Dundee Local Access Forum Minutes
City Chambers, City Sq, Dundee
Monday 4th February 2019, 7-9pm

PRESENT:  
Roy Partington  (convenor) Scotways
Stephen Cragg
Andrew Llanwarne  DightyConnect
John Whyman  (secretary) Outdoor Access Officer DCC
David Martin  Cycling Groups
Mary Holligan  Grove Academy Eco Group
David MacDougall  Maryfield LCPP/Stobswell Forum

APOLOGIES:  
Gill Zealand  Sidlaw Path Network Group
Gill Town
Neil Quinney  (vice convenor) Sustrans Network Ranger Vols

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<td>Local Spotlight - Active travel and outdoor access in Westend Ward</td>
<td>David MacD was interested in a holistic approach with Public Open Space Strategy, 20mph proposals, Low Emission Zones, Cycling Strategy all coming together to improve the streets for people – Placemaking. He raised the use of Albert St by Large HGV through traffic, and that the council could use the new government money and lessons from other cities to redesign our local streets for the benefit of local people.</td>
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<td>Stephen C explained recent Planning Applications that the Cycling Forum has discussed – Aberlady Cres Whitfield and Murrayfield Terrace, Whitfield where</td>
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developers had submitted plans which do not provide cycle and pedestrian connectivity and where current paths are not being protected. David MacD asked if the forum knew of the Whitfield Planning Framework. John W to provide link.

Roy P asked about the demolition of The Rock in Menziehill and the path network around the redevelopment. No-one present had information. Roy asked about works starting in front of the Railway Station. No-one had any information. (Post meeting note Planning Application 12/00770/FULM indicates a bus shelter.

Keillor Site, Mains Loan. David MacD advised of a drop in consultation at Artharstone Library on 11th Feb, 2-7pm at Artharstone Library.

b) Docks Path is now re-open and accessible for pedestrians too. Mary H asked about any plans for improving the landscape through the Docks. John W advised that some wildflower seeded areas were possible, but little else.

c) Pitnappie Cutting. David M explained the current position with one landowner erecting a stock proof fence which is also preventing easy access. There does not seem to be any way forward without authorities stepping in.

6. **Statutory Functions**
a) Section 11 Applications none
b) Core Path problems none reported.

7. **AGM 22nd April preparation**
Members present suggested for speakers including Tom Flanagan of the Regional Transport Authority Tactran possibly to talk on development and implementation of Strategies – Connecting Dundee to Angus and Perth or Robin Presswood possibly to talk on Connections in the City or Low Emission Zones or Northern Links. John W to write invitation.

8. **AOCB**
a) Footways and shared use paths not getting gritted. John W to find the previous forum correspondence with Director of City Development to share. Map of routes is [https://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/winter-maintenance/winter-maintenance-map](https://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/winter-maintenance/winter-maintenance-map)

b) Cycle counter accuracy – John W explained all counters have accuracy issues and the standard method is to calibrate the counter for a site of a route, using an observational survey. Andrew L also suggested a video survey would work. Discussion of response to media article. David M to draft a paragraph for the Forum to respond to newspaper article.

c) Core Path Update – Amendments agreed at Council Committee, going out to 3 month Public Consultation ASAP.

d) Heritage Walk Leaflets – 4 of the Rotary Club project leaflets have funding for re-print from DHET. In addition the Railway Heritage Trail. John W to meet David M and Adam Swann to progress. David MacD also advised of a proposal for Hilltown north and east – text is complete, but needs funding. Public Art Facebook mentioned [https://www.facebook.com/pg/publicartdundee/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/publicartdundee/) as was Open Close project

e) Management Rules review – plan to go to Committee 18th February 2019, and later a month public consultation

f) Council Paths current works – path work underway at Baxter Park, 7 Arches steps, Middleton Woods Core paths, Riverside Nature Park

g) Living Streets Andrew L explained some history of Living Streets in Dundee. All present agreed that a living Streets Representative would be a good addition and work with the remit of the Forum. John to contact George Gammak

h) Mary asked about the Esplanade and the Green Circular through Castle Green Play area. John W reported that as part of the Flood Defense proposals it was
hoped that an alternative route could be built.

i) John W reported that long standing member of the Forum, Alan Young had died. He had served as the representative for Westend Community Council for between 2008 and 2013 and was well liked member of lots of groups including Riverside Nature Park.

