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ByCycle AGM and April Quarterly Meeting

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THE PERTH AND KINROSS CYCLE CAMPAIGN

Wednesday 18 April 2018

Congregational Church Meeting Room, Murray Street (at Mill Street Bus Station),

PERTH PH1 5PJ

1. **Present:** Katharine Melville(Chair), Mike Simm(Vice-Chair and Rides Convenor), Fiona Robertson(Minute Secretary), George Alexander(Treasurer), Margaret Scott(Wednesday Rides Convenor), David Dawson, Sarah Walker, Seph Beer, David Lyle, Gordon McFarlane, Evelyn Ellis, Lewis Simpson, Alan Nairn
2. **Apologies:** Ken Ward, Richie Neill, Marianne Scott(TACTRAN), Bill Melville
Katharine Melville opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
1. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting April 2017:** These were accepted as a true record; Proposer – G. Alexander, Seconder – S. Walker. There were no Matters Arising from these Minutes.
2. **Minutes of Quarterly Meeting January 2018:** These were accepted as a true record; Proposer – Mgt Scott, Seconder – D. Lyle. Matters Arising would be dealt with on the Agenda.
3. **Chairperson's Report:** K. Melville reported on another busy year. She thanked S. Saunders and M. Simm for setting up the new website, the latter being responsible for the day to day updating. This year Bycycle Perth and Kinross Cycle Campaign became affiliated to Cycling Uk . As Bycycle is recognised mainly for its regular led rides she pointed out that there is still a large campaigning element in the background to ensure that our voice is heard when cycling matters are on the agenda. An analogy was drawn between the elephants(councils, government bodies, etc) and ants (ourselves) where, by continuous attention(irritation!) by the ant the elephants become afraid of them! M.Simm and S.Davies were congratulated on their 12th year of organising 3rd Sunday rides and Mgt.Scott on taking over the organisation of the Wednesday evening rides which this year will have 19 rides. The Special Ride this year will be Drumochter Drop 3 – the details of which M. Simm is about to launch.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** G. Alexander handed out a bank account summary showing a fairly healthy sum of £2456.63 in the bank which is a slight decrease from last year. K. Melville queried the Cycling UK amount which was explained. At this point there was some discussion about continuing to pay for Cycling UK insurance , which is due on 11 May, as there is doubt about whether it actually works for our group. In the end it was decided to pay for the year 2018/19 and consider the matter before next year's payment becomes due.K. Ward was again accepted as Auditor. Accounts : Proposer – K. Melville, Seconder – E. Ellis
5. **Election of Office Bearers:** All those elected at last year's AGM agreed to continue in post and, as there were no other candidates, this was accepted by those present.
6. **Membership Fees:** M. Simm proposed a donation rather than a fee but, after considerable discussion, he withdrew the proposal and the meeting agreed to continue to charge £5 per member with Under 18s free. There was also talk about proposed membership forms which K. Melville had drafted and what should be included on them to comply with new data regulations for organisations coming into force. Some members felt that a name and e-mail address were sufficient and that addresses were not required. It was agreed that there should be no mention of age, health issues or gender. Also there were problems with registering for the Special Ride but this is not easy to change as it is run by Fabian. A.

Nairn asked what was said in the Constitution about membership and this will be looked into. G. @Alexander agreed to deal with the membership forms and it was thought best to send membership cards in e-mail form(which will save expenditure on printing and postage costs).

7. **Bycycle Rides:** Monthly Rides: M. Simm reported that these continue to be popular with only the March ride having to be cancelled due to weather conditions. He thanked K. Melville and E. Ellis for leading the April ride in this and Sara's absence. E. Ellis again raised the question of long lunchtime stops and the pre-booking of soup and sandwiches will be considered.

Wednesday Rides: M. Scott noted that there will be 19 rides this year between the end of April and August starting from a variety of venues. As previously cyclists can take part in 2 rides as tasters before being asked to become members.

Drumochter Drop 3: M. Simm has completed the necessary organisation of the ride and will soon send out the details of the 62 mile ride. With the expense of buses and an increase in cycle transport costs the total cost this year is about £1500 which will require a minimum entry of 60 people at £25 to cover expenditure. It was agreed that this was reasonable and also that there was no need to print certificates but that a certificate would be available on-line for those who wished to print one. A query arose about the proposed A9 dualling but E. Ellis thought it unlikely that there would any problem at this stage in the process. Signage will be required at Pitlochry. K. Melville will notify Fabian. G. Alexander noted that Fabian had been slow to send out monies due last year.

Current Issues: Perth Cycle Network: K. Melville reported that M. Morgan of PKC had consulted various active travel groups about the idea of a Hub with radiating routes connecting with the Perth Circular route. Funding is now being sought to carry out the work and a map is now available which comprises all the suggestions from the working group.

A9 Dualling: S. Walker and K. Melville had met with an engineer from a design company sub-contracted to Jacobs(one of several companies tendering for the work) to discuss signage and links at junctions and had had useful talks.

Bycycle Data Protection and Privacy Policy: This had been exhaustively discussed at a pre-AGM meeting and K. Melville is to look again at the drafts.

A.O.C.B:

1. **First Aid Training:** G. Alexander and K. Melville outlined various courses which are available at varying cost but none seemed to fit our needs exactly. Some members still have time left on their certificates so the matter was left at the moment.
2. **Sustrans BIKELIFE:** L. Simpson reported that Sustrans is receiving extra Scottish Government funding and is rolling out BikeLife, an audit of cycling in Scotland(see www.sustrans.org.uk for details) initially in Stirling, Perth and Glasgow. He also advocated contacting the Council (www.pkc.gov.uk) via MYPKC to report the many road defects which have only become worse following the harsh winter. Tay Street had been looked at now that the dual purpose path is in operation and it was found that it is really NOT fit for purpose with uneven paving and too much clutter from parking machines, etc to make it in any way cycle friendly. At present there is no funding available for the X Tay bridge.
3. **Coupar Angus Cycling Hub Festival:** Mgt Scott reported on the wide range of events being held at the festival from 17 – 24th June 2018. There really does seem to be an event for everyone.
4. **A9 cycle path:** K. Melville and E. Ellis had met with a representative of BEAR regarding the flooding on the cycle path near Ballinluig. BEAR do seem to be quite keen to help and , so far, have done quite a good job on the path from the Rotmell turn off.
5. **Date of Next Meeting:** The next AGM will take place on Wednesday 17 April 2019. The next quarterly meeting is on **Tuesday 17 July 2018**The change of day is to avoid conflict with the Wednesday evening rides. The meeting terminated at 20.30 and K.Melville closed the meeting by thanking all those attending.

