

Ryedale Cycle Forum
Minutes – 10th May 2022 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 (cyclist), Cllr Mike Potter (RDC), Mike Hawtin (NYM National Park), Ellie Hook (Manager Howardian Hills AONB), Jasper Hassel, (Estate Chief Exec, Castle Howard Estate) Emily Watson(NYMNPA). Michael Graham (NYMNPA), Matthew Wood (Castle Howard).

1. **Apologies** Louise Neil (NYCC) Adam Vaughan (RDC) , Paul Hayward (Cyclist)
2. **Minutes** of 23/11/21 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.**

We need a replacement mechanism, and a paper has been circulated via website subscribers to this effect, but paper is not getting much response.

Craig Nattress has made moves he hopes will gain approval, in order that staff can continue working on cycle tourism and green infrastructure work streams in the Ryedale area, when North Yorkshire Council takes over.

Ian Newman, of Ryedale Environmental Group (REG), is leading a sub group for setting up a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a type of Charity). Suitable charitable purposes will be included in the application, so that cycling infrastructure bids could be made in the future by REG.

Harrogate Cycle Forum is active and needs support, and the new North Yorkshire Council need to be encouraged to support cycle forums in all the current District Councils' areas. Town based groups, such as Pickering's cycling hub CIC, established to support cycle tourism, should be actively involved with regional matters too.

Mike Potter stated his continuing interest in the absolute necessity for active travel. This will be an important part of the planning process of the new North

Yorkshire Council. An overall County-wide view is needed, but local groups and local democracy are also so important

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

a) **Malton-Pickering route.** Practical completion reached, just a few bits to finish, bridleway certified at Lendalls Farm. Some launch publicity has gone out. To slow the traffic on Kirkbysperton Road, a “Chief Exec to Chief Exec” email was sent, about speed restrictions. As a result, NYCC will consider a vehicle activated sign. We need to keep pressure on for the Pickering showfield link into the Malton – Pickering route. Pre-application guidance has been given, but need to keep up with pressure

b) **Route developments within Malton and Norton, and rail service developments,** Howard reported that there had been further discussions with WSP about desired active travel routes through Malton and Norton . Norton will have a 600 phased house development - we have really got to press for active travel to reduce pollution/ improve air quality Adam Vaughan (RDC’s Climate Change Officer) can also support, because active travel is important for reducing carbon footprint. Craig Nattress will send information about the Climate Change officers’ strategy to our website subscribers.

c) **Hovingham – Malton Path for Everyone** There is now delegated approval for allocating funding for specific projects in the report, which includes the Malton – Swinton section. Helen to get help to make a business case to Philip Spur.

Regarding the Amotherby development, which is also on the route, active travel has to be part of future plans. Gill Thompson is Head of Planning Adam Vaughan climate change officer is supportive. Planning function of the District Council, and NYCC Highways, is a key part of this process.

d) **Pickering – Dalby Forest - Scarborough links** NYM cycle way -still no progress with North Yorkshire County Council on essential signing; very frustrating.

Michael Graham said that North York Moors National Park Authority is interested in cycle routes and active travel is included in their new Management Plan. However the staff allocated to this are very stretched with other things currently.

e) Pickering Cycle Hub update The new CIC got 175K from Ryedale. Still need to talk to Duchy (landowner), to take on Newbridge Park lease. There will be a general 26th May public meeting at Pickering Memorial Hall, to go public on various strands, also taking on welcome to Pickering website. The business group fell part, but website very important. Hoping to take on a member of staff. Craig Nattress will share papers with group of what CIC is tasked to deliver.

f) Pickering – Kirkbymoorside – Helmsley NYCC feasibility funding bid to the Department for transport failed. Fundraising towards installation of the Kirkbymoorside section is continuing. Volunteers continue to work on Helmsley Railbed, to make it attractive and accessible for more people.

g) Helmsley- Rievaulx- Sutton Bank - No further progress on these routes, but new promotion of a Thirsk – Sutton bank cycle route has been noted.

h) Malton – Castle Howard / Howardian Hills – York link: Jasper Hassel gave an online presentation to the meeting, about some of their ideas for the Estate, including Tube mapping - showing how transportation has evolved over time. Jasper wants Castle Howard Estate to find ways to engage with partners, to increase non-car based travel.

Key things are mapped out; transportation modes - bus routes connect up villages by electric bus, connectivity; make it effective.

There are several Bridle paths on the 9000 acre estate, but lacking the cycle path element. Can we “connect dots” to add in cycle routes for commuting and for ebikes, such as a Ganthorpe and Terrington link, Ganthorpe to Conneysthorpe, Slingsby and Hovingham, Welburn and Bulmer? For a cycling super-highway, could various landowners work together to make for more sustainable living?

Jasper is writing a paper on this, which he will share with Cycle Forum.

i) A64 update - no further progress, though we hope to hear of more developments soon.

l) Wish list for support – discussion for all. Ideas always welcome, and also people to help to push them

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..... Joint working to access funding continues. Its still not clear how CIL monies will be available

Howardian Hills AONB have a project fund, which could support small scale projects with match funding.

7. 2021 events, visitor information, marketing, cycle forum website Tour of Britain:- the race finish line is on 7th Sept in Helmsley at Duncombe Park, so this will attract a lot of interest and visitors. This, and other events, will be on the website as usual, please send details to Craig Nattress. Craig has also produced “Sit back and enjoy the ride”, a local booklet to encourage sustainable travel - will reprint and increase, sustainable travel promotion.

8. Ideas for offering cyclist training and useful cycling-as-transport idea The Pickering Cycle Hub CIC includes a training element.

The North York Moors National Park Authority has a Tourism Business funding-package that might be useful?

9. Any other business. New elected members involvement – we need to make sure that they know about Ryedale Cycle Forum and the getryedalecycling.com website. They will serve for 5 years.

8. Date of next meeting - to be arranged.