

Dundee Cycling Forum



Meeting
8th June 2026 17:30-19:30
Central Library Café space

Participants

Present:

Catherine Wykes
David Wykes
Russell Pepper
Alistair Walker
Jojo Neff
Steve King
Peter Clinch
Kirsten Allen
David Martin
Kate Jackson (Scottish Cycling)

Apologies:

Angela Cantali
Jonathan Simpkins
Iain McDonald
Valentine Scarlett
Donald Baddon
Jenny Anderson

1. Welcome and Apologies

CW - Welcomed all to the meeting and apologies noted. Welcome to the AW and KA as new members!

An intro from Kate Jackson from Scottish Cycling. She's a youth development officer covering East of Scotland, with a particular interest in getting women and girls cycling – getting kids on bikes and staying on bikes. She looks after the Discovery Juniors Club in Dundee and has a focus on connecting all of the groups locally, making connections and strengthening the work that is already ongoing. She plans on coming to DCF meetings quarterly and is happy to be contacted for information and to help with events etc.

Kate was keen to know everyone's connection to cycling, so there was a round of stories/background from everyone.

2. Minutes of meeting 23/03/2026

DW - proposed the minutes

PC - seconded the minutes

3. Actions from previous meeting

What	Who	Update
Go through Streets Ahead document and provide further feedback	All	Done
Send manifesto email to remaining 3 candidates/regional office representing political party.	IM	Done
Set up meeting between CW and communities officers.	RP	Done
Talk to DCC City Centre Manager Gaynor Sullivan re: setting up a marquee on same day as farmers' market.	RP	Done
DCF Comms to cross-post Critical Mass SM post	DW	Ongoing
DCC comms do the same	RP	Not possible
There is a litter pick being organised as part of the Dighty Regeneration Project –share details for those who want to join.	RP	Done – Jojo attended
Action on SUVs added to the manifesto and email Steven Rome re: the same.	CW	Done

4. Lochee/Arbroath Road Sustainable Transport Corridors update

CW and DB attended the first Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting for the projects, also attended by Dundee Civic Trust, Stobswell Forum, West End Community Council and Bus Users Scotland. There will be further meetings, which are a way of ensuring all concerns are heard and taken into account during the project design. The CAG were informed of upcoming engagement, and there was discussion on the conflict between different users and how to manage this. Also ensuring coherent connections throughout and at the route ends. Also traffic modelling and ensuring that active travel rather than motorised travel is prioritised. Overall a positive meeting.

This led onto discussion (at the DCF meeting) about the need to get businesses on board for these projects and that physically going into the shops and talking to the businesses is very important.

There is still a big misconception of “passing trade” and recently KA was on Perth Rd (currently closed to traffic at the west end of the shops) and make a point of saying to the business owners she visited that she only cycled there because it was quiet and that she would not have been there otherwise. KJ noted that in Lauder, business keep locks so that people, who sometimes do not carry locks, would know they can go to that business and lock up outside. Could be a way to encourage businesses to be more bike friendly. KA was keen to see a case study or info on this – KA to email KJ to ask for this. **ACTION**.

Also the idea for the DCF to do a pro-business post for the west end saying that the road is closed to motor traffic and nice to cycle on – why not go along by bike. **ACTION**

5. Task Groups

a. Planning Group

No updates.

b. Campaigning and Engagement Group

i. Manifesto and letters to candidates for Scottish Parliament

Done.

ii. Report back from Pedal on Parliament

DW read out appended report.

KA asked if there was a pedal on Dundee – discussion around doing this in the past. Something to consider.

iii. Meeting new MSPs

DCF will meet Heather Anderson in July – she seemed very keen on Critical Mass.

Discussion around the issues with Critical Mass in that there is not yet the infrastructure to get to the Critical Mass – chicken and egg. It would be worth talking to the Police Cyclists who may be based at Hilltown – they may be able to escort people and organise getting lights to be held for people cycling. ACTION

iv. Feedback from meeting with James Mullen

CW read out appended report.

v. Plans for community engagement (meeting with communities officers)

Point missed.

vi. New leaflets

CW showed everyone the new leaflets and thanked AW for the design.

c. Communications Group

Agreed that slack channel will be abandoned.

d. **Treasurer and Fundraising**

SK - Currently £1,700 in the account – recent payment of £260 for design and print of leaflets, with consistent £5/month donation from anonymous donor.

e. **Events group.**

No updates.

6. AOCB

- a. Cycling Scotland conference on 16th September – agreed that DW will go, and JS had shown interest so agreed that he will be able to go as well, if he would like. **Action**
- b. Cycling UK are travelling UK for photoshoots and will be coming to Dundee – good publicity!

7. Dates of Next Meetings

Monday, 27th July 2026, 17:30-19:30 at Central Library Café space.

Monday, 28th September 2026, 17:30-19:30 at Central Library Café space.

Monday, 30th November 2026, Online.

Monday, 25th January 2027, Online (AGM).

