**Riverside Community Council - Internal Report**

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| **Title** | **Active Travel Sub-Group Meeting Notes** |
| **Summary of Purpose** | The sub-group is an advisory/action group reporting back to the community council and making project proposals where appropriate  Aim to identify Active Travel (AT) and transport issues in Riverside and propose ways to resolve them as a means of improving quality of life for those who, live, work in, and visit Riverside – reducing congestion and pollution, improving health and the Public Realm |
| **Date of meeting** | 27 August 2019 |
| **Those involved** | **Present:** Three members of the public; Di (Riverside Community Council member)  **Apologies:** Five members of the public |
| **Points discussed** | **Overview of national and local policy & Strategy on Active Travel with links to Local Action on the Ground.**   * R gave an overview of professional support and opportunities for funding, mainly through the Paths for All (PfA) Partnership, a key Scottish Government lead body on AT, based in Forthside Way, Riverside * Other relevant bodies include: Forth Environment Link (FEL); Sustrans; Local Active Travel Partnership responsible for implementing Local Transport Strategy Active Travel Action Plan * Opportunities for funding: *Smarter Choices, Smarter Places* is a key Scottish Government funding opportunity to increase everyday walking and cycling for everyone eg Stirling Council has £85,000 for walking and cycling improvements in the Stirling south area. Managed by the PfA Partnership. There is also currently an *Open Fund* available for community applications (£5,000-£50,000) with matching funding required (including in-kind voluntary contributions).   **Presentation of Mindmap**  Di presented a mindmap (see photo) of the many issues and opportunities evident in Riverside, including: promoting facilities; pollution and congestion; disabled access; *Safer Routes to School;* everyday cycling and walking; public transport information, and private transport eg electric cars/car clubs.  The group helpfully added more ideas and information to the mindmap, which is now a starting point for wider community discussions. It will be available at the next Community Council meeting (28 August 2019) for input by community members.  Issues and opportunities added were:   * Twenty’s Plenty 20 mph zones throughout Riverside * Designated cycling infrastructure in longer-term * Safer routes out of Riverside eg Manor Powis cycle path link, better link to university, Springkerse and into town * Public safety cycle lanes * Bike storage * Access to bikes eg more Next Bikes * Checking planning developments to ‘AT-proof’ * Surveys of where people travel to and from * Make Riverside a PfA demonstration project * Develop walking and cycling groups |
| **Funding required**  **(if relevant)** | See ‘Actions Agreed’ |
| **Contacts** |  |
| **Actions agreed** | The group will aim to meet AT organisations in the next month to discuss project scope and possible support. Cllr Jim Thomson has offered to talk about the City Deal proposal for Active Travel and he will be invited to any future events.  **Proposal to the Full Community Council**  The group suggests a two-stage approach:  A) An informal ‘drop-in’ meeting before the end of 2019, to gauge levels of interest in AT and further AT issues in Riverside with a view to prioritising action.  The results of the drop-in would form the basis of devising a funded project to tackle the priority issues identified by the community.  It is envisaged that we could apply to PfA if agreed over the winter with a view to implementation in spring 2020.  B) A funded Active Travel Open Day in spring involving AT organisations, Stirling Council, and other partners, to formally launch the project.  This is all dependent on identifying the issues that people want to take forward.  **Date of Next Meeting.**  Tuesday, 24 September 2019, at 7.30 pm (time tbc). |