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ByCycle January 2017 Quarterly Meeting

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**THE PERTH AND KINROSS CYCLE CAMPAIGN Wednesday 18 January, 2017
Congregational Church Meeting Room, Murray Street (at Mill Street Bus Station),
PERTH PH1 5PJ**

Present

Sarah Walker SW (Chair), Katharine Melville KM (Secretary), Mike Simm MS (Vice Chair and Rides Convenor), Margaret Scott, Evelyn Ellis Persephone Beer, Jane Anderson, Richie Neill, Scott Peddie, Pam Campbell, Councillor Lewis Simpson, David Dawson, Bill Grigg, Bill Melville, Theresa Kewell
Guests: Sally Hinchcliffe and Suzanne Forup (WalkCycleVote), Nina Gillespie (Tactran/Sustrans), Robyn Warburton (Sustrans iBike)

Apologies

Fiona Robertson, Ken Ward, George Alexander, Stuart Sutherland, Marianne Scott **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the July Quarterly Meeting 2016 were accepted as true records.

Matters arising

1. Tay Street parking.

In John Kellas's reply to ByCycle he had said that the matter had been fully debated at the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee and that the vote had gone in favour of increased parking provision.

Brian Cargill had reiterated that PKC would be looking at replacement provision for cyclists.

However, according to guidelines some of the riverside barriers do not meet the recommended height specification and there could also be a problem with pavement width.

Lewis Simpson commented that there had been no hint of these difficulties at the committee meeting.

Sustrans had commented that Tay Street is not part of the National Cycle Network, but on their pocket map 43 the street is clearly highlighted as the link route between NCN775 and NCN77. **Action K Melville**

The Meeting remained angry.

2. The special offer on the new Highland Perthshire map has now expired.

However, those who have bought it recommend it. Purchasable from www.harveymaps.co.uk

3. Upgrading the website. David Dawson had taken advice on how to make the website better "searchable" on tablets and phones. KM has some ideas on changing layout and content.

A sub group should be formed to discuss this, including webmaster Ken Ward.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of George Alexander KM reported the bank balance at £2842.85 George has been undergoing an operation and a signed card has been sent.

Rides

3rd Sunday. The November ride had been cancelled due to bad weather. December's Dundee Circular had been well attended. Some circumnavigation had been required. The January ride on icy cycle paths had been "interesting". The route was changed onto less icy country roads. Riders were commended for their riding skills!

Special Ride. A sub-group meeting had taken place before the main meeting.

Mike Simm reported that plans for the Callander to Perth ride were well underway.

A bus operator had been found, costings made and an April route recce planned.

Entries should be open soon, with spaces for 90 riders.

ByCycle Wednesdays. Margaret Scott has the 2017 schedule of ride leaders and routes well in hand.

There would be 18 rides from April 26 to August 23.

Current Issues

1. **A9 update.** SW reported that finalised information on the Luncarty to Pass of Birnam section of available in several locations. Work is due to start this year. Bill Melville, representing non-motorised users, continues to attend meetings on the more contentious Pass of Birnam to Tay Crossing and Tay Crossing to Ballinluig sections.

2. **A9/A85 link to Bertha Park.** See updates at www.perthtransportfutures.co.uk

3. **Cycling Scotland Conference, Perth.** SW and KM had attended and done some networking.

Talks had been interesting, as had been the afternoon "breakout" sessions.

KM described "pecha kucha". Each group were allowed 6 minutes and 20 slides (each lasting 20 seconds). This allowed presentations from around a dozen different groups.

4. **Sustrans Volunteers Day.** M Scott, E Ellis and KM had attended. Presentations had been made by a number of different departments [although they too would have benefited from the pecha kucha format!] Each individual had

attended a different afternoon workshop. KM had attended a workshop on scrutinising planning permissions. This had made her wonder whether the new Bertha Park development has been scrutinised for a path network to link into the path system already approved for the A85/A9 link.

She would appreciate feed back on whom to contact and where to see the plans.

Special Guests

WeWalkWeCycleWeVote: Sally Hinchcliffe and Suzanne Forup

Sally and Suzanne explained that this is an umbrella organisation for 37 groups forming an active travel alliance coordinated by Cycling UK and Pedal on Parliament.

Last year, Walk, Cycle, Vote” organised the ride to Holyrood to coincide with the national elections to corner prospective MSPs and push for improving cycling and walking facilities.

“We reminded them that we are voters and would take their policies on walking and cycling into consideration when it came to the elections.”

This year, the group is organising mass demonstrations for the local elections in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen.

Sally and Suzanne had suggestions on how to proceed with our Tay Street actions.

More information at www.walkcyclevote.scot

Tactran/Sustrans: Nina Gillespie

Nina explained her role in promoting active travel projects at Tactran, our regional transport partnership.

Her post is funded by Sustrans the sustainable transport organisation. Sustrans is well known for developing the National Cycle Network, but is also responsible for administering large sums of money from Transport Scotland via the Community Links project. One difference is that Nina in her role can be more flexible, with a holistic approach, dealing with employers and communities to deliver sustainable travel projects. She currently has projects in Blackford, Auchterarder and Crieff.

Sustrans iBike - Robyn Warburton

Robyn works with 10 to 12 schools each year, helping them over a period of 3 years with Bikeability riding and maintenance skills. The aim is that children become more active, walking, cycling and scooting to school, and that schools who have been part of the programme become self-supporting.

Robyn encouraged members of the meeting to become involved with volunteering.

Contact: annie.cousins@sustrans.org.uk More info: www.bikeability.org.uk

Other Business

1. Belles and Buns 13 May. Enter before 31 January to receive a £5 reduction.
2. KM has replaced Bill Grigg as Sustrans Volunteers Coordinator for Perth and Kinross.
3. Marianne Scot of Tactran/Cycling Scotland had been unable to attend the meeting because of illness. It is hoped she will be able to address a future meeting as a guest speaker.
4. The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting. Nominations or offers are being sought for the post of Secretary. Meeting closed at 20.35

Annual General Meeting and April Quarterly Wednesday 19 April 2017 at 19.00 Congregational Church meeting room, Murray Street, Perth PH1 5PJ (next to The Foundry pub at Mill Street bus station).

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