

**Ryedale Cycle Forum**  
**Minutes – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 at 10.30am | 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 (cyclist), Cllr Mike Potter (RDC), Mike Hawtin (NYM National Park) Paul Hayward (Cyclist) Liz Bassindale (Howardian HillsAONB),

1. **Apologies** Adam Spence (Cyclist),
2. **Minutes** of 14/9/21 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](http://getryedalecycling.com) website, when RDC ceases.**  
Still much uncertainty about how and when the new Unitary Authority will function. No further progress since September meeting on starting a C.I.O.
5. **Linking market towns, NYM National Park and Howardian Hills AONB:**
  - a) Malton-Pickering route. Work installing this route is not satisfactory in all sections, and Howard is putting pressure on contractors. Mike Potter says there are some more big potholes to be seen too. Some signs in Malton and Pickering need to be more sensitive to “heritage feel”. Howard has asked David Kirkpatrick at NYCC about vehicle activated speed reduction signs, but been told it is unlikely to meet criteria. “No accident record” is a disadvantage! Kirkbymisperton Parish Council are one of the Parish Councils that have signed up to support of the 20’s Plenty campaign. Craig and Howard will co-ordinate press launch when work is finished on the route . Promotion of the route will be in the press and via a leaflet with 20,000 copies  
  
Regarding Kirkbymisperton off-road sections, Helen has been awaiting action from NYCC Definitive Path Officer, and will chase up. **(ACTION Howard, Craig Nattress, Helen)**
  - b) LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) for Malton and Norton, by RDC & North Yorkshire County Council’s highways consultants WSP; a proposal now has to go to the Constituency Committee. If passed, it

can then be used as evidence in planning applications etc. The next step is that a Priority Corridors Brief needs to be approved, but internal funding approval from NYCC has been found for this. It is hoped that the information in this brief will be made available for comments by Ryedale Cycle Forum members, and others. There are constraints and opportunities. Future rounds of the DfT active travel fund could be applied to. Engagement with stakeholders is aimed for, and focus is on priority corridors through Malton/Norton. Bidding for 2<sup>nd</sup> platform and cycle/pedestrian bridge at Malton Station is part of a bigger bidding process, maybe in competition with Scarborough & Thirsk, and will require a full business case **(ACTION HOWARD WALLIS)**

c) Hovingham – Malton “Path for Everyone”. Helen Gundry reported that communication with various Parishes and individuals en-route has been ongoing, but no major leaps forward to report yet. Awaiting news on whether the developer of the proposed new Yorkshire Housing at Amotherby has included the cycle route in their design as requested **(ACTION JOSIE, GLYN, HELEN, RDC Councillors/Officers)**

d) Pickering – Dalby Forest - Scarborough link & North York Moors Cycleway Mike Hawtin has been waiting form some action from NYCC Highways Area 4 for a year! Need more pressure on David Kirkpatrick. New person in post, co-ordinating provision for cycling at Dalby Forest, is Don Barry. One idea would be to make the North York Moors Cycle Way through Dalby Forest into a 20mph zone, because of the speed of some traffic on the Forest Drive. This might require resident consultation. Letter from Forum needed? Some of the bad drivers are carrying cycles! **(ACTION MIKE HAWTIN)**

e) Pickering – Kirkbymoorside – Helmsley. Kirkbymoorside Town Council & Kirkbymoorside Environment Group have a costed scheme for the A170 verge section of path West of Kirkbymoorside. £50,000 raised so far, and continuing with fundraising. Will need around £150,000. Progress is still good at the Helmsley railbed, with lots of individual volunteering on the ground. **(ACTION HELEN G, RYEDALE BRIDLEWAYS GROUP AND ANYONE INTERESTED)**

f) Helmsley- Rievaulx- Sutton Bank - no further progress on these routes, but new promotion of a Thirsk – Sutton bank cycle route has been noted. **(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 has contacted Abigail, who is head of Castle Howard marketing, and is hoping for a meeting. Jasper Hassle is now Chief Exec. There is also a new AONB manager. Liz will find out where the proposals have got to for the Old Estate Yard. New approach from Cycle Forum? **(ACTION M.CLEARY, C. NATTRESS, L. BASSINDALE, J. HOLLIDAY)**

h) A64 update. Craig Newcombe, Craig Nattress, and Helen, have updated the website page with what Highways England have sent through to us, regarding their intentions and long term plans. Craig Newcombe sent comments in for the Hopgrove consultation. Howard attended the National Highways Routes meeting on behalf of RDC, and he fed in lots of our concerns about crossing points, cycle tracks alongside etc. Lots of car accidents happening in same places is a reason for concern.

l) Wish list for support – discussion for all. Allocations of CIL might be possible, but District Council Members will have in mind very big projects. Apply through a Councillor, any ideas from Ryedale Cycle Forum?

Craig Newcombe has made formal comment on the proposed new 600 houses in Norton. To encourage cycling and reduce car movements, cycle infrastructure within the new estate is needed, and, just as important, is connecting the new estate with Norton and Malton town facilities and with other cycle routes. There are two developers involved, and construction work will take place over a 5 year period. Further comments needed on the Planning Portal **(ACTION ALL)**

**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.....**

Craig Nattress reported that the British Cycling Places to Ride funding is currently available for some types of projects.

Helen and Howard are looking at how to access further funding for the Path for Everyone projects Kirkbymoorside/Helmsley and Hovingham/Malton

**7. 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 listed on the [getryedalecycling.com](http://getryedalecycling.com) website. Contact [craig.nattress@ryedale.gov.uk](mailto:craig.nattress@ryedale.gov.uk) to add an event.

Mike Hawtin reported the increase of cyclist over night stay facilities, through North York Moors National Park scheme, with grants available and a local feel. There is an inter-active map, with facilities and routes. A few people are needed for a proactive campaign to expand the interactive scheme, and including where to charge e-bikes.

## **8. Ideas for offering cyclist training and useful cycling-as-transport idea**

The Pickering Cycle Hub CIC – Govt community renewal fund bid was not approved, which is very disappointing. This would have included a revenue element for staff to support cyclist training/information. CIC now looking for other funds to approach. Also, a firm costing is needed for a business case for supporting the facilities at Newbridge Park.

Feeling safe is a major factor in encouraging new cyclists. They also need information about e-bikes, route loops, facilities, how to stay safe, places to stay and activity providers.

## **9. Any other business**

NYMNPA are working on a new Management Plan. The Consultation is open to the public, on the North York Moors National Park Authority website. NYMNPA could use Ryedale Cycle Forum as an ongoing stakeholder group after Ryedale District Council ceases to exist?

What's next after the end of Welcome to Yorkshire? How is sustainable tourism going to be promoted and supported? A Destination Delivery Plan in place for RDC, with sustainable activity as a key part of it, but RDC will end in 2023. So far, there is lack of detail about local democracy in plans for the new North Yorkshire Unitary Authority. Meanwhile traffic seems to be

increasing.

**8. Date of next meeting - to be arranged.**