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Dundee’s Local Access Forum
Annual General Meeting
Held in Baxter Park, Park Centre, Dundee
On Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April 2019 7pm

Present
Core Group:
Roy Partington (Convenor) Scotways
John Whyman (Secretary) Outdoor Access Officer
David Martin Cycling Groups
Neil Quinney Sustrans Network Rangers
Stephen Cragg
David Mc Dougall Stobswell Forum

Wider Membership / In Attendance:
John Brush Sidlaw Path Network
Gill Zealand Sidlaw Path Network
Nichola Fraser Baxter Park Skate Track Group
Bridget Cooper
Irene Shearer Baxter Park Friends
Louise Smart
Mark Tollerton
Graeme Brown TacTran
Daniel Kochaniuk Electric Bike Scotland

Apologies:
Andrew Llanwarne
Mary Holligan Grove Academy Eco School Group
Kate Treham
Colin Clement Stobswell Forum

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| 2. | **The Regional Transport Strategy and Cross Boundary Active Travel Links**
Graeme Brown is Strategy Officer (Sustainable Transport) in TacTran – the Regional Transport Authority. Graeme gave an introduction to Tactran, listing the other Regional Transport Partnerships. He explained that the scale of delivery of projects has not been as great as thought in 2005 when the Partnerships were established.

The Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) 2015-2036 is available on line. Graeme explained the Active Travel elements of the RTS and highlighted AT3.19 the Dundee to Blairgowrie via Coupar Angus route. A walking and cycling network map is included in the Strategy and this aspires to deliver off road active travel routes. Some of these are underway. Tactran has a limited fund £300,000, mainly used for feasibility and design |
by the partner local authorities and not just for Active Travel projects. Over the next 2
years there is some additional funding.

The RTS has a reporting procedure – the next report to their board is in June this year,
and Graeme is aware of the frustrating set backs in the Pitnappie Cutting project that
Sidlaw Path Network and Dundee BRAW have been working on. He would like to
report this back to Tactran board as part of the action AT3.19 project. Graeme reported
on 2 other projects delayed for some time by obstructive landowners, which have now
been opened.

Questions
David M. commented that it was a shame that authorities were not using the tools of
compulsory purchase to deliver the project.
Q Bridget C asked about Bikes on buses to access the Angus Glens.
A Graeme was interested in transport integration but was not aware of any project to
enable more bikes to be carried on buses other than the x7, Castrider and Aberdeen
to Braemar routes. Discussion related information followed.
Q David M. Is there a map of Transport Poverty?
A Graeme, yes, and it includes the Angus Glens where there is a very infrequent bus
service.
Q David McD. Why does the RTS not include North Fife?
A Graeme Fife is part of a different Transport Partnership. He recognises that many
commuters travelled to and from Dundee to North Fife and that strategic planning
should include these journeys.
Q David McD. What engagement was there in developing the RTS?
A Graeme There was engagement during the preparation of the original and updated
Strategies. He would be happy to take for comments on the strategies.
Q David McD Asked about the lack of progress on Park and Rides in Dundee.
A Graeme highlighted the work to look at the provision at the south of the bridge and at
the west Dundee. There was further discussion of the need for Controlled Parking
Zones across the city, footway parking, commuter use of residential streets for parking
and the unused capacity in the city centre car parks.

Links Regional Transport Strategy Regional Transport Delivery Plan

3. Interactive Demonstration of e-Bikes Daniel Kochaniuk, Electric Bike Scotland
Daniel showed 4 of his bikes and members enjoyed trying the modern e-bikes on the
paths and grass of Baxter Park. Photos will be shared on the new Facebook Page for
the Forum.

