

**Ryedale Cycle Forum**  
**Minutes – 15<sup>th</sup> September 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, Cllr Mike Potter, Craig Newcombe, Cllr Ray King, Mike Hawtin (North York Moors National Park Authority), Colin Clark

1. **Apologies** received from Liz Bassindale
2. **Minutes** of 14/07/20 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. Going out to tender soon. Funding extension requested from RPA, but hopeful that this won't be needed. Diversion at Lendales Farm will be now be possible, but back-log with under-resourced Rights of Way team may push this to very end of contract period . **(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. Howard Wallis reported conference calls with WSP, who are producing a first phase report with suggestions. This has to go to RDC Policy and Resources Committee, to decide if they can allocate funds to specific projects. The proposed cycle/pedestrian bridge at Malton Railway Station is included in the wish list, it will need some local support to push it forward as a proposal, at £5 – £6 million, but was well supported at the LCWIP consultation phase. Colin Clarke suggested that the Lincoln Railway Station bridge provides a good example of how useful a pedestrian bridge would be at Malton Railway Station. Howard said the Hovingham-Malton route is mentioned in the first phase report, so it can be connected to town routes. Ray King asked whether a one-way system had been considered, and Howard said it has been put through the computer modelling, but that some of the corners were too tight for the expected traffic, unless demolition was considered. A sub-committee including town councillors and District Councillors is also looking at the proposals. Mike Potter suggested 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 cyclist needs **(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. Outline details are now on the [getryedalecycling .com](http://getryedalecycling.com) website wish list page, and will be

added to as permissions and details are gained. Liz Bassindale has been in touch with Craig Nattress with cautions about which verges are protected for wild flowers, and we await map details for this from Paul Jackson at the Howardian Hills AONB. The Malton and Norton Area Partnership have made a funding bid, written by Helen Gundry, to the AJ1 Road Safety fund towards a section of path in Swinton.

Craig Newcombe suggested that NYCC Highways be asked to reduce the speed limit on the B1257 until the Path for Everyone is achieved. Currently NYCC have a protocol agreement with NY Police that speed limits are not reduced unless there is a significant change in local environment, such as a new housing estate. However it should be argued that the new emphasis on active travel as a way of social distancing DOES present a change of environment, as many more people now need to cycle.

**ACTION JOSIE, GLYN, HELEN, CRAIG NATTRESS, PAUL JACKSON**

d) Pickering – Dalby Forest - Scarborough link & North York Moors Cycleway  
Mike Hawtin now has funding agreements from District Councils to install signing for the North York Moors Cycleway. Now waiting for response from Louise Neal, who has replaced Andrew Bainbridge at NYCC Highways.

Mike also reported that the Rinacliffe Woods CIC are keen to develop a route, also including Lady Ediths Drive, and there has been a meeting with Richard Marr of NYCC about this.

Colin Clarke asked about the link in from Thornton-le-Dale and Ellerburn. Mike reported that though new gates and surfacing has been installed by the National Park, everyone is waiting to see how this will withstand rain water run-off from the steep fields, and farm traffic.

e) Pickering – Kirkbymoorside – Helmsley

Kirkbymoorside Town Council are submitting the first funding application towards the route, to the AJ1 Road Safety fund, decision end of September. Duncombe Park Estate, and the NYMNPA Ryevitalise project are supportive of making a start soon in improving the public access to the Helmsley end of the railbed as a nature area. The outline proposal has been sent to Craig Nattress for the [getryedalecycling.com](http://getryedalecycling.com) website. It will be updated as permissions and information are gained. Colin Clark suggested that the major Banks should be approached for funding active travel cycle schemes.

**(ACTION HELEN G & 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 - Craig Nattress will extend deadline on the [getryedalecycling.com](http://getryedalecycling.com) website for suggestions for improvements to crossings of the A64. Michael Cleary suggested that we work through County Councillor Caroline Goodrick to make progress on Craig Newcombe's idea, to take a path under Barton Hill rail bridge **(ACTION CRAIG NEWCOMBE, CRAIG NATTRES, HELEN GUNDRY)**

l) Wish list for support – discussion for all

Mike Hawtin reported that Sustrans have been engaged to look at the feasibility of cycle routes in Whitby, and towards Sandsend and Staithes for cycle tourism. This might involve former rail tunnels, but an overland route might prove easier to achieve.

Colin Clarke suggested that a circular route between Malton and Stamford Bridge should be promoted. He added that there is a path development opportunity to allow cyclists to avoid the Whitwell Quarry road. **(ACTION COLIN CLARKE)**

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. We need more costed schemes, because funding tends to come with tight deadlines. Route ideas can now be suggested to NYCC at <https://myaccount.northyorks.gov.uk/active-travel> **(ACTION ALL)**

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

Most events still being cancelled due to Covid-19. The District Council have produced a new guide to walking and cycling, which will be going to print very 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. Submission to the North Yorkshire Rural Commission**

The Transport meeting of the Rural Commission is coming up shortly, and they have not got cycling on their Agenda. It was agreed that Helen should prepare and submit evidence on behalf of Ryedale Cycle Forum, with support from Howard Wallis. **(ACTION HELEN GUNDRY/HOWARD WALLIS)**

## **7. Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

The meeting felt that it is now time to do some consultation 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. Ryedale District Council will be merged with other areas during the next two years, because of Government decentralisation instructions, so RDC will no longer exist. Helen Gundry to lead on consultation with a range of organisations and individuals about the geographical area for the new sister organisation, and what its aims and objectives should be. The intention is to seek some help from Community First Yorkshire when we get to the point of wanting to register with the Charity Commission.

## **8. Any other business**

The meeting felt that existing cycle tracks in Ryedale are not being looked after well. For instance, thorn hedge clippings and glass are often not removed, causing punctures, and cycle paths are usually not gritted, nor are surfaces repaired. All these factors discourage people from cycling, at a time when active travel should be encouraged.

Mike Hawtin said that the Newbridge Park cycling area in Pickering had managed to get some emergency Covid-19 funding from Sport England, to help them through Lockdown. However their active volunteers are dwindling in numbers, and a succession plan is needed, including the reality that they need to recruit more helpers. They are a Community Interest Company who have been active for 12 years. It was suggested that an “advert” through the Cycle Forum, CAVCA and Community First Yorkshire, might find the right people. **(ACTION MIKE HAWTIN)**

Howard suggested that we invite John Law, the new RDC Environmental Projects Officer to our next meeting. **ACTION HOWARD WALLIS**

**8. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November** via Ryedale District Council  
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