

Ryedale Cycle Forum

Minutes 19th September 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), Keith & Craig Newcombe (Cyclists), Sam Hoste (Cyclist), Mike Hawtin & Debbie Trafford (North York Moors National Park Authority)

1. Introductions / apologies

Apologies received from Liz Bassindale (Howardian Hills AONB), Catriona McClees (North York Moors National Park), and Craig Nattress (Ryedale District Council)

2. Matters Arising from Minutes, if not covered below

Howard Wallis reported that unfortunately the bid to the National Productivity and Investment Fund, mentioned at the previous forum, had not been successful.

3. A64 Growth Partnership

Cllr Cleary and Howard Wallis reported that the A64 Growth Partnership is being led at RDC by Julian Rudd, and by James Gilroy at NYCC . The partnership has approached a number of larger businesses, and they also want evidence from other businesses about the impact of the A64, and of potential improvements to it, on business growth and success, employee recruitment, supply chain, and impact on UK economy. Though the Partnership is not just about businesses, the impact of possible improvements on non-motorists needs to be stoutly represented. This includes severance of communities, road-side cyclists and cycle route crossings, horse riders, public transport users, and pedestrians. Paul Hepworth (UK Cycling), has drafted a letter about the impact on cycle tourism to be circulated to businesses such as cafes, pubs, hire and repair shops, B&Bs, to encourage them to send in evidence. Helen to circulate this to a number of active Forum members for comments; Paul will then circulate to businesses via Welcome to Yorkshire and Welcome to Ryedale. **ACTION HELEN/PAUL.** Cllr Cleary will help by supporting non-motor interests at relevant meetings that he attends **ACTION Cllr CLEARY.** Please could all details/suggestions of what improvements are needed be sent to Rupert Douglas (Sustrans) who has offered to collate and pass on to Highways England and NYCC . **ACTION RUPERT/ALL**

4. New Funding section on our website “Get Ryedale Cycling”

A new Funding section has been added to our website, designed to help with any smaller cycling schemes in our local communities. Please send useful links to craig.nattress@ryedale.gov.uk **(ACTION ALL)**

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

- a) **Norton / Malton – Pickering** Success with “expression of interest” for European tourism funding, so a full bid can now be submitted before February 2018, well done Howard! Also, NYCC have agreed to contribute 15K to costs. RDC Members will decide at Policy and Resources Committee whether to give support to full bid process by paying for NYCC Highways agent to prepare the necessary permissions and drawings. John Patten will ask Fitzwilliam Estate CIC if they can make a small contribution to these costs also. Helen , Paul, Cllr Cleary and John all offered to help with the bid. Cllr Cleary will alert ward Councillors. **ACTION HG, Cllr C, JP, PH**
- b) **Pickering – Dalby Forest - Scarborough** link. Debbie Trafford will look into action from NYMNPA and Forest Enterprise regarding the Ellerburn bridleway upgrade. **ACTION DEBBIE TRAFFORD**

- c) **Pickering – Kirkbymoorside – Helmsley** Funding application decision this month on Kirkbymoorside S106. This was an application prepared by Helen for Ryedale Cycle Forum and Kirkbymoorside Environment Group, but submitted by Melanie Farnham, NYCC Highways. Melanie Farnham has since left, and a replacement has not yet been appointed.
- d) **Helmsley – Rievaulx – Sutton Bank link** Await news from Rupert Douglas/NYMNPA, who are looking at options for cycle route links all over the National Park. Mike Hawtin explained his new role as Outdoor Recreation Officer for the National Park Authority. He is hoping to develop routes to link up places of interest, encourage cycle friendly businesses, instigate emergency repair facilities, encourage towns to be “cycle gateways” by having facilities such as cycle racks and information, and also electric bike charging points. Mike and Debbie are very aware of the sensitivities of multi-user paths, and the of the need to separate user groups in those locations where speed is an important factor for cyclists.
- e) **Malton – Castle Howard / Howardian Hills – York links** Cllr Cleary met with Nick Howard in the spring; a further meeting will happen when a new agent is appointed there, involving Liz Bassindale too. **(ACTION CLLR CLEARY/LIZ BASSINDALE)**
- f) **A64 Staxton roundabout – Seamer proposals** Cllr Cleary will check **(ACTION CLLR CLEARY)**
- g) **A64 Huttons Ambo cycle path link** Cllr Cleary will check at next A64 meeting that this is still on schedule for 2018 **(ACTION CLLR CLEARY)**
- h) **Wish list of potential routes** – will add 2nd bridge across Derwent (site of former rail bridge) which is also on RDC “Long list”, and also a link from the A169 to Thornton-le-Dale. **(ACTION HELEN/CRAIG NATTRESS)** Howard reported a delay in the planned follow up of the rail improvement consultations, due to NYCC staff shortage.

7. 2017 events, visitor information, marketing

- **Big Bad Bike Ride** - September - www.bigbadbikeride.com
- **Wiggle Ay Up Yorkshire** - Oct - www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk/events/wiggle-ay-up-yorkshire-sportive
For other events please see website, and send any event details to Craig.Nattress@ryedale.gov.uk

Craig Newcombe suggested that a car bumper sticker could be used to advertise events etc via the “Get Ryedale Cycling” website. Ideas for sticker to Helen for circulation please **(ACTION ALL)**

7. Any other business | Date of next meeting

Paul Hepworth reported that he had attended the regional Cycle Rail Forum, held in Huddersfield recently, but the venue varies. The new TransPennine trains will accommodate 4 cycles, not two, but cycles are to be suspended by the front wheel, which is difficult when travelling with a loaded touring bike.

Emma Mclean, a Duggleby resident, has been in touch with Helen and Rupert. She wants help to create a stopping place with shelter and picnic table for Wolds Way cyclists and residents. Helen has sent her our edited approved contractor information, and made Emma aware of our website Funding page

Date of next meeting:- Tuesday 28th November 2017, Ryedale House, Malton