

# Glasgow Cycling Forum

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**Wednesday 6 October 2010**  
**Glasgow City Chambers**

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**Present:** Councillor Matthew Kerr, Glasgow City Council – Chair  
Peter Hayman, Councillor of Cycle Touring Club  
Collin Little, Engineering Officer, Land and Environmental Services  
Allan Maclean, Cycling Officer, Land and Environmental Services  
Dave Reynolds, Senior Planning Officer, Development and  
Regeneration Services  
Jonathan Ridge, Convener of Go Bike  
Kerry Gorman – Clerk

**Apologies:** Alan Duff, Senior Planning Officer, Land and Environmental  
Services  
Tricia Fort, Go Bike  
Eddie Hutchison, Assistant Events Manager, Land and  
Environmental  
Alasdair Marshall, Policy Officer, Cycling Scotland

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## **Action**

Councillor Kerr opened proceedings by welcoming everyone to the meeting.

### **1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The requested changes to the previous minutes, made by T Fort and A Maclean prior to the meeting, were agreed.

It was also noted that Item 1, paragraph 11 should read:

“A Maclean stated that since 2000, the ‘on-road’ cycle parking survey had shown an increase of nearly 2000% in the number of cyclists using one of the sites monitored. However, the ‘tenemental lifestyle’ in Glasgow often resulted in storage difficulties for residents bikes within their own homes. D Reynolds advised that new planning regulations stipulate all new build flats are required to have 1 space per unit without a garage for a bike.”

Please see Appendix 1.

### **2. Matters Arising**

#### **Item 1 – Paragraph 5**

A Maclean referred back to his suggestion that the Forum have more development control of new facilities. He suggested that we have a

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representation from the Transport Unit within Development and Regeneration Services (DRS) to discuss Glasgow Harbour.

P Hayman agreed with this as he would like to know if provisions for cycle lanes have been included in the master plans for Collegelands and Laurieston. P Hayman advised he would like to look at the provisions included in the master plan and D Reynolds confirmed that there needs to be inclusions and provisions.

M Kerr to investigate which officers would be best to address the next meeting of the Forum.

**M Kerr**

### **Item 1 – Final Paragraph**

C Little aired concerns regarding members of Go Bike giving contradictory opinions regarding strategies put in place by the Council. A general discussion followed regarding events that took place on Saturday 18 September 2010 at the Connect2 Gala Day.

J Ridge advised that both he and P Hayman had been invited to look and discuss the Connect2 route with officers and there had been full cooperation between Glasgow City Council (GCC) and Go Bike. J Ridge confirmed Go Bike are in support of cycling on the road, and would like to have seen Connect2 promote better cycling on the road rather than a segregated cycle route.

A Maclean advised there had been instances of voluntary and community groups being involved in developments, however these groups submitted objections during the formal consultation period, which slows down the process and increased the cost. P Hayman continued that the official position of Go Bike is always the joint / preferred position of their members.

J Ridge confirmed the position by saying that Go Bike are not in support of cycling on the footpath, and more support should be given to children and inexperienced cyclists to encourage them to cycle on the road. Go Bike also feel that all funds should not be ploughed into children's safety on the road, but should be shared with encouraging more cyclists.

D Reynolds stated that there are different requirements for commuter travel and leisure travel which affect this.

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M Kerr reported back that he had spoken with the Police Convener who was broadly sympathetic but sceptical of doing anything to enforce the current legislation.

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A general discussion took place where feelings were aired that drivers were blatantly disregarding traffic laws and the Police appearing to be more focused on cyclists who went through red lights.

It was noted that there are concerns regarding enforcement of traffic laws and electric powered bicycles.

### **3. Report of Southern General approached**

A Maclean gave a presentation on the different approaches to the new Southern General Hospital. He had prepared the report using a SWOT analysis outlining the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Please see the attached report at Appendix 2.

A Maclean continued that the presentation will be going to the Design Team as early as 2011. It is advantageous to get the submission in by the end of 2010 as any preliminary design work can be claimed from the Capital Budget. However, it is too early to say at this point what work will be carried out.

### **4. European Mobility Week**

C Little advised this had been one of the busiest years ever for European Mobility Week. He gave a run through of the weeks events, as outlined in Appendix 3.

- GCC Employee Commuter Challenge – this was an internal event and gave staff the opportunity to participate in the scheme. There were 30 participants.
- Councillor led ride from George Square – There were 20 participants in the ride led by Councillors from George Square to Kelvingrove Park.
- Anderson Connect2 Gala Day – Councillors Baker and McKay were present at this event. Participants “chalked in” the new scheme which was reported to be a very good idea and should be used at future events. C Little continued that there was a poor attendance rate owing to people not being aware of the event. However, the response received was positive and issues involving traffic calming and Toucan crossings were raised.
- Try Cycling! At The Forge Shopping Centre – There was a Glasgow East End On The Move road show at the Forge Shopping Centre. This event was funded by the Scottish Government who are monitoring to see if there is now an uptake of people being more active. On the day there was cycle tryouts, a mountain bike display and walks in Glasgow Green and Tollcross Park. The event was also used to hand out leaflets and increase awareness of the branding.

