

ByCycle AGM-15-04-20

Welcome and Apologies

Kirsty Ellis (Chair) opened the meeting and apologies were noted.

Present

Kirsty Ellis, Angus Forbes, Margaret Scott, Katharine Melville, Sara Davies, Lewis Simpson, Gerry Burke, Richie Neill, Gordon McFarlane, Andy Tomison, Colin Hally, Shelagh Fulton, Ian Fraser, Damien O'Neill, Harris Keillar, Gina O'Neill

Apologies

Sarah Walker, Julie Mathews, , Seonaid Roberts, Alasdair Dutton, Gillian Tomison, David Lyle, Maureen Gaines, Neil K Cameron, Tom Lamb, John Cameron, Miriam Hanks, Anna Campbell, Diane White, John Shackley, Craigie-Lee Paterson, Chris Hally, Jill Aitken, Rona McKinnon, Alene Hill, Bruce Tarbet, Julia Greenlees, Charles Evans, Christine Fraser, Jim Leighton, Douglas Arnott, Brian Innes, Emily McCartney, Linda Symon, Espen Helland, Carmen Parfitt, Deborah Matthew, Brad Murphy, Monica Griesbaum, Sarah Dallas-Ross, Scott Peddie, Barbara Smith, Brooke Stewart

Note of Previous Meeting

Nothing was noted or arose from the previous quarterly meeting of 21-01-2026.

Chair's Update

Kirsty reported that ByCycle had had a busy year with good turnouts on both the Wednesday evening summer rides and Sunday rides, although due to poor weather conditions a couple were cancelled or safer routes chosen. The Big Ride from Dalwhinnie to Perth was a great success involving over 50 riders and glorious sunshine.

Kirsty reported that we have had good contacts with Scott Runciman, Cycling UK's Advocacy Lead, Susannah Rae, Active Travel, PKC and Michael Finlay, Active Travel, PKC.

Financial Report

Richie Neill (Treasurer) reports that there is currently £4,112.86 in the bank account. Richie has looked into changing banks to reduce bank charges but felt that it was best to remain with the current bank.

To comply with GDPR for IOC registration. we have to pay an annual subscription of £47 by DD. Richie is in the process of arranging the DD but it has been paid.

Rides Update

Ian Fraser (Rides Co-ordinator) reports that 2025 was a very successful year for both the Wednesday evening rides and the Third Sunday Rides.

Regarding this years rides nearly all of the Sunday rides are planned and the Wednesday rides planning is ongoing and details are on Spond.

If anyone wishes to lead any rides please contact Ian on ridesco.bycycleperth@gmail.com. As to insurance Ian must have your details at least 11 days prior to the ride to submit to Cycling UK. Sarah Davies asked at this point, "what does the insurance cover?" Richie answered that the insurance covers up to £10m public liability thus covering ride leaders and event organisers against claims made against them. And also covers events.

Richie added that at present ride leaders do not require 'ride leader training' or 'first aid training'. Ian concluded that last years Sunday rides ranged from 10-20 participants.

The Big Ride

Ian reported that the Big Ride was a great success and thanks were given to Howes Removals and Smith's Coaches who were both exceptional and they have both been booked again for this year's ride. This year the ride is from Callander to Perth via Doune and Auchterader. There is a nasty piece between Callander and Doune and signposting will be in place to direct riders to a safer road.

Mike has requested a Mapometer of the route. Kirsty has volunteered to do the signposting for the route.

There will be 53 places for this years ride and Ian has suggested that those that ride regularly on the Sunday Rides be given priority and a discount then it will be open to the remaining membership.

Liz the mechanic has agreed to be the mobile mechanic again and she will also do a sweep and remove signage along the way.

Campaigning

Report on Campaigning

1) Alasdair Dutton , on holiday in New Zealand and I continue to liaise with Perth and Kinross Council Officers principally Michael Findlay and Susannah Rae from the Traffic and Network Team who provide us with regular updates on Active Travel and Cycling issues.

2) I had a meeting with Jonathon Love , Estate Manager Scone Palace , in February to discuss existing path access to Scone Estate particularly from the CTLR. Another meeting is due.

3) We have maintained contact with Cycling UK and other cycling groups when putting together the Joint Active Travel Manifesto in time for the forthcoming Holyrood Elections.

We would encourage everyone to promote cycling with any hopeful politicians before the May elections and with successful ones afterwards. Alasdair and I are only too happy to assist in this.

4) I attended the launch of the Perth Walking and Cycling Index. The WalkWheelCycle Trust (formerly Sustrans) and Councillors , Council Officers and participants all gave presentations and answered questions. A copy of this report is available on their website.

5) I continue to assist with Saturday rides organised by Kidical Mass/Safer Cycling which promotes children's cycling on the streets.

6) Alasdair and I met with Nigel Wilson technical Director of Local Transport Projects Ltd who is undertaking a feasibility project on the NCN773 on behalf of the WWCT. The main discussion was around a proposed segregated cycle route from Scone at the CTLR roundabout on the A94 to the City centre.

