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ByCycle AGM and April Quarterly Meeting

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THE PERTH AND KINROSS CYCLE CAMPAIGN

Wednesday 19 April 2017

**Congregational Church Meeting Room, Murray Street (at Mill Street Bus Station),
PERTH PH1 5PJ**

Present: Sarah Walker(Chair), Mike Simm(Vice-Chair and Rides Convenor), Katharine Melville(Secretary), George Alexander(Treasurer), Margaret Scott(Wednesday Rides Convenor), David Dawson, David Lyle, Gordon McFarlane, Bill Melville, Jane Anderson, Lizzie Grigg, Bill Grigg, Evelyn Ellis, Fiona Robertson.

Apologies: Ken Ward, Richie Neill, Seph Beer, Nina Gillespie(TACTRAN)

Sarah Walker opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Minutes of the 2016 AGM: These were accepted as a true record; Proposer-B. Grigg, Seconder – M. Simm.

Matters Arising from 2016 AGM Minutes:

- 1) Walnut Grove: M.Simm reported that a new surface has been laid.
- 2) Tay Street signage: There is no signage from Perth Bridge to the South Inch. Brian Cargill has been informed of this.
- 3) Flood Prevention: B. Grigg is keeping an eye on developments on NCN77 and will pass on any information. There is a possibility of a temporary footbridge over the River Almond.
- 4) Bikes on Trains: M. Simm reported that SPOKES are campaigning for more spaces. K. Melville said the stock answer to such requests is that the present number of spaces are not sufficiently used! Also there anomalies with the booking system if only doing part of a route.

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting January 2017:

Matters Arising:

1. Tay Street Parking: K. Melville had organised newspaper coverage to highlight the problem. The pavement is to be made dual use as far as the rail bridge. To find out if there are to be markings showing pedestrian/cyclist tracks. S. Walker said that the problem of wall height was resolved as it only applies to new build walls.
2. Belles and Buns: S. Walker asked for volunteer marshals for the ride on Saturday May 13. If available please contact Highland Perthshire Cycling.

Chairperson's Report:

S. Walker reported on several meetings that she and K. Melville had attended.

Perth Transport Futures Project: Plans for A85/A9 Bertha Park outlined. Receiving newsletters and interesting video of the project but disruption will continue until proposed completion date of Spring 2019.

P & K Council Outdoor Access Forum: This was held in Pitlochry and included an update on A9 dualling which was repeated at the A9/NMU Forum in Perth. There was also an exhibition on the dualling at Ballinluig. Jacobs seemingly not too concerned about NMUs but have taken "on board" the need for a cycle route from Rotmell to Ballinluig.

Cycling Scotland Conference: Attended by speakers from BBC, PKC, Cycling Scotland and Scottish Parliament. Mark Beaumont had given an inspirational talk.

Thanks to Katharine for organising Tay Street parking protest. Members of Bike Station also took part in the event.. This has resulted in pavement being designated dual-use so was very worthwhile.

Thanks, finally, to Katharine for support and secretarial work and organising Wednesday rides in 2016, to Mike Simm for organising 3rd Sunday and Special Ride and to George Alexander for keeping finances in order and to all who support Bycycle.

Treasurer's Report: G. Alexander handed out a bank account summary and a detailed statement of costs. Cycling Scotland fees and Sports Council are the largest ongoing costs but both necessities. An additional cost this year had been sending two delegates to the Cycling Scotland Conference. The final balance of £2537.85 is a little down on 2016 but still reasonably healthy. K. Ward was accepted to continue as Auditor; Proposer – K. Melville, Seconder – D. Dawson

Election of Office Bearers:

Chairperson: K. Melville accepted the post

Vice-Chairperson: M. Simm to continue in post

Treasurer: G. Alexander to continue in post

Minute Secretary: F. Robertson accepted the post

Ride Convenors: M. Scott to organise Summer Wednesday rides and M. Simm to continue with 3rd Sunday and Special Ride.

Membership Fees: The meeting agreed to retain the fees at £5. There were two new members at the meeting. K. Melville is to maintain the membership list which stands currently at 80.

Bycycle Rides:

1. Monthly rides: These continue to be about 40 miles in length and attract good rider number. E. Ellis asked if the length of the lunch break could be shortened and M. Simm will look into this.
2. Wednesday rides: The first of these is on 26 April. M. Scott is to advertise them in local and community newspapers in the area. She will also keep riders' names and details on a computerised list which can be e-mailed to ride leaders.
3. Special Ride: M. Simm reported that he and Sara are to survey the Callander to Perth route on 22 April. The route length is 53 miles and the break-even number of participants is 55 but as plans are well advanced entries can commence very soon. As the buses, which are now booked, have to be paid for it was agreed to raise the cost to £20 per participant. J. Anderson asked if some photos of the route could be taken and put on the website and also possible pitstops investigated. There will be no marshals. The route is not suitable for skinny tyres.

Current Issues:

1. K. Melville had referred R. Tricker (TACTRAN) to Lewis Simpson and Paul Flatley to get information on the active travel situation in Scone. She will report back on outcomes.
2. Keith Grant had met with Brian Cargill on the subject of signage but there was no further information on this.
3. Cycling UK Network – M. Scott had attended this meeting which was designed to give various organisations the opportunity to find out about each other and their purpose and aims. The possibility of joining Cycling UK was raised – G. Alexander thought it would be too expensive but J. Anderson is to find out whether there would be any benefits in joining and report back.
4. Dr Bike – M. Scott had felt that it was worth having a stall at this event. As the Bike Station supports our Special Ride the question of how best to promote them was raised. K. Melville is to ask Mark how we could best do this – perhaps a link on the website?
5. New Website: There had been a meeting on this prior to the AGM. D. Dawson has found a website designer who will charge £150 and have site ready in 4/5 weeks. The meeting agreed to go ahead with this proposal.

A.O.C.B:

1. K. Melville asked if there might be interest in riding the 'Etape' route by Bycycle members before the actual date of the race. There was not a great deal of enthusiasm but she suggested a date to 4 June 2017 to see if there was any take up. M. Scott suggested having weekend cycling trips for members and is to look into this.
2. The 20s Plenty Campaign is proposing a 20mph limit in all residential areas. All agreed that this is completely unrealistic and unworkable.
3. M. Scott reported that Coupar Angus Hub is getting funding to raise interest in the Big Bike Revival. It was felt that Bycycle is already committed to returning people to cycling.
4. B. Grigg reported that he has written an article on the 5 Lochs route for the CAMRA magazine.

Date of Next Meeting: The next AGM will take place on 18 April 2018. The next quarterly meeting is on **Tuesday 18 July 2017**. The change of day is to avoid conflict with the Wednesday evening rides. The possibility of returning to Council rooms at 2 High Street for our meetings is to be raised with Seph Beer.

The meeting terminated at 20.30 and K. Melville closed the meeting by thanking all those attending.