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THE PERTH AND KINROSS CYCLE CAMPAIGN

QUARTERLY MEETING

AT 7PM ON TUESDAY 18 JULY, 2017

Congregational Church Meeting Room, Murray Street

(at Mill Street Bus Station), PERTH PH1 5PJ

1. Present:

Katharine Melville(Chair), Mike Simm(Vice-Chair), Fiona Robertson(Minutes Secretary), Margaret Scott(Wednesday Rides), Sarah Walker, Evelyn Ellis, Richard Townsend, Kyle Pearson, Kenneth Ward, Marianne Scott(CyclingScotland/Tactran), Scott Peddie, Seph Beer, Doreen Rennie, Graham Rennie.

2. Apologies

George Alexander, Bill Grigg, Bill Melville, Richie Neil

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the April 2017 AGM and Quarterly Meeting were accepted after M. Simm asked for an amendment in AOCB to show that the proposal for a 20mph limit in residential areas was not unanimously agreed to be 'unrealistic and unworkable'.

Matters Arising:

1. Safer Streets Consultation: Mark Ruskell, MSP, is to put a Private Members Bill before the Scottish Parliament asking for a 20mph speed limit in residential areas. KM had asked Bycycle members to complete a survey as part of the consultation on this and handed out the results which were fairly even between For and Against. There was some discussion on the purpose of Bycycle being involved but it is one of the original aims to be a campaigning group and it was agreed this should still be part of our policy. E. Ellis and S. Walker said there should also be consideration given to a speed limit on country roads – say 40mph..
2. Stanley to Luncarty Path: K. Melville had met with the Chair of Stanley Development Trust which has the project in hand but there are still landowner permissions to be obtained, followed by submission to planning and, once consent received, getting funding of about £40,000. M. Scott suggested that there is funding to be obtained from farming sources as had been done in the Coupar Angus area. K. Melville had also written to B. Cargill stressing the necessity of a safe cycling/walking route. KM to continue to liaise with SDT.
3. A9 cycle path-Tibbermore to Kinkell Bridge: M. Simm had met with Kevin McKendrick of BEAR, who is a cyclist, about the possibility of a path. It seems that Transport Scotland may be sympathetic to the idea but the usage numbers are unlikely to justify the expense of creating a path. A larger project in conjunction with Sustrans appeared to be the aim. K. Melville said that Sustrans was unlikely to support a project which did not have clear community links but she would investigate.
4. Sustrans Project – Dunkeld House Hotel to Jubilee Bridge: K. Melville had not managed to attend a meeting on this. P and K Countryside Trust working with Sustrans on this – particularly the area leading up to the bridge. The hotel wants to ensure that their guests will still be able to walk safely on this route as well as it being accessible for cyclist.
5. Birnam Path- Community Links: E. Ellis explained that Dunkeld and Birnam in Bloom wished to improve the narrow verge between Youngs Garage and the kissing gate leading to the road down to the Tay. At present people have to walk on a busy road because of the condition of the verge. Unfortunately, because of historic tree planting, the path is less than the 2m required for dual purpose. Marianne Scott said that TACTRAN had refused funding because of this but would ask that the proposal be reconsidered. PKC would carry out the work once funding obtained and adopt the path in the future. DBIB has taken out a lease on the area which belongs to Atholl Estates.
6. Tactran Report –Scone/Crieff: Marianne Scott said that the report should be available within 2 weeks.

4.Treasurer's Report

In the absence of George Alexander KM reported the bank balance at £2381.90. She said that some memberships may have to be repaid as the members concerned have signed up for the Special Ride in August and therefore will be paying their membership twice!

5.Bycycle Rides

a. Monthly: M. Simm reported that the weather had been inclement on the Little Glenshee and Crieff rides but numbers had been good with 40 plus going on the joint ride with Coupar Angus. M. Scott suggested a ride by Alyth and Glenisla. She also mentioned that a new café is to be opening soon in Spittalfield which could be used as a lunch stop.

b. Wednesday Rides. M.Scott reported that an average of 12 riders attended these rides with 53 individuals attending. The mileage covered is roughly 14 which seems to suit all those participating..

c.Special Ride. Following a sub-group meeting prior to this one M. Simm reported that everything was in place to run the ride which has been held since 2010! Participation was nearly at break-even point but more advertising of the event is to be done to try and get maximum numbers.

6. Bycycle Website

M. Simm reported that the website went live in June and can now be found on tablets and phones. When Googled the website appears in 7th position. He asked for members photos to put on the site which has proved relatively inexpensive to set up.K. Melville reported that originally Bycycle was a campaigning group acting as a link between the public and the Council and that, when rides were introduced, these drew in more members but the meeting agreed that campaigning and consultation on relevant projects should still be one of our aims..

7. Proposed Membership of Cycling UK

K. Melville reported that the organisation has now joined Cycling UK at a cost of £75 annually. This covers 'Events - Organisers and Volunteers covered for events with up to 150 participants'. The cover does NOT extend to regular rides unless ALL riders are members of Cycling UK. So our own Sports Council insurance(£141.17 annually) is still required to cover public liability.

8.Presentation to Ken Ward

K. Melville presented Ken Ward with a gift and made him the first Honorary Life Member of Bycycle in recognition of all the work he has put into the organisation since its inception pre-2000. He has held the roles of Treasurer and Webmaster for much of that time and was thanked heartily for all his input.

9. A.O.C.B.

a) PKC Enterprise and Infrastructure Meetings: K. Melville reported that, resulting from these meeting, 15 mins free parking is being extended to all areas, there is to be a 20mph limit on Kinross High Street and that the Round Perth Cycle Route is being developed(to be more user-friendly hopefully). Marianne Scott(Tactran) said that they were providing funding for the reprinting of the Perth cycling leaflet. K.Melville is to contact the Council regarding the widening and upgrading of paths linking different areas.

b) Tay Street:Objections to the dual usage path are to be in by 14 July and signage will be installed in August. S. Walker said that the paving stone on the shared use path are very uneven. K. Melville asked that individuals contact the Council with their views as well.

c)Perth On The Go: This event to promote cycling is taking place on Sunday 6th August and is to take place in Perth centre. We can have 2 stalls by K. Melville said that volunteers will be needed to help her.

d)Tay River Path: K. Ward raised the problem of raised tree roots along the path at the end of the North Inch which is affecting runners and cyclists. K. Melville said that the Park Runners had complained to the Council and had had some positive feedback but that all affected individuals should put in complaints about the state of the surface.

e) Representation: K. Melville said that Bycycle used to have wider representation from other organisations on the committee and asked those present to consider which other groups could be asked to join.

f) Murthly Path: Richard Townsend was invited to speak about this project to provide a core path from Murthly to Stewart Tower for walkers and cyclists. At present there is no proper path and surfaces are unsuitable and there are problems with boundary fences and cattle in fields. A consultation is ongoing and landowners have yet to be approached. It is unlikely that funding will be available to fit criteria for a commuter link. After discussion Bycycle agreed to support the project.

10.Date of Next Meeting: The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 18th October 2017 at 7pm. The meeting closed at 20.27 and K. Melville thanked all those who attended.