff, Neil Quinney, Alice Turpie, Paul

Apologies - Peter Clinch, Marianne Scott, Jerry Donaldson, Gill Town, Russell Pepper

1. Introductions

Valentine welcomed new member Paul. Members introduced themselves.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting 21/08/23 were agreed as an accurate representation proposed by Catherine W and seconded by Jenny A.
Matters Arising – Actions list.
All Actions complete. 4b) Donald advised that information on the lift closures are posted on the Tay Road Bridge Twitter feed, and the Forum could ask for recorded closure times from the Bridge Board.

3. Reports

a) **Planning Applications** Donald gave an example of a Planning Application Trades Lane new flats, which were designed as car free, but the proposed cycle storage did not include any spaces for non-standard bikes, as per Cycling by Design guidance. Donald also advised that the planning applications were now being sent to the Sustainable Transport Team for advice on suitability of cycle parking, so cycle racks no longer needing the scrutiny of the Forum.
Eden project planning applications raised – one for the development of the Eden site and the other for a connecting bridge from Camperdown St/NCN1 to the attraction entrance. Emphasis was on sustainable transport, with promotion of walking and cycling to the venue through ticket reductions for sustainable transport users and bus drop off areas. Alice mentioned replacing the top of Peep O Day Lane with ramps and steps.
Action John to share links to the application for information Bridge 23/00813/PPPL Eden Project Site 23/00814/FULM

b) **Campaigning and Engagement** Valentine reported on her meeting with Chris Law MSP in particular about the Active Freeways. Chris suggested he could assist, and to write to him at the MSP Office. Valentine shared the draft STDP and the forum response and included concerns about the Freeways timescales, comparing to other cities in the UK and abroad where change has been quicker.
Discussion about setting up meetings with councilors and council officers.
Action – share manifesto with committee for possible alterations.
Union St – Co design project – Members provide input to the session. Comments will inform a next stage of concept design and further consultation. Possibly an archway feature, mosaics, promoted connection to McManus Galleries, continental style zebra crossings. Construction funding is to be applied for when design and costs are set. Discussion about the support from

business on Union St in particular recognizing the value of outdoor seating, backing up research from other places about the commercial value of pedestrianisation.
Climate Café Valentine and Donald have attended the Climate Café to help generate active travel discussion after suggestion by Alice. DCF is now on the email invite list.

c) **Treasurers Report** No report available, though John advised that Steve has been working on the changes to signatures. Grant spend - Alice advised that she has not yet managed to prepare designs for the flag and banner. John advised of opportunities for members provided by the grant for First Aid and Cycle ride leader training.
Action – anyone wishing to volunteer for free Cycle Ride or First Aid Training, contact dundeecycling@gmail.com

d) **Events**
Pedal on Parliament Discussion around the event. All present agreed that the event should be in the City Centre, before the election, include groups (JustBee, Dragons etc) invite councilors and avoid the Edinburgh PoP. Details to be developed at the next meeting.
Cyclefest Jerry provided an update in his absence. He was developing a plan around building on the 2023 event by returning to Camperdown this summer, and looking to hold a bigger event in Slessor Gardens in 2025. He is looking for members to assist with the co-ordinating group.
Action Contact dundeecycling@gmail.com if interested.

e) **Social Media** Discussion about Facebook, with some feedback about the interesting variety of shared posts, and using pinned posts to keep important information visible. Support offered to Valentine if required. Twitter X less active. Donald noted that Steve Finan's post challenging 15min neighbourhoods received no likes.

4. AOCB

a) **Dighty Bridge** The bridge is now open and the NCN1 from Monifieth to Broughty Ferry useable again. Official opening and celebration in March.
Action John to share information on the opening celebration when available

b) **Storms effect on the Green Circular and other cycle routes** John advised that falling trees were blocking paths and affecting the Green Circular at Templeton Woods and Mill o Mains. Care needed though at both locations you could walk your bike round the fallen tree. Clear up work has not stopped since Babet, and the Council is looking to employ a contract to assist the small Forestry Team. John expressed frustration that trees kept falling and blocking paths, but was entertained by members present sharing some tree related puns. Peter and Jojo both raised maintenance issues (leaves, black ice and overgrown shrubs) on the Green Circular.
Action John to survey this month and request vegetation cutting and sweeping

c) **Dundee Cycle Map** John and Valentine raised an email from an older cyclist asking if the Dundee Cycle Map could be made easier to read, by anyone without excellent reading vision. John subsequently met with the Sustainable Transport Team (Neil and Russell) to discuss. The last version is 2022, but there are no real changes in the map to warrant a new map for 2024. The request from the map user requests a large print enabled by splitting the map into 4. Members looked at several previous version of the map. Comments were:-

- Some sections of map split into 4 would have almost no cycle routes or infrastructure.
- David M suggested a fold-to-join to enable routes to be planned over 2 sides of the page (like old school road map books)
- Catherine suggested a series of cards focused around District and City Centres.
- It was noted that schools already have promoted active travel plan maps, though they were mainly promoting walking routes.
- Common consensus was that the main issue navigating Dundee by bike was the lack of infrastructure, and the need of the Active Freeways to provide the welcoming connections.

Action Neil and Russel to investigate further printed and digital products that may make navigation by bike in Dundee easier.

d) **Whalers Lane Crossing** David W raised a concern with crossing a road in the Central Waterfront, where the traffic light layout did not seem to protect people crossing on the green man phase. **Action** David to email more details and John to share with DCC Roads and Transportation for advice.

4. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting TBC Monday 18th March Meadowside St Paul's Church 6:30pm
Action John to contact Jerry to see if room would be available.

Positions:-

- Chair/Facilitator – **Valentine S**
- Vice Chair/Facilitator – **David M**
- Secretary – **John W**
- Treasurer – **Steve K**
- Social Media/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, Valentine S.**

Actions

What	Who
Share info on Eden Planning Applications in minute	JW
Circulate manifesto to committee members	JW/DM/DB
Volunteers for Cycle Ride Leader or First Aid courses	All
Offers to help with Cyclefest	All/Events Team
Celebration opening Broughty Ferry Active Travel route – JW to advise of date	JW
Green Circular survey	JW
Dundee Cycle Map investigate easy to read options	NQ
Whalers Lane Crossing issue David W to send in details to share with Roads and Transport	DW/JW