

North Fife Cycling

We aim to support and develop all forms of cycling in North Fife

15th June 2018

Cycling Scotland Cycle Friendly Communities Development Fund bid

North Fife Cycling group (NFC) is submitting an application for £20,000 of funding from Cycling Scotland to improve cycling facilities in North Fife and we hope that you and your colleagues will consider supporting our application. Here is a summary of our bid, details of how we are consulting as widely as possible in the time available and ways you can offer your comments and support as well as some background about our group.

North Fife Cycling Survey 2017

Over 370 people completed this online survey, two thirds of people replying lived in North Fife and one third cycled here but lived elsewhere. People wanted to cycle more which is in line with national Scottish and UK surveys. **The most significant concern most people had was the need for safer cycling.** So we have focused this funding bid on ways we think cycling can be made safer in North Fife.

Summary of our Proposals

1. The proposals here build on existing cycling infrastructure in North Fife, focus on joining up networks of routes in North Fife and link with plans of adjoining areas.
2. Our focus is on providing safer routes for -
 1. Increasing Active Travel commuting by bike.
 2. Children and families getting to schools and other facilities by bike.
 3. Cycling as a healthy option for all ages and abilities.
 4. Increasing local business incomes by promoting cycle recreational tourism to bring in more visitors.
3. Cycling Scotland Cycle Friendly Communities Development Fund is open for us to apply for as a community group, does not require match funding from the local Council and we are applying for the maximum possible grant of £20,000 as follows:-

Summary

1. Wormit to Newport Nature trail - ramps upgrade	£16,000
2. Traffic calming and alternative route signs	£ 1,000
3. Children Cycling	£ 700
4. Adult - Beginners groups and Bike fixing	£ 350
5. Improving health by cycling; incoming tourism	£ 450
6. Community consultations & promoting cycling	£ 200
7. NFC costs and memberships	£ 350
8. Total - following our consultation to adjust to	£ 20,000

Timescale for Application

The application process recently opened and the deadline for submission is 18th July. We had a preliminary meeting with the Cycling Scotland Development Fund officer in 2017 and some email discussion with him after that as part of our preparation for this years funding period opening.

Community Consultation

NFC are circulating the attached description of our bid proposal and sending this to NFC members and supporters; Councillors, MSPs and MPs for North Fife; Community Councils and other local groups. We are advertising the funding bid on flyers, on our facebook page and website so we hope in these various routes to consult as widely as possible in this short time period. We will submit details to local papers.

We are setting up an online survey for people and groups to make comments.

- This survey will open by 18th June and close on 7th July for comments to be considered by the NFC committee on 10th July.
- Written comments can also be sent in by email to me but the online survey is best for us to be able to collate replies.

It is a short window for consultation but we will need some time to consider comments and revise our application if needed. We will place the final application summary with a brief summary of the main points of comments received on our website and facebook page. As our first funding application we hope any success we have this year can be built on in the future, allowing us to consult with local communities more. With a dispersed range of population centres and different cycling wishes it may only be possible to address some of the topics raised this year.

We hope you and your group will consider supporting this funding application.

Emailed letters of support would be much appreciated. Groups and individuals can become supporters of North Fife Cycling (free). Membership of NFC is open to individuals at £1 giving voting rights etc with our AGM planned for the autumn. Contact me if interested in either membership or supporting us to get our regular cycling newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

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