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
Email Kate Jackson to ask for case study on businesses with bike locks	KA
DCF to do SM post about visiting the shops on quiet/closed to traffic Perth Road	DB
Contact police cyclists to ask about escorts for Critical Mass	KA
Book Cycling Scotland places for DW and JS (contact JS first)	CW

DCF meeting with DCC Dundee House 11am 30/04/2026

Attending:

Siobhan Tolland Deputy Convenor City Growth & Infrastructure DCC

James Mullen Senior Manager Transportation DCC

Michael Sandeman Principal Engineer Infrastructure DCC

Catherine Wykes Chair DCF

Donald baddon DCF

1. Catherine led the congratulation from all to James Mullen for his well deserved promotion to Senior Manager Transportation .
2. CW handed out copies of The Transform Scotland '[A Head of the kerb report](#)' on how councils can tackle the hidden costs of parking which she had emailed round the group before the meeting. ST had read the report and appeared to be interested in further investigating it.
3. ST noted Public Health now have representation on the board of Tactran. (It was recommended that: Lynne Hamilton, Public Health Programme Director, NHS Tayside join the Tactran Board as a non-Councillor Member at their [Health and Transport meeting](#) in March)..
4. There was a discussion about parking policy that touched on the parking situation at Ninewells and Siobhan talked about some of the ideas that have been put forward including bus info on appt letters and a review of parking permit policy - at present these are never revoked, even on retirement.
5. DB raised the latest 'Heathy Life Expectancy' Figures which show Dundee as being towards the bottom of the table in Scotland. DB suggested that DCC can use the Public Health benefits of active travel to drive its rollout of the active travel network.
6. DB thanked DCC for getting the 'Streets Ahead' document updated as that had been one of the outstanding asks from DCF since it was formed in 2016. JM confirmed the document would be kept up to date as required. DB asked if the 'Dutch Kerb' approach could be made the default to ensure future pavements are inclusive and accessible. JM and MS seemed to think it could be possible to do that and only not use dutch kerbs in exceptional circumstances. DCF will need to see the final published document but can keep asking if the document is a living one that can be updated to include best practice.
7. JM stated that Cyclehoop usage was at 90% and DCC were looking to acquire another 30? DCF said that this was great news and DCC should shout more about the secure cycle storage that is been provide to the areas that require it and helping to address transport poverty.
8. DCF raised the issue of there not being good cycling infrastructure along the NCN! at the Apex Hotel. Dundee Dragons and Capability Scotland (based at City Quay) had both raised the issue with DCF as they could not take groups there. MS and JM accepted that it was not inclusive/accessible and MS said they would look into possible options. JM said that DCC did not own that strip of land but leased it from a property company and then sub leased it to the current occupiers which made things complicated.
9. JM confirmed that the work on the sustainable corridors was progressing to schedule. JM has seen the latest designs and DCF found it reassuring that he found them up to scratch.
10. MS reported that a few active travel funding bids were successful (I did not catch what they were). CW stated that the Strathmartine Connections programme was winning the hearts and minds of the locals as they could visualise the project and it's benefits to children in particular.
11. DCF raised the issue of the new Sustainable Transport Hub soft launching with a £3 cheap parking deal to encourage motorists to use the car park. In the ensuing discussion it became

clear that DCF does not have reducing car journeys as an objective but wants to maximise revenue from the multistory car parks on the edge of the LEZ. DCF suggested that DCC had contradictory approaches where they seem to want to encourage more everyday trips by active travel/public transport while maintaining or even increasing journeys made by private car (which is also in conflict with the climate emergency DCC declared in 2019). DCF can continue to raise this issue with the politicians but the best short term hope is DCC removes City Centre parking spaces."

12. CW raised the council's response to suggestions in the Courier for how to remove traffic from the Waterfront and the fact that if DCC aren't willing to consider reducing network capacity and displacing traffic, nothing will ever change - need to accept a degree of pain/friction if we're going to change the culture around driving.

Pedal on parliament Meeting notes (written by David Wykes).

Cath, Pete & I attended PoP, it was the first time Cath and I had attended.

There were over 1000 cyclists there of all ages on all manner of bikes
Police and drummers escorted us on our way and traffic was held and pedestrian areas cleared as we made our way down the royal mile attracting a lot of attention from tourists.

Alex pointed out that the promised of 10% of the Transport budget being dedicated to Active Travel by 2024 never materialised and it is currently at 3.9%. PoP wants that to be increased to 6% this year and to 10% by the end of the govt.

They want a push of safety - speed limits enforced, presumed liability and proper police funding for road safety.

He pointed out Cyclists are seen as one side of a culture war versus drivers when many cyclists also drive and it's a stoking of division

The first guest speaker was Rose Marie Burke whose daughter was killed in Glasgow by a lorry enroaching into an advanced stop bicycle box - an issue which persists for cyclists.

Kate Campbell MSP spoke about wanting to be able to cycle and how 2 cyclists in her constituency had also been killed in the same circumstances as Emma Burke Newman

Sanne Dijsktra-Downie, MSP spoke about how she grew up in the Netherlands and wants to see the same type of infrastructure to support children and adults being able to experience the freedom of cycling.

While Catherine got the Ember home and Pete solo'd his way to the deepest darkest wilds of Fife (Rosyth) I stayed on to join Edinburgh Critical mass...

There was maybe 60 people attended that which i believe was slightly higher than usually due to PoP

With such a large group they used marshalls to hold traffic at lights so that the entire group could get through rather than being split by traffic lights changing. This seemed to be accepted by all but a few impatient drivers.

Supportive toots and waves from bus & taxi drivers - i was informed the boss of Lothian Buses is a keen cyclist and implemented cycling training for all their drivers -

<https://www.lothianbuses.com/news/2018/04/lothian-bus-drivers-get-on-their-bikes/>

I talked to the leaders after the ride and they said it had taken a long time to get to that level of attendance and while they do theirs on a Saturday they have also discussed whether that means they get less than if they chose Friday evening like we do.

They hope to one day attend a Dundee Critical Mass when their final Saturday of the month occurs before our FInal Friday.