

Ryedale Cycle Forum
Minutes – 8th June 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),

1. **Apologies** Liz Bassindale (Howardian HillsAONB), Mike Hawtin (NYM National Park), Louise Neal (NYCC Highways), Paul Norrington (Ryedale Environment Group, Pickering Environment Group)
2. **Minutes** of 23/3/21 were approved
3. **Matters Arising from Minutes, if not covered below**
None
4. **Progress towards creating a CIO to enable grant applications. Future of Ryedale Cycle Forum and getryedalecycling.com website, when RDC ceases to exist.**

No further progress since March meeting. 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 underway, Howard Wallis reported on progress so far. Helen G has attended some of the on-line "site" meetings on behalf of the Cycle Forum. **(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. Other consultations also in progress about traffic management, such as a trial one-way system **(ACTION HOWARD WALLIS)**

c) Hovingham – Malton "Path for Everyone". Helen Gundry reported that communication with various Parishes and individuals enroute has been ongoing, but no major leaps forward to report yet. **(ACTION JOSIE, GLYN, HELEN)**

d) Pickering – Dalby Forest - Scarborough link & North York Moors Cycleway
No further updates

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. £40,000 raised so far, and it is hoped to add to this using 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 - 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 was in touch to say he would like to follow up on the goals agreed with Ryedale Cycle Forum in 2019. Craig Nattress will contact Abigail, who is head of marketing, to see what can be actioned. **(ACTION MICHAEL CLEARY, LIZ BASSINDALE, JAMES HOLLIDAY)**

h) A64 update. No further news since March meeting. Craig Newcombe is chasing up our contacts at Highways England so that we can update our website page with their scheme plans. Michael Cleary to be copied in, as he serves on A64 partnership. M C said that stakeholder consultation is planned for the possible dualling and for Hopgrove roundabout alternations. **(ACTION CRAIG NEWCOMBE/HELEN GUNDRY/MICHAEL CLEARY)**

i) Wish list for support – discussion for all

An on-line meeting has been held about cycle tourism opportunities for Pickering, hosted by Pickering tourism interests, and with the goal of being short-listed for funding bid to NYCC for infrastructure and for cycling support workers. The need for better cycle infrastructure has never been greater than now, in the post-pandemic push for more sustainable and inclusive tourism. Items included or mentioned in bid will include e-bikes, route loops, on and off road needs, facilities, safety, local infrastructure improvements, places to stay, activity providers, cyclist training. If not shortlisted, the project ideas can be carried forward for future bids **(ACTION CRAIG NATTRESS/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.....

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. 2021 events, visitor information, marketing, cycle forum website

Proposed events are being checked by Ryedale District Council against Covid-19 risk assessment. It is hoped that some events will go ahead. Events will be listed on the getryedalecycling.com website. The usually annual British Cycling Grand Prix is going ahead at Ampleforth. The Wold Cycle Challenge is also happening. Please contact craig.nattress@ryedale.gov.uk to add an event.

6. Ideas for offering cyclist training and useful cycling-as-transport ideas

There was a short discussion. Ideas for future discussion could include types of training and who its aimed at; reputation of cycling. Highway Code and its recent changes, Dutch Reach. It was suggested that David Beeley of Big Bear Bikes be included .

Route videos, such as the one planned for the Malton-Pickering route, could be useful for cyclists who plan to use a route. Other videos could include providing pointers, rules of the road, and simple fix-your-bike info.

7. Any other business - no further business

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