

**Ryedale Cycle Forum**  
**Minutes – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 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), Paul Hayward, Louise Neal (Transport Policy NYCC), Mike Hawtin (NYM National Park), Paul Norrington (Ryedale Environmental Group), Philip Hall (The Black Swan, Pickering)

1. **Apologies** Liz Bassindale (Howardian HillsAONB), Emily Watson (NYM National Park), Ray King (Malton TC).

2. **Minutes** of 19/1/21 were approved

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

Louise Neal said that, further to discussion at previous Forum, and following on from discussions with cycling and walking groups in other areas, NYCC propose to start an Active Travel Forum. This forum would also be attended by some County Council officers, covering a range of responsibilities, and they hoped to include some employers too. It would meet twice per year, with opportunity for Forum members to work together on specific projects between meetings.

Howard Wallis asked that whether this NYCC Active travel forum could consider how NYCC Highways might cover the needs of rural areas that are not included in the LCWIPs (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans) for the larger towns. Paul Norrington said that many villages have, or are developing, groups of people who are interested in environmental issues such as sustainable travel. They would be keen to engage with NYCC in discussing how to improve sustainable travel in the individual villages.

Helen Gundry asked that public transport reps be included in this new forum, to enable good connectivity and multi-modal travel.

4. **Progress towards creating a CIO to enable grant applications. Future of Ryedale Cycle Forum and [getryedalecycling.com](http://getryedalecycling.com) website, when RDC ceases to exist.**

Information has recently been added to the [getryedalecycling.com](http://getryedalecycling.com) website about the aims and objectives that a CIO could have. Ryedale Environmental Group are also thinking of forming a CIO, but they are still a very young organisation, so not quite ready to make this move yet. Possibly, because getting a strong Trustee group is important, a joint CIO could be formed to encompass cycling as an environmental

causes. There has also been some discussion about this between Ryedale Environmental Group and advisors from Community First Yorkshire.

It is not yet known how RDC might be merged with other districts, so we don't yet know what geographical area a future cycle forum and/or CIO might cover. Though there are economies of scale in merging districts, the need for locally sensitive services and local influence will be wanted by communities across North Yorkshire. There is also a need for joined up thinking across the North Yorkshire districts about cycle infrastructure and promotion of cycling.

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

a) Malton-Pickering route. Work installing this route is due to start on 29<sup>th</sup> March, and is expected to take 8 – 10 weeks. RDC have done a Press Release this week. Craig Nattress and Howard are communicating about promotion of the route to tourism businesses, to help them to maximise their income from cycling. Craig Nattress will be in touch with the relevant tourism business networks. Some of the improvements to minor roads are over and above what NYCC Highways would have done routinely, and this is worth pointing out as a benefit achieved. Photos will be taken of before and after installation. Photo records will help when dealing with onward repairs due to heavy use by farm traffic **(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. There is also a public consultation being opened soon about changes to traffic movements around the level crossing area. There may be a trial of a one-way system. The meeting agreed that two-way cycling would be needed along the Blackboards area, between the railway station and the level crossing junction. It was suggested the [Getryedalecycling.com](http://Getryedalecycling.com) website subscribers could be sent a link to the consultation, so that they can help to get cyclist needs noticed. **(ACTION HOWARD WALLIS/CRAIG NATTRESS)**

c) Hovingham – Malton "Path for Everyone". Helen Gundry reported that a designed and costed scheme has now been produced for Malton-Swinton. Further West, there is a new housing development proposed by Yorkshire Housing at Amotherby which could include a cycle path, leaving the existing footpath for pedestrians, IF the developer can be persuaded to include it. Support has been sort from the NYCC Transport Policy Officer Louise Neale, who has passed our concerns on to Development Management Colleagues. In Hovingham, resident consultation requested by the Parish Council, will be started as lockdown eases. The information we have on the website about the whole route is currently being updated by Helen Gundry and Josie Downs. **(ACTION JOSIE, GLYN, HELEN)**

d) Pickering – Dalby Forest - Scarborough link & North York Moors Cycleway  
Mike Potter said that the back lane that forms part of the Pickering-Thornton section has deteriorated badly, making a rough and hazardous surface for cycling, though it is part of a well publicised cycle route. Helen suggested that Ryedale Cycle Forum should bring to the attention of NYCC Highways & tourism partners the urgent need for repairs.