More information available from Daniel at the City Quay EBS shop
http://electricbikesscotland.co.uk/
tel: 01382 884414
e-mail: info@electricbikesscotland.co.uk

4. Minutes Of 2018 Annual General Meeting
Motion to adopt, proposed David Martin, seconded Stephen Cragg.
Matters arising. John W outlined the development from last year’s presentation on
Health Walks to the Green Health Partnership – aiming to get more people into green
spaces walking and cycling. Leaflets were available. This week is Green Health Week
in Dundee. Evaluation of 20mph at the Glens was also discussed.

5. Presentation of Annual Report Roy Partington (chair/convenor)
Roy provided information about the work of the Local Access Forum in 2018/19. He is particularly concerned about the lack of members and the vacant Vice Convenor. He celebrated Dundee as a place to walk, in particular among the city’s great green spaces.

6. **Election of Office Bearers**

   Neil has given notice to step down as Vice Convenor. No-one has come forward to act as new Convenor or Vice Convenor. Roy has offered to act as Convenor only to April 2020, but will stand down then. This was unanimously accepted.

8. **AOCB**

   **Core Path Plan** John W provided an update on the Core Path Plan amendments which have been approved by committee and now need SNH and public consultation. The original Core Path was adopted by Dundee in 2009 and includes walking, cycling and horse riding routes across the city. These routes are protected similar to Rights of Way. Core Paths include footways, shared use paths in green spaces some unmade desire lines. Some are signed, all are promoted with maps available on the council website. For the review members surveying paths and routes, and gave recommendations which went to the council for approval.

   **Dundee Cycling** David M gave a brief outline of the work of the Dundee Cycling Forum. He outlined the first major event being held by the forum this Sunday, a Pedal on Parliament at Slessor Gardens and the imminent “Design an Arty Cycle Rack” competition. The forum actively comments on Planning Applications and campaigning and informative social media presence.

   **Forum Development** There was a discussion about how the Forum could become more accessible to encourage new members and be more influential without adding too much to current workloads. David M offered to set up a Facebook page with Neil Q assistance, Stephen C and David McD offered to share information on Planning Applications to make it easy for the Forum to comment. Louise S suggested that the Forum could provide more simple information about what members can do and why anyone else should come along. John W to provide a less formal list of functions for people who want to get involved.

   David McD explained that the forum could use groups such as Community Councils to apply for grants for costs and projects.

   Discussion of how else to share information to encourage participation, including Health and Social Care, Young Parents, Dundee Transport Forum, Community Councils, Dundee Voluntary Action, Community Forums. John W to find out more.

   Dates For Meetings, all 7-9pm

   - **24th June 2019** – TBC, The Crescent Building, Whitfield
   - **11th November 2019** – TBC Arthurstone Library, Dundee
   - **24th February 2020** – TBC Menzieshill or Lochee
   - **20th April 2020 (AGM)** – TBC Discovery Point or City Chambers including Waterfront Walkabout

   Dates subject to confirmation with venues

8. **Close of Meeting**

   Roy thanked all for attending.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

   **24th June 2019** – TBC
**Dundee Local Access Forum Minutes**  
Crescent Building, Lothian Crescent, Dundee  
Monday 24th June 2019, 6:45 – 8:45pm

**PRESENT:**  
Roy Partington (convenor) Scotways  
Stephen Cragg  
John Whyman (secretary) Outdoor Access Officer DCC  
David MacDougall Stobswell Forum

