

## NHTT Transport Group Meeting Minutes

### Monday 1 November 2010, 7.30 Letham Village Hall

**Present:** John Rae, Crispin Hayes, Louise Barron, Neil Stoddart (Bow of Fife resident), Sandy Finlayson, Sheila Jones (Bow of Fife resident)

**Apologies:** Hamid Van Koten, Clare Hamilton-Sturdy

Crispin opened the meeting with a short explanation of why we had specifically invited residents of the Bow of Fife and suggested that we focus on this at the start of the meeting and leave general transport group business until later.

#### **1. Bow of Fife Transport Concerns**

Crispin invited those present from the Bow of Fife to raise any issues.

The community in the Bow of Fife have spent the last 20 years campaigning to improve road safety in the Bow of Fife. Why do the NHTT believe that they can get the problems sorted? The community would like slow down signs, but ideally a speed limit put in place. The Community Council have been unable to help in this matter.

The transport group thought that, as we are a group of people specifically interested in Transport issues, we could work on this together. The NHTT can offer something different from the community council in that we are a constituted group and can apply for funding on behalf of and with the permission of the people of the Bow of Fife.

There followed a lengthy discussions around the issues in the Bow of Fife and the obstacles the community have come up against. They were promised signs by Donald Lothian in the last financial year and have been promised them again this financial year. If this falls through this is an area that we could look into helping. If the barriers to getting signs are purely financial then perhaps we could look at finding a source of funding and applying for it.

It was agreed that should the signs fail to materialise this financial year then perhaps the NHTT could look into working with residents and applying for funding.

Re Buses, there are enough buses but the location if the stop is causing problems as it is at the end of a residents drive and they frequently sit at the stop for more than drop off time. This causes both access and visibility issues. The buses do not hold to their side of the road.

*Heavy traffic using Pitlessie Road.* There was some discussion about the perceived increase in heavy traffic using Pitlessie Road as a short cut. The meeting concluded this was both lorries and farm traffic, the latter hauling veg to Kettle Produce. It was observed that this led to degradation of the road edge and verge, and the creation of ruts at the road edge. Asking Fife Council to monitor the traffic usage of Pitlessie Road was discussed, but the consensus of the meeting was that it was not necessary at this stage

#### Main issues raised through the following discussion were:

- Speed limit on A91 going through Bow of Fife
- Junction safety
- Bus stop safety

- HGVs on Pitlessie Road

### Bike Parking in the Bow of Fife

We are proposing to put some bike hoops in the Bow in the road yard adjacent to the bus stop on the westbound side of the A91 in the Bow of Fife. It is planned that the hoops will be situated off the pavement behind the wall on land which is owned by Fife Council although there is some question as to which bits are owned by Fife Council. A small access will be built in the wall. Concerns were raised around planning permissions as the Bow of Fife is a conservation area. Crispin has been going through a lengthy period of consultation with Fife Council and the required permission will be sought once ownership of the land has been clarified.

*How is this being funded?* The Bike parking in the Bow of Fife is part of a wider project which we are currently applying for funding for. The money will partly come from our previous CCF award and applications are in for Fife Environment Trust (landfill tax) and Leader (European Funding). If we are successful the project which will see bike parking installed at 5 points within the NHTT area as well the improvement of sections of cycle/foot paths in the area.

**Action:** once location is finalised the transport group will arrange for details to be out in the Post Office at the Bow of Fife. Louise/Crispin

At the conclusion of the discussions on the Bow of Fife matters, those present from the Bow of Fife were offered to exit the meeting or to stay for the rest of normal business. Sheila Jones took the opportunity to leave the meeting at this point.

## **2. Tripshare update**

We currently have £2,000 in the budget for this. Clare has developed 2 signs for the group to consider. The group agreed that the top sign was the better option.

This is a sign for the road end at Letham.

Clare has agreed to look into costings. This is ongoing.

This project should be complete within CCF timescales.

**Action-** Clare to work on costings.

## **3. Bike Parking**

Crispin has secured verbal agreements for location at Letham and Giffordtown Hall.

Fife Council has still come back with answers on ownership issues of other proposed sites in Collessie and Bow of Fife.

**Action-** Crispin to secure written agreements

## **4. Cycle and pathway development update**

The funding applications for 'Paths to Transition' project have now been submitted. We have applied for £103,000. This is for 3 sections of path and 5 bike parking locations. Crispin presented the group with a breakdown of the budget.

Leader and Fife Environment Trust both meet in November.

## **5. Budget Issues**

Crispin highlighted that there are some funds from the NHTT CCF bid that have not been used and that we are looking at a potential under spend in some areas. Crispin proposed that we approach the coordinating group to discuss re-profiling some of the money to pay for a few days of Crispin's time to help keep these projects going.

The group agreed that this is a good idea. As Neil is also on the coordinating group and not a regular Transport Group member he requested that he not enter into this decision making process.

**Action-** Crispin will take this to the next coordinating group meeting.

**AOB**

- **Website**

Louise asked the group if they would like anything added to the Transport Group page on the web. Crispin agreed to draft something for the next bulletin/newsletter.

**Next Meeting: Monday 6 December, 7.30pm in Collessie Hall**