Mike Hawtin said that the National Park were working to achieve more cross-departmental discussion, about where routes and promotions have broad impacts and need joined-up thinking. NYMNPA have developed a section on their website called “Share with Care” <https://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/visiting/enjoy-outdoors/share-with-care> which is information about how to enjoy the National Park whilst respecting the people, place and wildlife. As part of this they have come up with a collection of safe cycling messages. <https://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/visiting/enjoy-outdoors/cycling/safe-cycling>  
There is a condensed version on a poster, which has been circulated to cycle shops and Parish Councils in the National Park area, and is available digitally too. For more information please contact Emily by email at [e.watson@northyorkmoors.org.uk](mailto:e.watson@northyorkmoors.org.uk)

e) Pickering – Kirkbymoorside – Helmsley

Kirkbymoorside Town Council & Kirkbymoorside Environment Group now have a costed scheme for the A170 verge section of path West of Kirkbymoorside. The Town Council have also agreed to match fund the £20,000 AJ1 funding, with a further £20,000 from their reserves. They have also designated a special bank account to hold any funds raised. The Kirkby Blog guru, Gareth Jenkins, is assisting by making a short film for a crowd funding page. Progress is still good at the Helmsley railbed, with on-line co-ordination of lots of individual activity on the ground. **ACTION HELEN G, RYEDALE BRIDLEWAYS GROUP AND ANYONE INTERESTED)**

f) Helmsley- Rievaulx- Sutton Bank - message received from Emily Watson of North York Moors National Park, to say there is no further progress on these routes. **(ACTION EMILY WATSON/RUPERT DOUGLAS)**

g) Malton – Castle Howard / Howardian Hills – York link:

James Holliday of Castle Howard Estate has been in touch to say he would like to follow up on the goals agreed with Ryedale Cycle Forum in 2019. **(ACTION MICHAEL CLEARY, LIZ BASSINDALE, JAMES HOLLIDAY)**

h) A64 update A helpful on-line meeting was held with two Highways England reps by Helen and Craig Newcombe. Various proposed improved crossings were discussed, and it was great to see that H.E, have been using design ideas from late

Paul Hepworth that are on the A64 section of our [getryedalecycling.com](http://getryedalecycling.com) website. H.E have promised an update for our website about schemes and timescales for them. Regarding Rillington, some discussion is needed with the Parish Council to agree how to balance the needs of different path users. It is hoped to include Scampston Hall in the discussions, so that they can have more cyclist visitors.  
**(ACTION CRAIG NEWCOMBE/HELEN GUNDRY/MICHAEL CLEARY)**

I) Wish list for support – discussion for all

It was decided that a special TEAMS meeting would be useful about cycle tourism opportunities for Pickering. The need for better cycle infrastructure has never been greater than now, in the post-pandemic push for more sustainable and inclusive tourism. Items for discussion could include e-bikes, route loops, on and off road needs, facilities, safety, local infrastructure improvements, places to stay, activity providers, cyclist training.

**(ACTION CRAIG NATTRESS/HELEN GUNDRY/PHILIP HALL/MIKE POTTER/MIKE HAWTIN/IAN NEWCOME/PAUL NORRINGTON)**

**6. Joint working to access funding opportunities: DfT – NYCC/LEP, developer contributions, RDC Section 106, British Cycling Places to Ride Funding, Crowd Funding, other fundraising.....**

Helen Gundry did a 30-minute presentation about Paths for Everyone on 16<sup>th</sup> March. This is now on Youtube and can be viewed <https://ryedaleenvirogroup.co.uk/reg-talks/>

The York & North Yorkshire LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) calculate that we need to increase cycling by 9X to meet carbon abatement transport targets. The Kirkbymoorside costed scheme is to be added to the LEP “Pipeline Projects” to help to secure necessary funding.

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

Proposed events are being checked by Ryedale District Council against Covid-19 risk assessment. If lockdown measures are fully lifted on 21<sup>st</sup> June, it is hoped that some events will go ahead. Events will be listed on the [getryedalecycling.com](http://getryedalecycling.com) website. Please contact [craig.nattress@ryedale.gov.uk](mailto:craig.nattress@ryedale.gov.uk) to add an event.

**7. Any other business - no further business**

**8. Date of next meeting - to be arranged via Ryedale District Council TEAMS**