**APOLOGIES:**  
Andrew Llanwarne DightyConnect  
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Susan Dye Community Health Team  
Graeme Brown Tactrans  
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4th February 2019 were agreed as accurate |
| 3. | Matters arising from the minutes of 4/2/19 |  
5a) Train Station Bus Stop. Roy P noted that the new bus shelter was set back from the road and that it would not shelter those queuing to get on the bus.  
5c) Pitnappie Cutting. Roy P advised that the landowner was now grazing sheep on all his land in the cutting, reducing potential for a new path. Sidlaw Path Network members were frustrated and it seems the only course of action possible lies with Angus Council.  
7. AGM John W to prepare letters of thanks for the presentations. Roy P advised he was standing down at the AGM next April, and a new Convenor would be required.  
8. Gritting Routes. John W had shared the 2009 letter from the Forum and the response from Mike Galloway. Stephen C offered to draft a letter to the new Convenor of City Development Alan Ross. |
| 4. | Local Spotlight - Active travel and outdoor access in North East Ward |  
Members noted a lack of signage to the Centre. Also discussion on breaks in the footways north of Whitfield to new developments compared to the good path connectivity in central Whitfield. |
| 5. | Promotion and Infrastructure |  
a) Planning Applications. Online Portal is here:- |
Stephen C and David McD to exchange email addresses via John W to enable them to work together on Planning Application Comments for the Forum.

b) Stephen C asked if the forum has a view on Continuous Footways – where pavements cross roads, with more of a change for drivers than pedestrians. This gives pedestrians more implied right of way (noted that the law already gives pedestrians rights when crossing side roads and that drivers rarely appreciate this in the UK). The members present recognised the value of giving more space for pedestrians including places for continuous footways, public art and placemaking, Rainbow Zebra Crossings etc. Projects in Edinburgh and Glasgow to create greater and more attractive spaces for active travel should be repeated in Dundee.

6. Statutory Functions
   a) Section 11 Applications none
   b) Core Path problems none reported.

7. AOCB
   a) Low Emission Zone. John W explained the current work to comply with developing legislation. Dundee will have in place a Low Emission Zone by the end of 2020. The area and the vehicles affected has not been decided yet, there will be consultations with stakeholders and community before decisions are made. Forum members support the idea of LEZ’s and those present agreed the following statement “As part of a package of measures, a Low Emission Zone will help make active travel in Dundee more attractive and healthier for residents and visitors.” John W to keep members informed on Dundee’s LEZ.
   b) Cycle Parking at Doctors Surgeries. Roy P raised the shortage of cycle parking at Ancrum One. John W advised that an application for Ancrum One through Cycle Friendly Employer Scheme was supported by Dundee City Council colleagues, but at this stage the surgery has decided not to proceed. Stephen C raised the current “Cycle Parking Design Competition” being run by Dundee Cycling Forum https://dundeecycling.co.uk/ which Roy will share with Ancrum One.
   c) Promotion of the Forum to attract new members. John W has drafted new text for the DCC webpage and circulated it. David M created a group Facebook Page and David, John and Neil have created posts.
   d) Cycling Forum events. The Cycling Forum is holding a Cycletastic Funday at Victoria Park on Sunday 18th August. John W to create fliers to promote BRAW for the day. Roy P offered to attend. All other members welcome to join in or help at the stall which could be jointly staffed to promote bother DCF and BRAW.
   e) Waiting Times at Puffin Crossings. Several crossings discussed. All agreed issues with multi-phase crossings, where it was obvious pedestrians got confused or frustrated waiting when no cars were moving. Often people cross without the Green Man. Stephen C noted that on the A75 in Springholm, there were piloting Reverse Discrimination lights which stops traffic exceeding the speed limit. This evidence could lead to a change in the current practice at Puffin Crossings of NOT providing a Green Man if the approaching traffic speed is high.

Roy Closed the meeting

11. DONM 11th November 2019 7-9 – Arthursone Library
Dundee Local Access Forum Minutes
Arthursone Library, Dundee
Monday 11th November 2019, 7 – 9pm

PRESENT: Roy Partington (convenor) Scotways
David Martin Cycling Groups/Dundee Cycling Forum
Stephen Cragg
John Whyman (secretary) Outdoor Access Officer DCC
Mary Holligan Grove Academy Eco Group
Ian McDonald Sustrans Volunteer

APOLOGIES: Neil Quinney Sustrans Network Ranger Vols
Graeme Brown Tactrans
David Chesldine

