

**Ryedale Cycle Forum**  
**Minutes – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 10am | online, TEAMS**

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Present:- Cllr Michael Cleary (Chair, RDC), Helen Gundry (KMS Environment Group), Howard Wallis (RDC), Craig Nattress RDC Tourism, Craig Newcombe, David Stone (Coast & Vale Community Action), John Law (Environmental Projects Officer, RDC)

1. **Apologies** none received
2. **Minutes** of 15/09/20 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. Hoping to start installation soon after Christmas  
**(ACTION HOWARD WALLIS/TIM COYNE)**
  - b) LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) for Malton and Norton, by RDC & North Yorkshire County Council's highways consultants WSP. The first phase was scoping and describing corridors for active travel, and 100% funded by NYCC, but the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, which will produce details of actual paths and other infrastructure, will be funded by RDC. The study area extends as far as Amotherby, so design work for parts of the Hovingham – Malton route could be included, working alongside volunteers from Ryedale Cycle Forum who have already consulted Parish and Town Councils on this route. Helen reminded the meeting of Mike Potter suggestion, that an experienced cyclist, one who can also understand plans, should look at any designs before they are decided on, as consultant designers for general traffic systems often don't understand the needs of cyclists of all ages and abilities **(ACTION HOWARD WALLIS)**
  - c) Hovingham – Malton . Josie Downs and Glyn Wild have been working with Helen Gundry to continue to build support for the Hovingham-Malton route. Hovingham Parish Council has indicated that they would like to see discussion with landowners and other parties, and community consultation, so this is currently underway. The Malton and Norton Area Partnership's funding bid, written by Helen Gundry, to the AJ1 Road Safety fund towards a section of path in Swinton won £5600. We now need to find match funding for this. Richard Marr of NYCC Highways, is trying to find funding for any design work that may be needed. **(ACTION JOSIE, GLYN, HELEN)**
  - d) Pickering – Dalby Forest - Scarborough link & North York Moors Cycleway  
Hope to be updated at the next meeting by Mike Hawtin. **(ACTION MIKE HAWTIN)**

e) Pickering – Kirkbymoorside – Helmsley

Kirkbymoorside Town Council's funding application towards the route, to the AJ1 Road Safety fund, won £20,000, and Helen is now working with the Town Council to find match funding for this. Again, some help is hoped for from Richard Marr (NYCC Highways) for any design costs. The contractor for some of the Rosedale and Rail Trail architectural heritage projects, UK Restoration Ltd, have been to have a look at the Spittle Beck and Helmsley rail-bed area, prior to giving a quote for bridleway bridge design and installation, and Path for Everyone installation.

**(ACTION HELEN G, HOWARD WALLIS, RICHARD MARR & ANYONE INTERESTED)**

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:

News is still awaited of new CEO and next developments for cycling and sustainable tourism. **(ACTION MICHAEL CLEARY, LIZ BASSINDALE, JAMES HOLLIDAY)**

h) A64 update - Further suggestions have been provided, via Colin Clark, from Andrew Richardson. A suggestion for Brambling Fields has also been made via our website comments facility. Howard will provide his most up to date contact at Highways England. Craig Newcombe and Helen Gundry to submit ideas to Highways England, copied to Michael Cleary. It is important that when any new dualling of the carriageway happens, additional crossings are properly installed for cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders. **(ACTION CRAIG NEWCOMBE, HELEN GUNDRY, MICHAEL CLEARY)**

i) Wish list for support – discussion for all

Craig Newcombe has been pushing for path improvements on tracks near Malton and Norton, where large potholes currently discourage local exercise. Contact made with Malton Town Council, and contact with NYCC Rights of Way team and Malton & Norton Area Partnership suggested. Michael Cleary asked to be kept informed **(ACTION CRAIG NEWCOMBE/HELEN GUNDRY)**

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.....Await response from Gary Housden about whether any S106 funds remain that could be used for Cycle routes. Howard Wallis will chase up Louise Neal at NYCC, to find out what route ideas have been suggested via their active travel portal. at <https://myaccount.northyorks.gov.uk/active-travel>  
**(ACTION HOWARD WALLIS)**

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

Most events still being cancelled due to Covid-19. Ryedale District Council have produced a new guide to walking and cycling. Craig Nattress is looking for suitable websites who would include the link to this guide. A RDC public transport guide will be coming out soon.

Other new content for the website always 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.

## **6. Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

Consultation has been taking place on setting up a “sister” organisation for Ryedale Cycle Forum, with CIO status, which could apply for grants from outside sources for shared paths and cycleways. Helen Gundry has now consulted with a range of organisations and individuals about the geographical area for the new sister organisation, and what its aims and objectives should be. In short, the feedback is that the aims and objectives should be quite wide, reflecting the broad benefits of active travel, but that the geographical area should not be too much bigger than the current area of Ryedale, so as not to overwhelm the new organisation. More work now needs to be done to prepare for Charity registration.

## **7. Any other business**

Ryedale Environmental Group held a week long on-line Eco-Fair, and one of the events was a Zoom session co-hosted by David Beeley, of Big Bear Bikes, talking about E-bikes, and Helen Gundry, talking about Ryedale Cycle Forum; our website, activities and projects.

**8. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January** via Ryedale District Council TEAMS