

Ryedale Cycle Forum

Minutes 16th May 2017 at 10.30am | Ryedale House, Malton

Present:- Cllr Michael Cleary (Chair), Helen Gundry (Kirkbymoorside Environment Group), Paul Hepworth (Cycling UK), John Patten (Sustrans Vol.), Howard Wallis (RDC), Glyn Wild (Cyclist), Keith & Craig Newcombe (Cyclists), Dave Mann (Cyclist).

1. Introductions / apologies

Apologies received from Melanie Farnham (NYCC Highways Area 4), Don McKenzie (NYCC Lead Member for Transport), Liz Bassindale (Howardian Hills AONB), Rupert Douglas (Sustrans), James Gilroy (NYCC Highways Asset Management Engineer), James Malcolm (NYCC Highways Area 4 Manager), Jill Thompson (RDC)

2. Matters Arising from Minutes, if not covered below

Michael Cleary reported very positive conversation with County Councillor Don McKenzie, NYCC Lead on transport. Though unable to come to this meeting, Cllr McKenzie is very much in support of Ryedale Cycle Forum and will help us whenever possible. Cllr Cleary will keep him up to date **(ACTION Cllr Cleary)**

The proposal for a cycle/pedestrian bridge at Malton Railway Station has gained quite wide support ,because it would help meet a variety of important goals; congestion, air quality, active lifestyles, access etc. But the proposal still needs pushing, as there are many other potential projects on the RDC/NYCC “long list” that could need funding as a result of the increased rail services. **(ACTION all)**

3. Local Authority support for Govt Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy.

There was a discussion about Joint working to access funding opportunities: DfT - NYCC / LEP | LEADER | Developer contributions | RDC Section 106 | Helen Gundry will co-ordinate compilation and circulation of wish list so that the forum can decide what S106 bid (s) to make when the fund opens in July, and whether LEADER funding could be applied for **(ACTION H GUNDRY , all to respond)**. Howard Wallis is submitting a bid this week to the National Productivity Investment Fund, which is transport infrastructure funding that could help with the Malton Station bridge.

The Governments new Cycling and Walking Strategy (date) will give ways for us to work with NYCC, LEP and RDC to improve infrastructure for cycling in Ryedale. James Gilroy (Asset Management Engineer, NYCC Highways) and James Malcolm (NYCC Highways Area 4 Manager) are now on our circulation list. Paul Hepworth reminded the meeting that an extensive Malton and Norton transport study was done in (2000?), and that the cycling section could be updated, if we could find funding/people to do this.

The NYCC Cycle Paths maintenance budget has been allocated for 2017/18. Forum will approach Area 4 Highways to request that they apply for 2018/19. Needed for Thornton-le-Dale to Wilton path (A170); other needs may arise from wish list. **(ACTION M.Farnham/H Gundry)**

4. Website Development and using social media

Craig Nattress brought a large screen into the meeting so that we could all look at the cycle forum’s website “getryedalecycling.com”, which includes a Twitter feed.. Thanks to Craig, much content has been added to the website over the year, and Craig has also done Tweets of interest. Paul Hepworth will send a link for the Cycling UK “Cyclists Welcome” listings for places to eat or stay. **(ACTION P Hepworth)**. John Patten will look into links with the Sustrans routes on the Sustrans

website (**ACTION J Patten**). It was suggested that, if possible, we should have a link from the Welcome to Yorkshire website, (**Action C. Nattress**). Craig said he would welcome more links from other sites, more cycle route information, including routes coming into Ryedale from other Districts, regular “news” items, and further suggestions about content. (**ACTION ALL – and add yourself to the website “subscribe” list, so you can be notified of further site updates**)

Helen Gundry suggested a “donate” button on the website, to help us build up funds for local cycle tracks; even small sums being useful to show local support for bidder bids. We await news about whether Two Ridings Community Foundation might look after funds for Ryedale Cycle Forum.

6. Linking market towns, North York Moors National Park and Howardian Hills AONB: - All

- a) **Norton / Malton – Pickering** Further meeting to be held on 19th May, to agree more details prior to H Wallis (RDC) submitting “expression of interest” for European tourism funding.
- b) **Pickering – Dalby Forest - Scarborough** link (await news from NYMNPA and Forest Enterprise regarding the Ellerburn bridleway upgrade)
- c) **Pickering – Kirkbymoorside – Helmsley** Funding applications in progress, discussion needed with various District Councillors (**ACTION Cllr Cleary & H Gundry**)
- d) **Helmsley – Rievaulx – Sutton Bank** link Await news from Rupert Douglas/NYMNPA
- e) **Malton – Castle Howard / Howardian Hills – York links** Cllr Cleary has met with Nick Howard; further discussion needed (**Action Cllr Cleary & Liz Bassindale (Howardian Hills AONB)**)
- f) **A64 Staxton roundabout – Seamer proposals** Joint work with Scarborough Cycle Forum (**ACTION P Hepworth**) A number of other issues about A64 were discussed and need following up. Details will be added to the Cycle Forum wish list. (**Action M Cleary, R Douglas**)
- g) **Wish list of potential routes** – information to be added to website (**ACTION all**)

7. 2017 events, visitor information,

- **YUCYCLE 2017** - 11 June - www.yorkspace.net/yucycle
- **Great Yorkshire Bike Ride** - June - www.gybr.co.uk
- **Ride IT North York Moors Sportive** - July - www.cycloport.org/event/10-Jul-2016/UK/ride-it-north-york-moors-sportive.html
- **Yorkshire Wolds Cycle Challenge** – 15 - 16 July - yorkshirewoldscyclechallenge.org.uk
- **Ryedale Grand Prix** - 8 August - bcyorkshire.co.uk/ryedale-grand-prix
- **York 100** - 20 August - www.action.org.uk/york-100
- **Big Bad Bike Ride** - September - www.bigbadbikeride.com
- **Wiggle Ay Up Yorkshire** - Oct - www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk/events/wiggle-ay-up-yorkshire-sportive

7. Any other business | Date of next meeting

Ryedale Cycle Forum needs a Secretary, possibly also a Minutes Secretary. A volunteer job description will be circulated (**ACTION H Gundry, P Hepworth and Cllr Cleary**)

Concern has been raised by a Pickering Cyclist that there are so many A-boards attached to the Cycle Parking Stands at the top of Pickering Market Place, that cycles cannot be parked there! H Gundry has reported this to Melanie Farnham NYCC Area 4 (**Action M Farnham**)

North Yorkshire Police are responding to the UK Cycling Close Pass campaign, telling drivers to allow plenty of room when overtaking cyclists.

8. Date of next meeting **Tuesday 19th September 2017, Ryedale House, Malton**

