

# Glasgow Cycling Forum

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Friday 24 June 2011  
Glasgow City Chambers

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**Present:** Councillor Matt Kerr – Chair  
Councillor Craig Mackay  
Gregory Chauvet, Director of Glasgow Bike Station  
Tricia Fort, Go Bike  
Peter Hayman, Councillor of Cycle Touring Club  
Ian Johnston, Senior Sports Development Officer, Glasgow Life  
Jake Lovatt, Outdoor & Physical Activity Officer, Glasgow Life  
Alasdair Macdonald, Volunteer Ranger, Sustrans  
Allan Maclean, Cycling Officer, Land and Environmental Services  
Dave Reynolds, Senior Planning Officer, Development and  
Regeneration Services

Kerry Gorman – Clerk

**Apologies:** Eamonn Campbell, Bicycle Users Group  
Alan Duff, Senior Planning Officer, Land and Environmental  
Services  
Eddie Hutchison, Assistant Events Manager, Land and  
Environmental  
Richard Kidd, Glasgow Bike Shed  
Collin Little, Engineering Officer, Land and Environmental Services  
Alasdair Marshall, Policy Officer, Cycling Scotland  
Cornel Neil, Bicycle Users Group  
Jonathan Ridge, Convener of Go Bike

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Councillor Kerr opened proceedings by welcoming everyone to the meeting. He explained that there would be a shortened agenda to focus on strategic cycling issues in the city. There would be a standing agenda item for a strategic overview from Land and Environmental Services.

## 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

A Macdonald asked for an amendment to Item 6. Minutes should read that Roland Hahn is a Volunteer Ranger.

## 2. Matters Arising

### Item 1

Councillor Mackay apologised for vacating the Chair at the previous meeting, but explained he had been called away by an emergency.

A general discussion was held regarding the membership of the Cycling Forum. It was agreed that other organisations may have a vested interest in the work of the Forum, and the Forum would need to be careful not to exclude any groups. P Hayman proposed an official invitation be extended to the Glasgow Bike Shed as they are closely associated with the Bike Station – a nationally recognised organisation. T Fort seconded this and the motion was passed.

#### Item 4

T Fort advised she felt her questions on Construction and Design Management (CDM) Regulations hadn't been answered. A Maclean advised CDM Regulations are not the correct legislation for this type of work. However, there is always a Planning Co-ordinator appointed to ensure there are no difficulties on site.

#### Item 6

P Hayman queried an update on the Strategic Plan. J Lovatt confirmed this had been ratified and it is now being examined. He continued that the Plan would be coming out in September with a launch date still to be decided. He will inform the group of any subsequent actions.

#### Item 7

##### Commonwealth Games 2014

It was queried whether or not cycling had been added to the Transport Strategy. A Maclean advised that the Consultation replies are being analysed. There had been early discussion on statutory developments and there could be further consultation.

Councillor Kerr confirmed he is happy to make representations to try to get cycling higher on the agenda.

### **3. Strategic Overview from Land and Environmental Services (LES)**

A Maclean gave a presentation and the following key points were noted:

- Safer Streets – The Scottish Government awarded a budget of just under half a million pounds for the final year. This is less than last year.
- Connect2 – A route is being developed to Cathkin Brae Country Park where the mountain biking events will be held for the Commonwealth Games. Councillor Kerr asked for an update on this for the next meeting. A Maclean advised there are some design issues to be overcome but it will be completed by the Games.
- Bike Week – Following an advertisement in the Daily Record approx 200 – 300 people attended the Bike Breakfast.
- Budget for minor schemes – LES are keen to receive suggestions from cyclists on minor schemes that can be adopted ie dropped kerbs, short sections of cycle paths or advanced stop lines (ASL). These suggestions are best sent through the LES website where they will be logged and can be traced.

- Smarter Choices / Smarter Places – James Street almost complete and there could be the possible inclusion of a Toucan crossing. A Maclean to confirm this. Currently onsite in London Road and it is hoped this will be completed in the next few months. There is money left over in the budget and this will go towards further promotion work ie Cycle to School Campaigns or bus and advertising board marketing to encourage sustainable transport.
- LES are keen to continue the resurfacing on route 75.
- ASL – There has been a positive response regarding the installation of ASLs. The maintenance section has advised they do not intend do to the whole of the city centre, but the number of ASLs will be noticeably increased over the next year. A Maclean has asked the Operations Section to report back on where ASLs have been installed as part of reconstruction work.
- Air Quality Fund – The bid was successful and funding for 5 cycle parking shelters has been granted. The exact sites have not been identified and there are possible potential difficulties with planning. There has been a suggestion of an original design for outside RSAMD with a possible student funding contribution.
- Cathkin Brae Country Park – The need for a legacy from the Commonwealth Games was discussed. Working along with Scottish Cycling a conceptual design was approved in March and it is hoped the outline design will be submitted in July or August.
- East End Regeneration Route – Currently onsite and work should be completed 2012. The route will have a shared footways / cycle tracks on either side of the carriageway. The cycle track will lead on to the road with ASLs 30m from the traffic lights, leading back onto the cycle track after the junction. Some discussion was had regarding the safety issues and A Maclean agreed to look into this. He also agreed he would ensure cycle groups had access to the drawings. The East End Regeneration Route will join up with Smarter Choice / Smarter Places on London Road.
- Arena at SECC – The focus is on route 75 to link Commonwealth Games venues. The whole area is to be re-landscaped and completed within the next 12 months. It is unsure where funding will come for this.
- Southern General Hospital – Nothing further to report on this at present. A Maclean intends to have a meeting with the NHS and will feedback on this.
- Staff Travel Plan – The Council will benefit from the 'Bike to work' scheme. Employees have a short window to purchase bikes, but this scheme will be opened again in 6 months time.
- Baillieston TRO – After a discussion it was advised that all road closures should allow for cyclists, but there can be some exemptions.
- 20 miles an hour zones – This is to be held over to the next meeting and someone from Traffic Operations will come and speak. An invitation is to be extended to Jamie Rodden, Group Manager - Traffic and Road Safety.

P Hayman advised he had been passed feedback by Jonathan Ridge. J Ridge queried all lines being repainted and hoped it is something that could be promoted by the Forum. It was noted that costs are expensive and the Service is under enormous pressure to reduce costs.

A query was raised about the progress of the Copenhagen design and two way cycling on one way streets. A Maclean advised it was too early to say and each case would need to be looked at on an individual basis.

#### **4. Glasgow Harbour Masterplan**

D Reynolds advised the former masterplan had been superseded by new plans. He presented an amended plan to the Forum (attached) with the red route being aspiration and the blue route being re-built as road proposals.

#### **5. AOCB**

The issue of pedi-cabs was discussed and Councillor Kerr read an email from the Legal Manager (Licensing) on the subject. He agreed to speak to licensing to promote this form of sustainable transport.

#### **6. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be in late September.