

Ryedale Cycle Forum
Minutes – 2nd June 2020 at 10am | ZOOM

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Present:- Cllr Michael Cleary (Chair, RDC), Helen Gundry (KMS Environment Group), Howard Wallis (RDC), Craig Nattress RDC Tourism, Caroline Davis (Ryedale Community Charter), Imelda Walleth (Ryedale Community Charter).

1. **Apologies** received from Craig Newcombe, Keith Newcombe and Liz Bassindale, **Technical problems** prevented Ray King, Mike Potter and Kate Smith from joining the Zoom meeting.

2. **Minutes** of 11/02/20 were approved

3. **Matters Arising from Minutes, if not covered below**

We are very sad to report the sudden death of Paul Hepworth this Spring.

He will be greatly missed as a campaigner for cycling in York and in Ryedale.

Thanks was expressed to Caroline Davis for setting up the Zoom invitations for this meeting.

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

a) Malton to Pickering route. With funding approved, Howard Wallis is waiting for WSP to send the technical drawings to Area 4 Highways and NYCC Rights of Way, to be signed off before work can start. **(ACTION HOWARD WALLIS/TIM COYNE)**

b) LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) soon to be released for Malton and Norton, by RDC & North Yorkshire County Council's highways consultants WSP. The proposed cycle/pedestrian bridge at Malton Railway Station is included. We look forward to further information **(ACTION HOWARD WALLIS)**

c) Hovingham – Malton . Josie Downs and Glyn Wild have been working with Helen Gundry to build support for the Hovingham-Malton route. Helen and Josie have written a joint letter to County Councillors Lyndsey Burr and Caroline Goodridge. An initial sketch map is being drawn up to get the Parish Councils involved. Howard Wallis and Michael Cleary will be kept up to date with progress. **ACTION JOSIE, GLYN, HELEN, ANYONE ELSE INTERESTED**

d) Pickering – Dalby Forest - Scarborough link; await update from Emily Watson at North York Moors National Park **(ACTION EMILY WATSON)**

e) Pickering – Kirkbymoorside – Helmsley

Cycle routes to Ryedale School, Nawton:- Many Ryedale School pupils go to school on school buses, as part of the NYCC School Transport scheme. The buses are crowded, presenting an impossible situation for Covid-19 Social Distancing, in September. The Head of the Ryedale Federation has supplied a support letter to Ryedale Cycle Forum, in the hope that safe cycle routes from Helmsley and Kirbymoorside can be quickly created, to help to ease the problem. Ryedale Cycle Forum have sent a covering letter to Beadlam Grange Farm and to Nawton Parish Council, to establish an acceptable route; then funding can be looked for.

Helen Gundry has been trying, through various contacts, to get help from Countrywide, the developer of the new 250 housing estate in Kirkbymoorside, to follow through suggestions made for cycling at the planning stage to, from and around the new estate. The aim is to reduce the impact that 250 extra cars would have on the town, air quality and environment. With urgency, and with the support letter from the Ryedale School Federation, we are also asking for corporate giving towards the cycle path from Kirkbymoorside to Ryedale School, because it will cross the entrance of the new estate. **(ACTION HELEN G & ANYONE INTERESTED)**

A cycle path from Sinnington to Pickering is in the Parish Plans of all the Parishes en-route. Community First Yorkshire could be asked to get involved to support a new effort to get a costed scheme prepared. **(ACTION HELEN G)**

f) Helmsley- Rievaulx- Sutton Bank - await update from North York Moors National Park and Rupert Douglas. **(ACTION EMILY WATSON/RUPERT DOUGLAS)**

g) Malton – Castle Howard / Howardian Hills – York link: awaiting update from John Hoy and James Holliday, of Castle Howard.
(ACTION MICHAEL CLEARY, JOHN HOY, JAMES HOLLIDAY)

h) A64 update - Craig Newcombe has taken over from Paul Hepworth to coordinate 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)** Howard Wallis commented that on some new sections the cycle path had been installed inside the crash barrier. Howard will check with Highways England as to whether this was intended **(ACTION HOWARD WALLIS)**

l) Wish list for support – discussion for all
Craig Newcombe suggests we add an A169 road-side path from Malton to the High Marishes turning. This would give a good route to Thornton-le-Dale and the National Park. **(ACTION CRAIG NEWCOMBE, AND ANYONE WITH FURTHER IDEAS)**

j) Engaging with the Government Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy. There is possibility of extra funding to support safer cycling, because of the Covid-19 pandemic. We understands that David Bowe and others at NYCC at County Hall are chasing this up. We hope that Cllr Don McKenzie will attend a future cycle forum meeting. **(ACTION HELEN GUNDRY & MICHAEL CLEARY)**

k) Joint working to access funding opportunities: DfT – NYCC/LEP, developer contributions, RDC Section 106, British Cycling Places to Ride Funding, Crowd Funding, other fundraising..... The key first stage for any scheme is to get a route agreed and a costed scheme drawn up. Area 4 Highways and NYCC Rights of Way do not have the funding to achieve this, so outside funding and community support are essential. **(ACTION ALL)**

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

Most events cancelled due to Covid-19. Due to lockdown and the consequent massive drop in vehicles on the roads, there has been a huge surge, apparently country-wide, in road cycling by families, and others not usually seen on bicycles.

Craig Nattress and Helen Gundry have been working together on updating 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. The website has a free subscription membership, which we encourage people to sign up to, so that the Cycle Forum can quickly notify members of meetings, new projects, articles of interest etc. Craig Nattress also runs the Twitter feed.

It was suggested that we could also produce a poster of cycle shops **(ACTION ALL)**

6. What is the Ryedale Community Charter, and how can the Charter support the development of cycling in Ryedale?

Caroline Davis and Imelda Wallett explained that Community Charters are a national idea, and they are Ryedale residents who were inspired to set up a group in Ryedale, having seen successes elsewhere. The Ryedale Community Charter group now have a website, a core group and a monthly newsletter. Multiple community meetings had involved six villages up to the beginning of 2020. They have been actively involved in setting up safe structures for the whole of Ryedale, for volunteer support of vulnerable people during the Covid-19 crisis.

The Community Charter process encourages communities to think about cultural heritage, what communities want to keep or change; a spirit of place and people,

and to understand what needs to happen to move forward, or what the barriers are that might be overcome.

Issues that often come up are public transport, rights of way, cycling, housing for local people, the needs of different generations in a community, and the need for road repairs. The Community Charter group tries to engage with lots of other organisations, depending on what aspiration or theme a community are following, and they are also aware of the needs to local independent businesses, and of statutory support structures and democratic processes.

The Ryedale Community Charter can help Ryedale Cycle Forum to reach out to communities, by spreading the word about Cycle Forum projects and ideas, and by encouraging communities to work with the Cycle Forum to achieve new routes or to improve existing routes. We can share contacts and work together on changes we want to see.

7. Any other business

Helen was recently contacted by David Jeffels of The Yorkshire Post, and had a phone discussion about contributions to an article about cycling and Ryedale recovery from Covid-19.

8. Date of next meeting - 10am Tuesday 14 July 2020