

**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

No	Item	Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions Roy Partington convenor.	
2.	Minutes of previous meetings 19th November 2018 were agreed as accurate	
3.	Matters arising from the minutes of 19/11/18 4. Northern links – initial proposals will go public week beginning 11 th Feb. BRAW members have an invitation to join a focus group workshop on 11 th Feb 10am Dundee House to see and comment on them. No-one present was able to attend, if any other members wish to attend, email John W A discussion about other projects. Air quality monitoring was raised – monitoring is in 7 automatic monitors, but also in 100 small diffusion tubes across the city. Data is available https://data.dundee.gov.uk/dataset/air-quality and from Dundee Council AQ annual reports Also raised in relation to Northern Links – it was commented that some politicians have given different messages to different audiences.	All
4.	Local Spotlight - Active travel and outdoor access in Westend Ward 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.	
5.	Promotion and Infrastructure a) Planning Applications. Online Portal is here:- http://idoxwam.dundee.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/ Stephen C explained recent Planning Applications that the Cycling Forum has discussed – Aberlady Cres Whitfield and Murrayfield Terrace, Whitfield where	RP/NQ

	<p>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 Arthurstone Library on 11th Feb, 2-7pm at Arthurstone Library.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	All
6.	<p>Statutory Functions</p> <p>a) Section 11 Applications none</p> <p>b) Core Path problems none reported.</p>	
7.	<p>AGM 22nd April preparation</p> <p>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.</p>	JW
8.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>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.dundee.gov.uk/winter-maintenance/winter-maintenance-map</p> <p>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.</p> <p>c) Core Path Update – Amendments agreed at Council Committee, going out to 3 month Public Consultation ASAP.</p> <p>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/ as was Open Close project</p> <p>e) Management Rules review – plan to go to Committee 18th February 2019, and later a month public consultation</p> <p>f) Council Paths current works – path work underway at Baxter Park, 7 Arches steps, Middleton Woods Core paths, Riverside Nature Park</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>DM</p> <p>JW, DM</p> <p>JW</p>

	<p>hoped that an alternative route could be built.</p> <p>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.</p>	
	Roy Closed the meeting	
11.	DONM 22nd April 2019 7-9 – Baxter Park Centre	All

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**Dundee Local Access Forum
Annual General Meeting
Held in Baxter Park, Park Centre. Dundee
On Monday 22nd 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

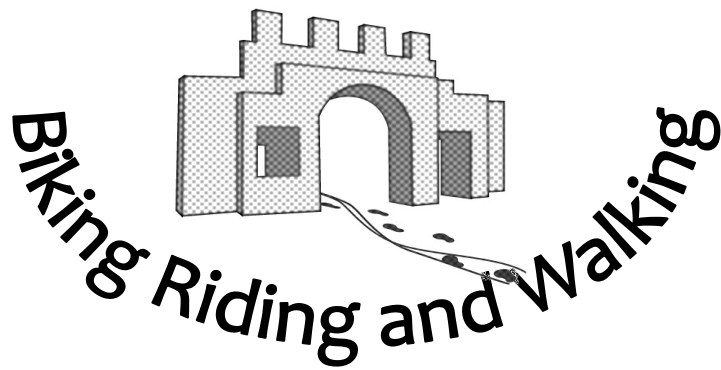
Apologies:

Andrew Llanwarne	
Mary Holligan	Grove Academy Eco School Group
Kate Treharne	
Colin Clement	Stobswell Forum

No	Item	Action
1.	Convenor Roy Partington, opened the meeting	
2.	<p><u>The Regional Transport Strategy and Cross Boundary Active Travel Links</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	

	<p>by the partner local authorities and not just for Active Travel projects. Over the next 2 years there is some additional funding.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Questions</p> <p>David M. commented that it was a shame that authorities were not using the tools of compulsory purchase to deliver the project.</p> <p>Q Bridget C asked about Bikes on buses to access the Angus Glens.</p> <p>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, Coastrider and Aberdeen to Braemar routes. Discussion related information followed.</p> <p>Q David M. Is there a map of Transport Poverty?</p> <p>A Graeme, yes, and it includes the Angus Glens where there is a very infrequent bus service.</p> <p>Q David McD. Why does the RTS not include North Fife?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Q David McD. What engagement was there in developing the RTS?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Q David McD Asked about the lack of progress on Park and Rides in Dundee.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Links Regional Transport Strategy Regional Transport Delivery Plan</p>	
3.	<p><u>Interactive Demonstration of e-Bikes Daniel Kochaniuk, Electric Bike Scotland</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>More information available from Daniel at the City Quay EBS shop http://electricbikesscotland.co.uk/ tel: 01382 884414 email: info@electricbikesscotland.co.uk</p>	
4.	<p><u>Minutes Of 2018 Annual General Meeting</u></p> <p>Motion to adopt, proposed David Martin, seconded Stephen Cragg.</p> <p>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.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Presentation of Annual Report Roy Partington (chair/convenor)</u></p>	

	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.	<u>Election of Office Bearers</u> 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.	RP
8.	<u>AOCB</u> <u>Core Path Plan</u> 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. <u>Dundee Cycling</u> 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. <u>Forum Development</u> 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	JW DM DM/NQ SC/ DMcD JW JW
8.	<u>Close of Meeting</u> Roy thanked all for attending.	
9.	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> 24th June 2019 – TBC	

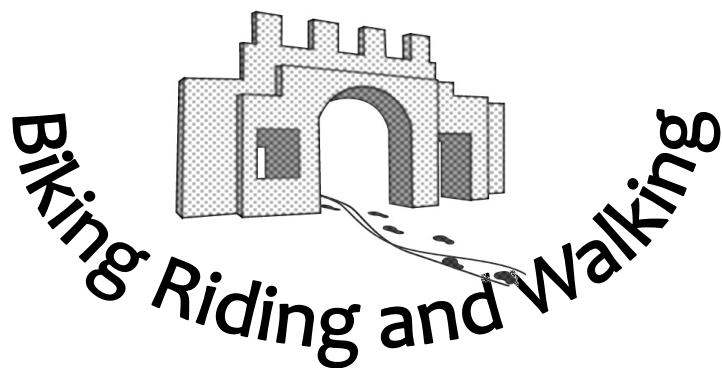


**Dundee Local Access Forum Minutes
Crescent Building, Lothian Crescent, Dundee
Monday 24th June 2019, 6:45 – 8:45pm**

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

APOLOGIES: Andrew Llanwarne DightyConnect
 David Martin Cycling Groups
 Neil Quinney Sustrans Network Ranger Vols
 Mary Holligan Grove Academy Eco Group
 Susan Dye Community Health Team
 Graeme Brown Tactrans
 David Chesldine

No	Item	Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions Roy Partington convenor.	
2.	Minutes of previous meetings 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.	JW SC
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:-	



**Dundee Local Access Forum Minutes
 Arthurstone 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.dundee.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. A	

	<p>representation had been made to Planning Committee, but committee agreed to the removal of the ramp because a previous 2 phases had been approved.</p> <p>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.</p>	SC
7.	<p>Statutory Functions</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	JW JW
8.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>c) Stephen gave a report of the National Access Workshop in Perth, which included the National Walking Strategy and the Path Grading system. Full report is here https://www.ramblers.org.uk/news/latest-news/2019/october/report-from-a-successful-national-access-workshop-in-perth.aspx</p> <p>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.</p> <p>e) Mary raised the issue with deep water pooling on the Green Circular between Claypotts and Balgillo Road East.</p>	JW/All
	Roy Closed the meeting	
11.	DONM 24th February 2020 7-9 – Menzieshill Community Centre TBC	