

Highland Cycle Campaign

Minutes of meeting held at Spectrum Centre Inverness 21st January 2015 6.30 pm

1. Present Sarah Bowyer **SB**, Ged Church **GC**, Brian MacKenzie **BM**, Ron Stewart **RS**, Graham Tuley **GT**, Duncan Tullis **DT**

2. Apologies - Moira Broadhead **MB**, Susan MacLennan, Roger Humphry, Jim Towers

3. Minutes of last meeting

Amendments - Item 2 - Meeting with minister/**RS** & **BM** - Add - "An apology for raising false expectations for the path upgrade between Raigmore and Tore was received".

Matters arising - Item 3 - Millburn Road Shared use route. **BM** had attended a Safety Audit carried out by **THC**. A report is due. Not received yet.

Item 4 - Govt. Active Travel Vision. Link added to website. Report was accepted as a good "vision" useful to quote in demanding good quality provision. Encourage members to use it.

4. **A9 dualling update** - [**GC**] A written report was distributed by **GC**. It contained information about the 5 Highland sections of the dualling programme. **GC** had e-mailed Jo Blewett programme manager requesting dates of public consultations.

ACTION Circulate information to members when received. **GC BM**

5. **Road orders** - [**GT**] -**GT** reported planning applications affecting, the Beechwood campus area path, Croy road at Tornagrain and a consultation re. Canal Park development on 27th Jan at Leisure centre.

ACTION - Beechwood - representation to **THC** - **BM**,
Tornagrain - Investigate application - **Lindsay MacKinnon**,
Canal Parks - Attend public consultation **SB, BM & GT**

6. **Treasurer update** - [**MB**] - **MB, GC & BM** met prior to the meeting. **MB** give the report below
The Balance was £6,128.93 when last checked. Further to a telephone call to BoS on 19th of Jan. **MB** has arranged for transfer of treasurer and alteration of signatories. Confirmation should be received by **DT** within 14 days of the date of the phone call.

7. **Cyclenation** - [**RS**] **RS** reported that the CN group of cycle campaign organisations whilst a UK organisation appeared to deal only with matters centred on urban England. He queried the value of continuing our membership.

ACTION Write to CN to discover extent of Scottish interest **RS**. Reassess contributions to all other organisations. **DT**

8. **Hitrans** - [**BM**] **BM** asked how and to what extent we engage with Hitrans and vice versa. He stated that we had been directed, by the minister to deal with Trunk Roads issues via Hitrans.

ACTION -Prepare item re. Active Travel provision and the dualling of the A9 & A96 for adding to agenda of next ATAG meeting. **BM & GC**

9. **Beauly to Inverness route** - [**GC**] A report was circulated. The Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Trust led path group will meet with Drew Hendry on 26th January in attempt to get progress on land owner blockages.

10. West Link Pathways - [BM, GT] BM & GT met with J. Smith (JS) of THC to discuss our own & GT's objections to core path alterations in this development. JS will be writing to both to suggest possible alterations to enable us to remove our objections.

11. Space for Cycling [RS] RS reported on an event training day for campaigners in Edinburgh on 21st Feb. It seemed that the Space for Cycling campaign was developing a Scottish agenda. It was agreed to offer travel and subsistence for an overnight stay for 3 members to attend.

ACTION - 2 members plus 1 other possible to attend - **RS, DT & BM**

AOB

Capital in Bank. [GC] - GC suggested that we had recently accumulated capital and that we should look for suitable projects to assign funds to.

ACTION Circulate membership requesting support for this proposal and ideas of types of project to support. Also assess level of funding that could be distributed at present.

GC, BM

Date of next meeting March 11th 2015 6.30pm Spectrum Centre.