**Riverside Community Council - Internal Report**

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| **Title** | **Active Travel & Sustainable Transport 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** | 10 February2020. |
| **Those involved** | **Present:** RTM, RM, Diane Alderdice (Riverside Community Council member)**Apologies:** JAS, JD, DM**In Attendance:** Amy McCarron, University of Stirling |
| **Points discussed** | **Actions from last meeting (22 January 2020)**Diane to write to neighbouring community councils to invite them to the Active Travel Day. **Action: Di.****Amy McCarron - Update on research and briefing on using the PurpleAir pollution monitors** Amy gave us an update of progress on her research, which will now focus on looking at interventions for asthma sufferers, rather than Active Travel. However, Amy will ask her supervisor if the sub-group can borrow the PurpleAir monitors, which will also provide data for Amy’s research. They can be used inside and out and are very easy to use and download the data. Amy suggested that we develop a ‘heat map’ of Riverside to monitor pollution levels at potential pollution static hotspots and coldspots (for comparisons), and a dynamic pollution route linking several spots (see attached draft map). This should be done ideally over a year period. Monitoring is best done diurnally, on weekdays at rush hour when the traffic is busiest and when least busy. Amy requested that we ask Stirling Council for the data from the two Stirling Council Zephyr air monitors, and will pass on Dianne Foy’s email address to Di. **Action: Amy.** She will also keep us posted about the availability of the PurpleAirs and will give us training to use them. Di said that a request for a PurpleAir had been included in the Paths for All’s (PfA) Smarter Choices, Smarter Places Open Fund application. **Action: Amy**. It was also suggested that a monitoring activity could be done at the proposed Active event on 14 March. Di and the group thanked Amy for her very helpful update, and Amy then left the meeting. **Active Travel Day (14 March 2020) Planning**. Di thanked the group for their input to the PfA application, and to RTM for drafting it, which PfA’s Graham McQueen is currently assessing. Discussion that if the grant was delayed, we could postpone the event by a couple of weeks but should hold it before the school holidays.***Update of invitees/activities***. Emails have been sent to several organisations to ask for their interest in attending. Positive replies have been received from FEL (eBikes and cargo bikes); Stirling Disability Access Forum; Fiona Dyet (First Aid); Amy McCarron (PurpleAir monitoring). A follow-up email will be sent to invitees before Monday 17 February. Other suggestions were to invite Dr Bike, First Bus and neighbouring community councils. **Action: Di.** RM offered to run a family street orienteering activity around Riverside **Action: RM**. Other suggestions for activities were a Tour de Riverside led bike ride and scoot (possibly led by FEL), a walk around Riverside to look at the AT issues that the council could help with (Kevin Argue). **Action: Di to contact**. Activities can also be run on the lawn so gazebos will be required. **Action: Di to ask FEL to borrow theirs.** Consultation map to be taken along; Risk Assessment to be done **Action: Di.**FEL to be asked to bring route maps and travel planning knowledge. **Action: Di.**We need to have a timetable for the activities. **Action: Di*****Promotion and publicity*:** if the PfA grant is successful, funds could be used to produce flyers and posters for distribution in shops, cafes, community notice boards etc. Emily, RCC Secretary, to be asked to assist with poster and flyer creation, and add info to the RCC website, **Action: Di to ask Emily.** An article to be written for the Stirling Observer, and perhaps a photo of people on bikes and scooters. **Action: Di to ask Alison (RCC)**. RM offered to Tweet (#TravelLightRiverside) and share with other organisations **Action: RM**, and Stirling Council to be asked to promote on its website. **Action: Di.** We should promote it through the school and Wallace HS **Action: Di.****Any Other Business**Discussion of the use of lichen as air pollution indicators. JS to ask a colleague for input to help identify lichens and perhaps run as an activity. **Action: JS**.  |
| **Funding required** **(if relevant)** | See above. |
| **Contacts** |  |
| **Actions agreed** | **Date of Next Meeting.** Monday, 10 February 2020, at 7.30 pm, 16 Forrest Road, Stirling, FK8 1UH,  |