

Dundee Cycling Forum



10th June 2024

Meadowside St Pauls

Participants

Valentine Scarlett, Catherine Wykes, David Wykes, John Whyman, Jojo Neff, Jenny Anderson, Donald Baddon, Peter Clinch, David Martin, Russell Pepper

Apologies - Marianne Scott, Gill Town, Steve King, Karoline Hardt, Alice Turpie, Neil Quinney, Jerry Donaldson, Graham McBain, Rocha Santa Maria

1. Introductions

Valentine welcomed everyone.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting 18/03/24 were agreed as an accurate representation Proposed by Catherine and seconded by Jojo.

Outstanding Action 3c) Get information to donors to advise the financial status of the Forum is improved and donations are not currently needed. JW.

Matters Arising not covered in agenda All actions complete or included in agenda.

3. Reports

a) Planning Applications Group

- i. At the previous meeting, Jojo had reported **Eden Bridge** [23/00813/PPPL](#) designs appeared reduced the width of the NCN. Drawings on the application had been updated to confirm that the NCN would remain at current width.
- ii. **BFAT** concerns/communications. Donald explained that infrastructure installed on the Esplanade was different to plans on the website at crossing points. At one point engineers were to include Zebra crossings across the Esplanade, but plan was amended after resident complaint about impact of beacons. The current position is that pedestrians have a crossing on the cycle lane, there will not be painted crossings on the road, but raised tables will be installed. Donald has queried and received responses from Sustrans and DCC.

b) Campaigning and Engagement

- i. **MSP meeting** is still to be progressed. Scheduled for 29th March, Catherine, Valentine and Graham meeting Shona Robison MSP and Joe FitzPatrick MSP, but was cancelled and a new date to be arranged after the Westminster election.
- ii. **Dundee Civic Trust (DCT) engagement.** Jojo reminded members of the communications prior to the last meeting with DCT chair Donald Gordon. Jojo explained that he shared DCF planning objections and Donald was very complimentary on the content and suggested DCF did not need DCT guidance. Fionn Stevenson is now the DCT lead on planning matters, and also met forum members as a representative of Stobswell Forum. DCT have advised they are against the idea (suggested by Sweco) for bikes sharing a

- future bus lane on Arbroath Rd. Donald has confirmed with James Mullen and Neil Quinney that this is not an option as contrary to Cycling By Design Guidelines.
- iii. **Stobswell Forum engagement.** Donald and Valentine met with Colin and Fionn from the Stobswell Forum (SF). SF are mainly concerned with reducing heavy/large vehicles cutting through (and not servicing) Stobswell. They are also against the Active Freeway going through Baxter Park, though an arrangement that moved the footway into Baxter Park to provide space along the road was agreeable. Some common ground including potholes. Colin and Valentine agreed that it would be useful if Stobswell Forum and DCF worked together to facilitate progress on the Active Freeway.
- Bus infrastructure versus cycling infrastructure was discussed by members. It was agreed that bus travel is already in a good position, with bus users feeling safe and comfortable. Cycling is not.

- c) **Treasurers Report** Steve has provided a report. The signatories on the bank account are now updated. The current balance is £2214.67. The only transactions since the last meeting are donations. No outgoings. Steve is investigating on line banking, to ease payments.

- i. **Spend on FIT grant** Draft designs and text agreed by the committee, and shared with Alice. Hoping to get banner and flag produced before the Cyclefest event in July. **Action** Alice to order banner and flag (liaise with treasurer Steve). **Action** John to arrange membership of CyclingUK and insurance (liaise with treasurer Steve).

d) **Events**

Pedal on Parliament Discussion of impact of Westminster government on cycle campaign in Dundee, and acknowledged very limited value in a campaign event. Agreed not to hold this event but focus on the Cyclefest and a Manifesto scorecard.

Cyclefest 20th July Castle Green (TBC) Discussion on what DCF would want to deliver at the event – aiming to raise profile of the Forum, create campaigning products and support led rides by others. Activities agreed include:-

- Display of banner, flag and DCF fliers
- Kids Art for Bikes with colouring pens – create stickers to put on your bike
- Sign a petition or complete your own postcard Manifesto Score Card to send to a councillor
- Possible Breeze Ride.
- Support for other led rides

Action John to email events group to share preparation input. **Action** Catherine to ask Breeze participants for interest.

e) **Social Media**

- i. Website. Steve provided a report. The whole website is now running on Wordpress, which should make it easier for other people to maintain it in the future. 1644 hits (15-28/05/2024). Attempts to break into Site Admin, but site secure, and if they did manage to break in, there is no personal data stored and no access to the membership list. A break in would only be able to alter content of the site. New content requested, particularly for resurrecting the blog. Short articles about cycling (preferably Dundee related) to dundeecycling@gmail.com please.
- ii. Facebook very busy, and full of interest. Twitter comments exchanged on LEZ and free parking in July in Dundee City Centre.

4. AOCB

- a) **Manifesto update** discussion followed the PoP and election discussion. Chair thanked everyone for input. Manifesto acknowledged to be most useful in local council elections. Agreed to create

a Score Card to share with councillors on current progress. Comments to be retained for update before next council election.

- b) **Support for other Active Travel campaigns.** Discussion continued from exchanges about the text on the banner and flag. Agreed that Dundee Cycling Forum is an Active Travel campaign focusing on Cycling. Banner text to read “Your voice for everyday cycling”.
- c) **New CyclingUK advocacy lead** Valentine advised that Jim Densham had moved position and the new contact was Scott Runciman.
- d) **Bus Station Cycle Rack** The new cycle rack was full most days. Russell explained he is trying to contact the Bus Station Manager to find another space for a covered rack. Russell also advised that the residential cycle hoops were at 63% average capacity with a wide variety between locations.
- e) **Marketgait Underpass closure.** Gill Town had reported that the Bell Street car park works had closed the underpass (a promoted walking and cycle route) and only a pedestrian “Path Closed” sign. Gill’s email has been discussed within the council, and the engineers have agreed to sign the footway around Marketgait as a pedestrian and cycle diversion during the works. This route had been signed for pedestrians, but the signs had been stolen. John will respond to Gill and thank her for raising this.
- f) **Clean Air Day** event has been cancelled.
- g) **Other group events** 11 and 18/07/2024 [Summer Cross](#) Trilogy Cycling Club and Discovery Junior Cycling club Cross country Race Come-and-Try evening in Camperdown Park for adults and kids 10/08/2024 [Ride for their Lives](#) – Healthcare professionals celebrating clean air with a ride from Invergowie to Monifieth. **Action** Social Media Team to share information.

4. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting TBC Monday August or September Meadowside St Paul’s Church 6:30pm.

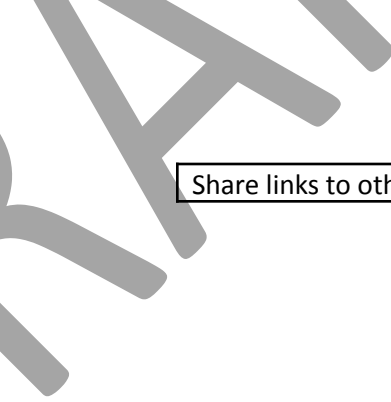
Action John to contact Jerry to see if room would be available.

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
Alice to order banner and flag (liaise with treasurer Steve).	AT/SK
John to arrange membership of CyclingUK (liaise with treasurer Steve)	JW/SK
Information to donor	JW
John to email events group to share preparation for Cyclefest.	JW
Catherine to ask Breeze participants for interest in ride at Cyclefest.	CW
Blog articles for Website to DCF email	All



Share links to other group events	SM team
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