**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** | 25 November 2019 |
| **Those involved** | **Present:** Ron, Jens, Jen, Ross, Danny, Diane Alderdice (Riverside Community Council member)  **Apologies:** None received  **In Attendance:** Amy McCarron (University of Stirling PhD student), Georgi Gushlekov (Forth Environment Link (FEL)) |
| **Points discussed** | **Air Pollution & Public Health PhD Research Project** – **Amy McCarron**.Amy was welcomed and explained her PhD project on ‘Air pollution and public health: exploring sustainable behavioural changes to reduce exposure in Scotland’, and aim to use Riverside to pilot-test her methods with the participation of a focus group. She will be looking at particulates, oxides, nitrogen, black carbon and CO2 using low-cost mobile monitors, which will start in January.  It was provisionally agreed to welcome this broad option, encourage synergy with the Council’s local pollution monitoring, and to link her work where possible with the March event, eg by seeking focus group input.  **Brief Updates / Actions from last meeting (28 October 2019)**   * Di awaiting a reply from Riverside PS asking if full sub-group can access School Travel Plan * Di reported that the community council are to ask Cllr Jim Thomson to speak at a full meeting early 2020 * It was agreed to wait until we had issues/solutions table ready before contacting Paths for All and funders * Di to contact Wilma Comrie and Stirling Council’s Active Travel Officer re community engagement * Di has permission from the community council to contact other community councils in Riverside PS catchment area re support for school travel plans * Ross suggested that Di contacts David from the inMotion Group ([www.inmotion-uk.com](http://www.inmotion-uk.com/)) directly, to invite him to speak about their work on transport solutions for corporate bodies through data analytics * Di reported that meetings have been held to form the Riverside Electric Car Pool Project, which is looking at models elsewhere, funding, options and local engagement * **Toolkits** – Jens invited Georgi (FEL) to the meeting to explain the process of Active Travel planning and showed us examples of Top of the Town and Braehead Active Travel plans. He advised undertaking a survey of about 100 people to gather data to allow follow-up action, and offered to help to development the plan and identify funding.   Ross asked what actions other communities had made once the travel plans were completed. Georgi gave examples of cycle storage being installed in Cornton PS and traffic reduction at Braehead PS.   * **Action:** Di to check with FEL about the availability of staff to support the process * **Action:** Jen to send a link for circulation for Stirling Council’s residents’ survey about service delivery * **Riverside Primary School** – Di updated re our meeting with Mrs McLeod (5 November 2019) to update her on our work and vice versa, and in reply to Danny’s question, said that we will continue these meetings into the future.  The school is developing a ‘Parking Pledge’ currently in operation across Scotland (eg North Ayrshire: <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/news/Parents-asked-to-take-the-Parking-Pledge.aspx>).   **Issues gathered to date - identifying delivery partners for actions** – Discussion of the table as per Ron’s summary of the consultation responses to date. For the ‘Infrastructure’ issues, he suggested gathering the relevant council staff and elected representatives for a Lovers’ Walk-style walk-round to point out the issues for resolution.   * **Action:** Ron to prepare a 2-sided A4 stock-take of the issues and what should be done (to be circulated), and at Jen’s suggestion, group issues into short, medium and long-term timescales * **Action:** Di to contact relevant staff and elected representatives   **Spring event planning –** A date was set for Saturday, 14 March 2020 at the Riverbank Centre, when Active Travel organisations and individuals will be invited to have a stall/run activities.   * **Action:** Di to find out costs and availability of the centre, provisionally book it, and circulate a proposal for the day for input by the group.   **Any Other Business**   * Danny asked for clarification re title of the sub-group. Di said that the sub-group was Active Travel & Sustainable Transport Sub-group, which may be different from the school’s own group overseeing the school’s Active Travel Plan. * Jens informed the group that there is a map of school travel that shows travel times of walking and cycling to and from school to various points. * Danny, Di and Emily (CC Secretary) are going to the WalkCycleLive Stirling consultation on 26 November at the Albert Halls <https://walkcyclelivestirling.commonplace.is/>. Everyone welcome. |
| **Funding required**  **(if relevant)** | Funding to be sought for the Active Travel day in March 2020, prior to proposals being agreed. |
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| **Actions agreed** | **Date of Next Meeting**  Monday, 13 January 2020, at 7.30 pm, 16 Forrest Road, Stirling, FK8 1UH. |