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- Opening of school cycle parking – Councillor Simpson attended the opening of the cycle parking shelter at Sacred Heart Primary School, which was one of seven being installed at Glasgow Schools.
- Opening of refurbished Clyde walk and cycle way – After the removal of the overgrowth from route 75 the refurbished Clyde walk and cycle way was opened with Councillors Simpson, Thewliss and Roberts taking part in a cycle from Glasgow Green.
- Glasgow Schools Sustainable Debate – Pupils from Broomhill Primary School and Kelvindale Primary School attended the debate at Caledonian University. Both these schools are Eco Schools and the pupils had a good awareness of sustainability and discussed issues including development of a rail link, carbon footprint and people travelling by car as opposed to mass transport.
- In town Without My Car Day! George Square – The road immediately in front of the City Chambers was closed for the day, and the space utilised with an information stall, astroturf and a picnic area. The Eco Driving Centre were working with the Energy Saving Trust and the City Car Club were in attendance.

A Maclean complimented C Little on putting the week together.

C Little advised that in future GCC should work closely with Go Bike and Cycle Touring Club so that there is a multiple outlet for information. Attendance was poor, but lessons have been learned on how to promote the event in future, including multiple streams of information going to the press. J Ridge confirmed he would be happy with a coordinated effort.

This years event was eclipsed by the Papal visit to Glasgow, but the format was good and there were many compliments and only one consistent complainer. M Kerr thanked C Little for all his work.

## **5. Advances Stop Lines**

T Fort approached M Kerr prior to the meeting and submitted the question below on Advances Stop Lines:

*Advance Stop Lines (ASLs); this is the part of the remit that we concentrated on at the last meeting. See the message below for details of 7 ASLs, and indications of more, that have gone AWOL in full or part around the city. Perhaps you could ask the Council Officers to update us on these at the meeting?*

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The question was sent to A Maclean, who advised a formal response would be issued by Land and Environmental Services Members Liaison Unit (LESMLU). Please see Appendix 4.

However, he addressed the issue during the meeting by saying there isn't a dedicated budget for cycle maintenance, but he will forward the list to the Asset Manager and pursue the matter with him. He continued that it is not current practice to install a green surface on cycle routes, but this could be considered if there is a safety issue. P Hayman asked about the possibility of having a colour under the hatching or a raised area and gave an example of the Superhighway in London which is a blue continuous line and cyclists know where the lane is.

A discussion took place regarding the reinstatement of roads after utility / repair work. It was advised that a photograph is taken prior to the work commencing and the protocol is that the surface should be replaced as it was previously. C Little advised that Roads and Lighting Faults (RALF) are responsible for reinstating markings which have become unclear at ASL or on cycle lanes.

It was discussed that any new installations should feature ASL and should be written into the planning procedures. M Kerr agreed to look into whether there was a Glasgow City Council policy on this as it could be incorporated within the Climate Change Strategy or Active Travel.

**M Kerr**

## **6. Council Cycling Related Budgets**

A further question was submitted by T Fort to M Kerr prior to the meeting which was:

*GCC budget for cycling. What is it, what are the priorities, what proportion is put aside for, eg, the maintenance of Advance Stop Lines?*

As in the previous Item, this question was passed to A MacLean prior to the meeting who confirmed the formal response would be issued by LESMLU (Appendix 5). However, he addressed the issue by saying the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Grant of £1,000,000 awarded by the Scottish Government has 50% dedicated to cycling projects. Furthermore, there was £500,000 from the Scottish Government for Connect2 which needs to be spent by 31 March 2011. He continued that in 2009 Glasgow City Council were awarded £60,000 from Sustrans.

A MacLean continued that in all, there is a good amount of funds available for the infrastructure in Glasgow, however, there will be a lot less funding next year.

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The comparison to City of Edinburgh Council was discussed and it was not known what their specific budget is. However, their Transport, Structure and Environment Committee have implied there will be budget cuts.

It was advised that SPOKES publish each Local Authorities budget for cycling each year.

### **7. Any Other Competent Business**

J Ridge advised Go Bike are trying to initiate a 'Bike Watch' where the City will be divided into areas by post code and members will be asked to report problems like lines fading etc.

P Hayman advised the Scottish Bike Show will be taking place at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC) on 6 and 7 April 2011. He enquired whether GCC would want to be involved with this. M Kerr and A Maclean to investigate.

**M Kerr & A Maclean**

Cycle Scotland Annual Conference on 5 November 2010.

Cycle Touring Club Conference on 6 November 2010.

The Glasgow Local Transport Strategy Consultation document is available to download from the GCC website.

### **8. Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed the next meeting would be in late January 2011 and dates will be circulated in advance.