

Ryedale Cycle Forum
Minutes – 11th February 2020 at 10.30am | Ryedale House, Malton

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Present:- Cllr Michael Cleary (Chair, RDC), Helen Gundry (KMS Environment Group), Howard Wallis (RDC), Paul Hepworth (Cycling UK), Cllr Mike Potter, Craig Newcombe, & Keith Newcombe (cyclists), Craig Nattress RDC Tourism, Liz Bassindale (Howardian Hills AONB, John Hoy and James (Castle Howard).

1. **Apologies** received from Kate Smith, Paul Hepworth, John Patten and Emily Watson
2. **Minutes** of 10/09/19 were approved

3. Matters Arising from Minutes, if not covered below

None

4. Linking market towns, NYM National Park and Howardian Hills AONB:

a) Malton to Pickering route. With funding approved, Howard Wallis reported that WSP are making progress with technical drawings etc and it is hoped to start on site in early Summer 2020. Helen is seeking permission from Ian Fielding at NYCC for the Rights of Way team to be allowed to help with the off-road section between Dicky Grounds Lane and Kirkbysperton. (ACTION HOWARD W, HELEN G)

b) Rail service developments – Paul Hepworth had sent an email to the meeting with details of how to respond to consultation about cycles on First Transpennine trains, to be circulated via website subscribers asap (ACTION HELEN G). New Northern services between York and Scarborough are expected to start in May, with two cycle spaces on each train, not reserveable.

c) LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) in progress for Malton and Norton, by RDC & North Yorkshire County Council highways consultants WSP. Lots of ideas suggested at initial meeting in July 2020, including the pedestrian & cycle bridge at the railway station and a bridleway bridge where the former railway to Pickering crossed the river near the Rugby Club. Please contact howard.wallis@ryedale.gov.uk for further information. Few cycling proposals included so far in initial proposals from consultants, and not enough consideration to bus movements, given that increasing public transport would help to reduce congestion and pollution and make more space for cycling. We hope final proposals will be better than consultants initial ideas.

c) Pickering – Dalby Forest - Scarborough link, and National Park. The <https://www.cycle-england.co.uk/en/holidays/north-york-moors-cycle-way/> leaflets were delivered to North York Moors National Park HQ last week. They have 1500+ copies and Emily Watson is

currently looking at ways to distribute between cycle shops/centres, TICs and National Park village information points. Route signage is in developmental talks, therefore further press and promotion will be decided at a later date.

d) Sutton Bank National Park Centre has been awarded external funding to develop the site as a leading destination for cycling, including pump track and links to Thirsk. At this stage there's a lot more information and detail to be confirmed.

e) Malton – Castle Howard / Howardian Hills – York link

The meeting was pleased to welcome John Hoy and James Holliday, of Castle Howard Estate. In recent discussion with John and James, and from consultation with a small group from Ryedale Cycle Forum, a list of suggestions have been drawn up of possible developments that would make the Castle Howard Estate more attractive for a whole range of cyclists and also “greener” in other ways as a key Ryedale tourism destination. John and James welcomed all the suggestions and explained that they now need to discuss these ideas with the Castle Howard family, Historic England and the Planning Authority, in order to find the best way forward. The estate needs to generate significant amounts of funds to care for its historic assets, which so many people enjoy. Getting plans prepared for environmentally sustainable developments is important, because funding opportunities often have short notice periods

g) A64 update - Paul Hepworth is co-ordinating suggestions for improvements to crossings of the A64. Details are being added to the getryedalecycling.com website, with a view to submitting all suggestions to Highways England after our June Cycle Forum meeting, and working with Rupert Douglas of Sustrans on this. A request to all to send in suggestions has been sent out to website subscribers. **(ACTION ALL)**

h) The road route into Malton from Swinton and Amotherby is poor for cyclist safety, and the carriageway is in poor condition. As a route in for cyclists will be added to our wishlist on getryedalecycling.com Paul and Howard are on the look-out for funding opportunities. The County Council need to be involved, and Community First Yorkshire could be asked to support us **(ACTION HELEN/HOWARD/PAUL)**

5. 2020 events, visitor information, marketing, cycle forum website

Craig Nattress is now looking after the Cycle Forum's getryedalecycling.com website. Please send details of events to craig.nattress@ryedale.gov.uk. Other new content for the website would also be welcome, as some sections are now in need of updates.

6. Any other business

Paul Hepworth asked what the NYCC Highways Area 4 would be spending their small cycle track fund on in 2020.

Craig Nattress suggested that we have more regular contact with Harrogate Cycle Forum and Scarborough Cycle Forum.

Helen Gundry to contact Countrywide, the developer of the new 250 housing estate in Kirkbymoorside, to follow through suggestions made for cycling

7. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 2nd June 2020, was scheduled for Ryedale House.

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