**Minutes of the meeting of the**

**Dundalk Cycling Alliance**

**3rd May 2017**

**1/ Attendance**

* Tony, Pat Mulholland, Fiona, Ollan and Sorcha with apologies from Liam and Pat Kilboy.
* In Liam’s absence it was agreed that Tony should chair the meeting.

**2/ Minutes**

 The minutes of the 5th April 2017 meeting were read. Pat Mulholland proposed and Tony seconded their adoption. They were duly adopted and signed.

**3/ Matters arising**

* A response from Louth CoCo has been received regarding last month’s correspondence about black top on cycling paths.
* Liam and Pat have still to visit the library which will occur on Liam’s return.
* A letter to the Marrist school has been sent as agreed at the last meeting
* Tony advised that the visit to Aldi has been postponed.

**4/ Website.**

* Tony reported that there was no change to the website.

**5/ Finance**

* A short discussion was held.
* Approaches to various councillors will be made to secure funding.

**6/ Cooley Cycle Route**

* Tony reported on his attempts to get some photos from local photographic societies.
* Fiona and Sorcha to get some photos of the existing cycle way between Carlingford and Omeath.
* A discussion as to who is the target audience for the presentation was held. This discussion will be raised again at the next meeting as it is fundamental to the progress of this project.
* A discussion on community engagement and the various tidy towns committees was held.
* It was noted that the Tidy Towns marking scheme has changed and this could be to our mutual advantage. Sorcha will find out the details of the marking scheme.
* Sorcha reported on her work with local schools in Bellurgan and Omeath on their use of cycling and cycle lanes.

**7/ Dundalk Cycle Lanes**

* Ollan raised the issue of the Gael Scoil and the two road crossings on Bóthar Iairainn and Marshes Avenue
* Ollan to investigate the potential for Leader funding for signage and sustainable transport and safe road crossings.
* Ard Lathan - Ollan and Pat will go to see the relevant person before the next meeting. The final signatures will be available at the next meeting and arrangements will then be made to deliver those signatures.

**8/ AOB**

* Ollan reported on the consultation process on the National Clean Air Strategy. He requested that the DCA makes a submission. Tony agreed to make a submission on behalf of the DCA within a very tight schedule of two days because of the imminent submission deadline.

**9/ Next meeting**

The next meeting - Wednesday 7th June 2017 in Liam’s house from 20:00 to 21:30 hrs.

Liam Kieran

Chair DCA.