Dundee Cycling Forum

Meeting
19th May 2025 6.30pm-8.30pm
Meadowside St Pauls Church, Dundee

Participants

Present:
Catherine Wykes
David Wykes
Jojo Neff
Russell Pepper

Apologies:
Donald Baddon
Jenny Baddon
Steve King

1. ## Welcome and Apologies
   CW - Welcomed all to the meeting and apologies noted.

2. ## Minutes of Meeting 31/03/2025
   DW - proposed the minutes
   CW - seconded the minutes

3. ## Actions from previous meeting

What	Who	Update
Move constitution to prominent location on website	David W	Still needs to be done
Consider a presence outside the McDonald's consultation	Everyone	CW went to consultation
Send DCF an email address at planning to get on the weekly list	Russell P	Done
Contact Pedal to the Pitch	Catherine W	Done, and chased up – no response.
Message Catherine W on 07986246144 to get on the WhatsApp groups	Everyone	No update.
Think about possible events	Everyone	No update
Liaise re: She Pedals Scotland	Catherine W and Ralph C	No update
Join Changemakers' Hub	Catherine W	No update

Contact Sustrans about NCN barrier at Tentsmuir/Tayport	Russell P	Done – the NCN team are aware of the issue and the Fife Council officer is in talks with them about this barrier.
Book room for next meeting	Russell P	Done

4. Task Groups

a. **Planning Group**

Riverside McDonald's – CW attendee the consultation event on 16th April at Bonar Hall. She highlighted the issue of increased traffic along the road there and at the access road – McDonald's team said they are aware.

b. **Campaigning and Engagement Group**

i. CW and DB met with Cllr Rome (Convener, Fair Work, Economic Growth and Infrastructure) and James Mullen (Senior Manager, Sustainable Transport and Roads). See Appendix A for minutes of this meeting.
ii. CW met with Scott Runciman, Scotland Advocacy Lead for Cycling UK (CUK). On the 18th June, there will be a meeting: "Influencing your MSPs and local councillors in Scotland". CW was invited to speak at this meeting which people can join at the following link: https://www.cyclinguk.org/event/influencing-your-msps-and-local-councillors-scotland
iii. CUK are also going to have an in-person campaigning workshop on the 30-31 August, with an optional ride and recruitment possibilities for both the DCF and CUK. Event details to be finalised.

c. **Communications Group**

i. Article by the Chair in the Evening Telegraph: CW wrote an article as a rebuttal to recent opinion pieces stating that people do not want to cycle in Dundee and that it's not an everyday option. It was agreed that the article was good engagement and that the comments seemed to be, on the whole, quite reasonable. Article available here: https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/opinion/5243111/dundee-active-travel-catherine-wykes-steve-finan/
ii. Facebook stats: 2087 followers, ~12,000 views from 25-21 April and ~5,300 VIEW FROM 22 April-19 May.

iii. Website: Agreed the blog posts need to be revived to activate the website a bit more, DW and CW to write a blog post on their recent holiday to Ghent.

d. **Treasurer and Fundraising**
   i. No update/treasurer not present.

e. **Events**
   Dundee Dragons to hold event on 20th July at Caird Park at the Regional Performance Centre, using the track. People can go along and see what they're all about and try out some of the adapted cycles. Event page is here: https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1119713503498790&set=a.426049386198542&type=3

5. AOCB

a. Cycling Scotland Conference (10th September). Agreed that the DCF will have a stand at an early bird volunteer rate of £100, plus an additional delegate pass for £85. Total cost will be £185.
   Discussion around what the DCF will have at the stand – could have current campaigns, recent successes, cycle maps etc. TBC.

b. DCF are now the 50th signatory on the Cycling Scotland "Joint Active Travel Manifesto for 2026". This is a manifesto that asks electoral candidates for the 20216 Scottish elections to commit to various active travel pledges – see here: https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/news/news-post/active-travel-manifesto#:~:text=The%20manifesto%20highlights%20the%20need,implementing%20the%20pavement%20parking%20ban.

c. DW asked RP why the new path at the Swallow Roundabout going up Dykes of Gray Rd then ends and directs cyclists onto the road. RP said there's a shared use path all the way up Dykes of Gray Road to Liff – however it's unsigned. RP to look at this and see if it can be signed/made clear, installing new shared use signage and removing any "end of route" signage.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 21st July Meadowside St Paul's Church 6:30-8.30pm.

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**
Move constitution to prominent location on website (outstanding action)	David W
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Think about possible events (outstanding action)	Everyone
Liaise re: She Pedals Scotland (outstanding action)	Catherine W and Ralph C
Join Changemakers' Hub (outstanding action)	Catherine W
Look at signage around Swallow Roundabout/Dykes of Gray Road and see if it can be changed to create continuous shared-use route	Russell P
Book room for next meeting	Russell P

Appendix A – DCF meeting with Steven Rome and James Mullen

DCF had a positive meeting with Steven Rome and James Mullen with the following highlights:

1. DCF welcomed the news that DCC had been awarded funding for all the applied for active travel projects from Transport Scotland. James Mullen to send DCF details after Transport Scotland make an official announcement.
2. DCC were awarded the funding early as they had tenders which had an end date and were pleased that Transport Scotland were able to accommodate them.
3. The active freeway design for Lochee RD/Arbroath RD (now sustainable transport corridor proposals) have been awarded to SWECO. DCF commented that SWECO's last involvement had caused more harm than good to the active travel proposals. DCC agreed that mistakes had been made including letting an inexperienced Engineer attend a meeting with Stobswell forum by himself as there were no experienced staff from DCC or SWECO available to go with him. DCF did not buy that it was the Engineer to blame but poor management and lack of resources. James made assurances that SWECO were a big organisation, and this contract would be well resourced with the appropriate level of skill and experience. DCF raised the issue that while the Lochee Road Conceptual design was optimal the bidirectional path design for the Arbroath Road would struggle with junctions. James said the bidirectional design was staying and there would be good solutions for the junctions.
4. The new MacDonald drive through on the green circular / NCN77 was discussed. DCF asked that DCC put in a crossing, or the shared path crossing would become dangerous - similar to what happened at Tom Johnston Road where the green circular is not safe for vulnerable users. James said DCC were speaking to Sustrans about a possible crossing and would get back to DCF.
5. DCF discussed the Green Circular at Tom Johnston Road being challenging to cross and while James agreed but said DCC would not be addressing the problem as it was too difficult and were looking at options to put the Green Circular route over to the west side of Balgillo road sometime in the future.
6. James went through a list of smaller active travel projects which are welcome and progressing with funding.
7. James also gave an update on the new transport Hub which DCF have said would be pointless without delivering the active freeways.
8. James mentioned that DCC were being encouraged to do more consultation on active travel projects. I believe DCC doesn't get that they will have to do the work/surveys/engagement to demonstrate to business/ shop owners/community groups that the active freeways will help address transport poverty and be an economic as well as public health and environment benefit. If they don't do this active travel will always be regarded in Dundee as a leisure activity and not the mass transport option, it could be. Glasgow and Edinburgh understand this, but Dundee has yet to deliver infrastructure that reflects the sustainable transport hierarchy.