

ByCycle Committee Meeting 16/07/26

Present

Kirsty Ellis
Mike Simm
Ian Fraser
Alasdair Dutton
Richie Neill
Lewis Simpson
Gina O'Neill
Christine Fraser
Damien O'Neill
Margaret Scott
Katherine Melville

Apologies

Kirsteen Ross
Neil Cameron
Miriam Hanks
Seonaid Duncan
Siobheon Duncan
Angus Forbes
Julie Matthews
John Cameron
Sarah Davies
Colin Hally
Lynsey Brown
Sarah Dallas-Ross

1. Kirsty opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Kirsty mentioned the last committee meeting which was held in person in Coupar Angus, where Ian explained the function of SPOND and how it works, the outcome was better understanding and all present were satisfied it was the right move.

Kirsty said Highland Cycling had been in touch to say that the A9 dualling section of cycle path is a walk only section, this will be discussed later in the campaigns update.

2. Treasurer's report. At the present time the balance is £4,979.90. The group has purchased two first aid kits for ride leaders to have on rides. Money is coming in for The Big Ride but Richie will be shortly paying the coach firm and removals firm.
3. The Big Ride this year is from Callandar to Perth via Doune and Auchterader. Kirsty and Ian have reced the ride and identified any problems and have amended the route to improve Safety. Ian and Kirsty will put out signage for the ride on the Friday or Saturday prior to the ride. At the present time around 31 places have been filled. Mike will send out a reminder by Email [for those not on Spond] and also put it on the website following the meeting. Mike Asked if the route on Spond is the correct route, Kirsty replied it was.
Katherine said that she would put an announcement on the FB page regarding places for the ride. One can apply for a ride place on Spond, the website or email: rides.bycycleperth@gmail.com.
The mechanic, Liz is booked and Ian has planned points at which she will be positioned and be Broom Wagon.
Kirsty to do a written risk assessment.
4. The Wednesday and Third Sunday rides are all going well. Kirsty asked Ian if he had started to plan next year's rides yet, his answer was no.

5. Updates in campaigning report from Susannah Rae, Active Travel Co-ordinator, Perth and Kinross Council: the A94 scone to Scone Airport Active Travel Route is near to Completion and is perfectly cycleable, it just needs some finishing touches. Apparently some locals not impressed with it but Lewis reports that it is fine. More work is being done on the Errol to Grange Active Travel route. Also the Glasgow Rd to Broxden Active Travel route. Kinross park and ride to Kinross High Street and Active Travel route and something in Marshal Place also. These are concept ones and coming soon. Another concept route is from the Walk, Wheel and Cycle Trust are hoping to develop an active travel route from Scone to Bridgend on Tay Street, and hope to complete the feasibility study in the course of this year and next year. An Ambitious project with some hurdles to overcome.

The Huntingtower Rd cycling improvements, they have put a short bicycle lane in to improve access, this was following Alasdair highlighting a few points. Alasdair has also pointed out where dropped kerbs would benefit cyclists. There is also funding for cycling parking in 3 places, Abernethy Primary School, Davey Park and xxx flats in Perth. There are some barriers on the N77 on the bridge that crosses the Almond at Inveralmond which are being removed and a bollard will be put in instead. The mobility hub at Kinross P&R will get going next month. The traffic signals in Perth are being looked at to give cyclists a head start and hopefully done by the autumn. Regarding the signage on the CTRLR some of which is misleading and some is dangerous, this has been taken on board and is being changed for new signage. The Bertha Park link is now open but signage missing, Susannah Rae has it in hand. Traffic also moving very quickly and Lewis has suggested signs warning motorists to the possibility of cyclists. There will be 10 cycle maintenance stands going to be installed around Perth, where? Once we know we can put it on the website and Katherine will put it on the FB page.

Susannah has said there will also be improvements on the Edinburgh Rd near Craigclowan School, traffic calming and pedestrian crossing.

There's an Active Travel route Milnathort to Kinross involving Persimmon Homes, Tracks, Community Cycling and Walk, Wheel and Cycling Trust.

There is a proposal to start a Perth and Kinross cycle forum, this is from the transport officer at the council and they have approached ByCycle to be involved and Alasdair and Lewis have agreed.

Susannah has said that they are open to suggestions and if you have any please contact her on:

activetravelpkc.gov.uk

Lewis will put a paragraph to go on the website separate from her report telling people how to go about making suggestions and reporting problems and also the full report. Alasdair has been informed that council employees are no longer allowed to recommend elected representatives on the council but Alasdair feels we should emphasise that actually it is a good idea.

A9 update, east side is closed to cyclists due to dualling but you are allowed to walk, and coinciding with this the bridge at Logierait will be closed from 3/8-11/9 for repair leading to a 6 mile detour. Katherine says that the bit that is closed is at Rotmel farm for 1 year but workers are allowing cyclists to walk through. Signposting for NC77 through Dunkeld Hotel and Dalguise. Susannah going to write to Walk, Wheel and Cycle asking what is happening. Katherine and Alasdair to follow it up.

The path along A85 E&W Huntingtower has been upgraded and is better but not great. Kirsty asked Lewis and Alasdair if they knew anything about the cycle path reconstruction between Loanhead Petrol station and Blackford, neither knew anything. Lewis will investigate.

Susannah's full report is on the ByCycle website.

6. AOB. Nothing

Next 1/4ly 21/10 on Teams.