

Ryedale Cycle Forum
Minutes – 19th January 2021 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, Cllr Mike Potter (RDC), Cllr Ray King (Malton TC), Paul Hayward, Louise Neal (Transport Policy NYCC), Mike Hawtin (NYM National Park)

1. **Apologies** none received

2. **Minutes** of 10/11/20 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-Pickering route. Collas Ltd appointed as contractors, and mobilisation meeting held. Start delayed for a few more weeks because of time needed for road closure notices. Mike Potter reminded the meeting of the importance of the link from Black Bull caravan Park, which is part of existing planning conditions on the Pickering Showfield site. If a new application is made, this will need to be re-negotiated, but there are important benefits for environment and tourism economy, so we need to keep an eye on progress, and Gary Housden (Chief Planning Officer) has been made aware. **(ACTION RDC Staff and Councillors)**

b) LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) for Malton and Norton, by RDC & North Yorkshire County Council's highways consultants WSP. A proposal has been received from WSP, but other pressures on RDC mean that Howard has not had time to look at it yet. **(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's community consultation is underway. For the Swinton section, c/o The Malton and Norton Area Partnership, NYCC confirmed that they cannot help with design and costing advice before full installation funding is in place, but GGP Consult of Hull have agreed to help with the design and costing advice, needed to attract the installation funding. **(ACTION JOSIE, GLYN, HELEN)**

d) Pickering – Dalby Forest - Scarborough link & North York Moors Cycleway
Mike Hawtin reported that he is waiting for a funding go-ahead, from one of the partners in the North York Moors cycleway scheme, for the agreed signage.

e) Pickering – Kirkbymoorside – Helmsley

Images were screen shared of recent progress by volunteers on the Path for Everyone close to Riccal Drive in Helmsley, and Helen explained what had been achieved and what is planned next.

Kirkbymoorside Environment Group secured a grant from the TransitionNetwork.org so that GGP Consult can be paid for design and costing advice for the A170 verge section of path West of Kirkbymoorside **(ACTION HELEN G, RYEDALE BRIDLEWAYS GROUP AND 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 A helpful response came from Kim at Highways England, when Craig Newcombe sent in a collection of suggestions for A64 cyclist crossings. Kim suggested an on-line meeting, but hasn't been in touch since. Craig Newcombe will follow this up **(ACTION CRAIG NEWCOMBE)**

l) 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.....Howard reported that there is very little left of RDC 106 funding, but Councillors/Officers need to check that what has been allocated to other projects is actually spent; otherwise we could perhaps make use of it?

There will be strong competition for central CIL (community Infra structure levy) funding, though some Town Councils also have available CIL funding. It is important that cycle schemes are added to the list of schemes for consideration for this funding. Include in Local Plan Strategy Mid-term review?

Louise Neal at NYCC, said that route ideas suggested via the NYCC active travel portal, come through to her team, but they don't come with contact details, so

replies are not possible. However, she is happy to accept direct suggestions that come via Ryedale Cycle Forum, and these could then be discussed in detail. The active travel link is at <https://myaccount.northyorks.gov.uk/active-travel>

The York & North Yorkshire LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) calculate that we need to increase cycling by 9X to meet carbon abatement transport targets

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

Craig Newcombe suggested that including QR codes on route signs would be useful. Passers by could quickly scan and find details of a cycle route, which they might otherwise not know about.

Paul Hayward commented that the Vale of Pickering is still under-used by cyclists, and more promotion and information would help to address this. However this is also linked to the lack of safe routes. There was a massive swell in cycling when the roads were empty of cars during in the first Covid lock-down. This quickly melted away when the vehicle traffic built up again.

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.

The website GetRyedaleCycling.com website had 12,000 visitors in 2020. Many looked at routes info, but other info such as the Development Wish List were popular too. 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

There was a discussion about cycle education for new cyclists or for returners. Currently not much available, apart from what is provided to year 6 at Primary Schools.

The new Environmental Land Management Scheme for agriculture has potential for working with farmers to improve or add public rights of way, and divert them away from modern farmyard areas where large machinery operates. This could have benefits for all parties concerned.

8. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 23rd March via Ryedale District Council TEAMS