7) Alasdair and I both recognise our limited IT and Social Media Skills and would welcome any assistance if ByCycle were to decide a different approach to campaigning would be helpful. We are both prepared to continue for another year on the present arrangement.

Active Travel Update from Susannah Rae

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Questions from the floor were invited then.

Gerry Burke asked Susannah if she was aware of any further update on the proposed route from Stanley to Luncarty avoiding the B9099. Susannah said that this was a project that the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust was proposing and that she had no news on it. Gerry also asked if there were proposed extension of cycle tracks on the CTLR network to Bertha Park. Susannah understood that there will and it will be a shared use path.

Harris Keillar stated that the the Stormont road, Scone was quite dangerous as it had no footpath with many people walking down/up it and there was a need for a shared use path. Susannah suggested emailing Active Travel PKC so there is a written record of the query.

Lewis said Coupar Angus and the Bendochy Crossroads as recently there was a near miss involving two cyclists and a van, Susannah will follow this up.

Kirsty asked if there was an update on the path at Kindallachan on the A9 because the path is closed to cyclists and the detour is up the Dalguise road and over the bridge at Logierait, which will be closed this summer. Susannah replied that cyclists should email Transport Scotland where there is a form re queries to fill in and submit.

Susannah was grateful for the good relationship she had with Lewis and Alasdair and the wider ByCycle membership.

Management of Group Membership

The management of ByCycle will now be moving completely to Spond and members can join Subgroups within Spond. We have already registered with the ICO (Information Commissioner's Office) to comply with GDPR (General Data Protection regulation). With this in place, membership must be contacted at least every three years and if ByCycle moves to re-introduction of an annual

subscription this should comply with the collection through Spond. With an introduction of a membership fee ByCycle could fund members to do Ride Leader Training, First Aid courses and anything cycling related.

H.K. commented that he liked Spond.

S.D. Commented that not everyone was on Spond, what do we need more money for? Also felt that to support ByCycle one shouldn't have to pay a subscription but suggested a donation instead.

H.K. Was in Spokes for many years where this system was used but thought that a subscription was a good idea with more money bringing more options, thought that £10 was a reasonable amount.

L.S. Commented that we only had a healthy balance due to us inheriting a grant from another organisation.

G.B. Thought it wasn't a lot to ask for the rides that are organised for members.

S.F. Said that the subscription used to be incorporated in the fee for The Big Ride, and only so many would pay an annual subscription and some don't ride.

S.D. Thought that it was duplicitous to pay for something that we already have. If re-introduced the Operating Procedure would need amending.

K.E. Agreed that this would be necessary and the committee would have 6 weeks to do so.

G.B. Said what's the point of being a member if you don't support the group, and £10 is a sensible amount.

C.H. Agreed with G.B. and a subscription would get people who wanted to be there.

The Treasurer said the collection of subs would be so much easier through Spond.

M.S. Commented that paid subs might mean not giving priority on the Big Ride to regular riders (over other paying members)

G.B. thought that giving regular ride attendees a discount on The Big Ride was a good idea.

M.S. Said that we have 231 members at the present time. Also the ByCycle constitution states we are a campaigning group, and if we are becoming a ride only group then the constitution needs to change.

L.S. Said that in his opinion it would be wrong to make such a decision based on only the 15 or so at the AGM which affects over 200 members. He thought it should be put out to the membership and not make a decision tonight. Also ask for suggestions for the use of the monies collected through subscription.

G.B. said if we don't know what to do with the money then why not give it to charity. He suggested that people who don't engage with the process miss the chance to have a say. He expressed thanks to the campaigning members

M.S. Suggested we send out a survey regarding the re-introduction of a subscription and if the majority agree it needs to start with the beginning of the financial year.

S.F. Commented that having a membership of over 200 people was a bonus regarding campaigning. Her suggestion was to increase the cost of the Big Ride to cover first aid etc but felt there shouldn't be a subscription.

R.N. Commented that only 12% of members replied on Spond to the attendance/non attendance of AGM.

K.E. Concluded the discussion agreeing that a the membership should be written to regarding subs, Spond will be used for the management of rides and membership. A decision/agreement can be made at the next quarterly meeting.

AOCB

M.S. Reminded those present that there is The Active Travel update 2026, Walking and Cycling Index report, A9 Dualling around Kindallachan and how it is affecting cyclists, there is a contact email address if you wish to voice your concerns.

He would also like articles submitting please?

L.S. Asked about one of the members project of getting a Pump Track in Perth, that member had been at the meeting initially but not present at the time of AOCB.

M.S. Has arranged for cyclists to park at Scone Airport car park 6 now that Scone P&R has closed.

M.S. Asked her to write a piece for the website.

Nothing else was brought up and the A.G.M. was closed and the next quarterly will be 16/7/26