No Item Action
1. Welcome & Introductions Roy Partington convenor.
2. Minutes of previous meetings
   24th June 2019 were agreed as accurate, by Roy and seconded by Stephen.
3. Matters arising from the minutes of 24/6/19
   3. Gritting Routes. Stephen not yet drafted a letter to the new Convenor of City Development Alan Ross, but still intends to. Discussion about the gender bias of gritting roads more than footways.
   7 b) Roy to raise the cycle parking at surgeries with his medical practice at Ancrum One.
   7 c) BRAW facebook page is now active, with posts, but needs more activity and shared
   SC RP
4. Nomination of Vice Chair
   The position of Vice Chair has been vacant since April 2019, when Neil Quinney stood down. Stephen has offered to fill the position, until the AGM in April, and all present agreed.
5. Local Spotlight - Active travel and outdoor access in Maryfield Ward
   a) Northern Links route through Maryfield was mentioned, and the issue of the Council not securing the longer term funding required to drive the project, although Sustrans, Dundee Cycling and DCC were still discussing the project.
   b) Ian reported that the shared use path on the south of the Kingsway was very poor with very uneven and broken up tarmac surface.
6. Promotion and Infrastructure
   a) Planning Applications. Online Portal is here:-
      http://idoxwam.dundeeecity.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/ Stephen advised that the Cycling Forum were still commenting on Planning Applications and some progress had been made. At a proposed housing north of Whitfield Crescent building, however, an accessible path ramp was being removed, leaving just steps.
representation had been made to Planning Committee, but committee agreed to the removal of the ramp because a previous 2 phases had been approved.
b) Other applications have been submitted which members may be interested in commenting on. Stephen explained that looking at and commenting on applications took considerable effort and time.

7. Statutory Functions
a) Section 11 Applications none – though a large music event was proposed for Camperdown Park in May 2020, at the same location which saw Core Paths closed for Carnival 56. John to find out more.
b) Core Path problems none reported, though John was looking into action at 2 other paths, and at possible action under Section 14 of LRSA. John to ask for legal advice.

8. AOCB
a) Low Emission Zone. Stephen declared a conflict of interest as he is involved professionally in the delivery of LEZs in Scotland. The forum further discussed the LEZ and agreed an organisation response. Members agreed that the LEZ was a positive step encourage more people to be more sustainable and more active in their travelling, and should lead to a more pleasant cleaner city. However other actions (whole city parking policy & work place parking levy, HGV direction away from urban streets, improved walking and cycling routes, planning control to develop local, walkable facilities and shops, etc) should be introduced to drive modal shift. It was recognised that the decline of bus use (as people switched to the car) leads to reducing bus services. John to type up notes for question 14, and circulate for final agreement. The deadlines for cutting in emissions was also discussed, with limited progress being made locally or nationally, leaving a lot to achieve in a short time. A further LEZ consultation has been set up by the Green Groups and FoE to be held at 6-8pm, Wednesday 13th November City Chambers.
b) Active Travel infrastructure in Broughty Ferry. John introduced the plans for the proposals for new paths etc from Broughty Castle to Monifieth and other areas in Broughty Ferry. Members took some time to make individual comments on the plans which will be passed to Systra who are carrying out the consultation exercise for DCC. Agreement was that cyclists, cars and pedestrians should be segregated for as much of the route as possible. Functional and commuting cycling would be best served with a segregated cycle lane alongside the road. Mixing fast commuting cyclists with pedestrians, families and dog walkers was seen as a poor option. The main problem with the current road was not the traffic, but the speed bumps. Taking the cycle route away from the play park and the one way at Mill Street and Castle Lane was a good move, as was the build outs and pedestrian crossings for other areas. Lighting at Grassy Beach/Stannergate and old railway was discussed. It was agreed that the solar studs did a good job. The main lack of light was were the Green Circular meets the car park at Lower Broughty Ferry Rd.
d) National Transport Strategy consultation is now closed. Dundee Cycling Forum made a representation to Dundee City Council about their response, which had led to a meeting with Director of City Development, Robin Presswood.
e) Mary raised the issue with deep water pooling on the Green Circular between Claypotts and Balgillo Road East.

Roy Closed the meeting

11. DONM 24th February 2020 7-9 – Menzieshill Community Centre TBC