**Ryedale Cycle Forum Minutes 9 July 2024**

**Present:-**

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| Michael Cleary (Chair) MC | Helen Gundry (Ryedale Environment Group) HG |
| Mike Potter (Pickering CIC) MP | Louise McCaul (National Highways) LM |
| Craig Newcombe (Local cyclist) CN | Howard Wallis (NYC Principal Regeneration Officer) HW |
| Faye Snowden (NYC Regeneration Officer) FS | Ed Rouse (NYC Climate Change Project Officer) ER |
| Carrie Brackstone (Pickering CIC) CB | Dominic Barry (North York Moors National Park) DB |
| Karen Atkinson (NYC Localities Community Lead) KA | David Tomlinson (Pickering CIC) DT |
| Nathan Harding (NYC Transport Planning Officer) NH | Graham Matthews (CTC North Yorkshire) GM |

**1.Introductions and apologies:**

Apologies: Jackie Speakman, Adrian Foster, Antony Croser, Craig Nattress, Keisha Moore

**2.Approval of minutes from last meeting from 30 April 2024**

Minutes approved by all.

**3. Matters Arising from minutes**

No matters arising from minutes.

**4.** **Future Plans for Ryedale Cycle Forum and GetRyedaleCycling.com website, with the new North Yorkshire Council**

KA introduced her role and how her team could help the forum going forward. KA reiterated the excellent work that comes from the forum and that NYC values their voluntary hours.

Support could include;

*\*£1,000 Inspire grant for training or wages for short term admin role*

*\*terms of reference refreshing*

*\*contact point for information/grants*

HW explained the restructure process is progressing and Jackie Speakman is in a new job as Regeneration Officer, now based in Scarborough. HW explained the admin role does no longer fit with her job, hence the need to address this.

HG asked for support and advice with hosting/moving the website and suggested that Craig Nattress could help in this process. HW backed this up, with the support from the NYC IT team.

HG suggested the Ryedale Environment Group could hold any potential Inspire Grant monies.

CB suggested that Pickering CIC could also act to hold any Inspire grant money, as they have done it for other groups.

ER introduced himself as the new NYC Climate Change Officer who will represent the climate change team at the forum meetings and FS introduced herself to the group, as the new NYC Regeneration Officer for Malton/Thirsk.

MC suggested that the key forum members meet separately to discuss all the options.

Actions:

MC to arrange a separate meeting to discuss options going forward

All to consider options linking with KA team

**5. Linking market towns, North York Moors National Park, and Howardian Hills National Landscape:**

**A. Malton - Pickering route, also approved cycle route on former Pickering Showfield:**

HW explained that there were no new developments on the cycle route, but HW is liaising with NYC planning colleagues about the Pickering Showground site and will update according.

HW explained the cycle route counters were now more reliable and NH now also has access to the data, which his team can use for any project monitoring and evaluating going forward. HW still requires the data to report to the Rural Payments Agency, as part of the project monitoring.

**B. Route developments within Malton and Norton, and rail service developments:**

HW said the LCWIP stage one is on the NYC website and Keisha Moore is in contact with Active Travel England, trying to attract funding for rural areas. HG asked if the bridge was in the LCWIP and HW said it is one option highlighted but unfortunately the Levelling Up bid for the station improvements was not successful.

CN asked if there are any quick wins around Malton and Norton. HW explained there is a one-way six-month trail in place still on Norton Road, which has been delayed due to the flooding. Once the trail project is complete, decisions will be made regards the best way to take this forward.

MP asked if a two-way sign for cyclists could be in place to encourage active travel, but HW explained that this issue had already been raised with colleagues and was not implemented due to safety concerns. MP said cycling in Norton is a health and safety concern for all cyclists. GM reiterated the fact that more signage would be beneficial to cyclists to help navigate around and through the temporary system.

A pedestrian crossing is still been planned on Railway Street, with Tim Coyne leading on this project.

No updates on the rail service

**C. Helmsley – Malton Path for Everyone (New Name going forward Market Town Circular)**

HG has meet with Frank Colenso and Hovingham Estate to discuss route options which was a successful meeting.

The Market Town Circular Route development is ongoing with Keisha Moore and NH. Having recently had an inception meeting, they are waiting progress from this.

Action:

JS update name to Market Town Circular

**D. Pickering – Dalby Forest - Scarborough links:**

DB continuing to look at funding options as the Farming and Protected Landscape funding will not be suitable.

**E. Pickering Cycle Hub update & Pickering CIC**

Pump Track – CB said contractors have said the Pump Track construction will commence once the weather is drier and they are promised as “next on the list.”

The Pump Track opening day is delayed but the Picnic in The Park event on Sunday 14 July 2024 will still go ahead with various cycling activities all day.

CB said the CIC are looking at designing new mobile plant/cycle stands instead of the traditional Sheffield style stands.

**F. Pickering – Kirkbymoorside – Helmsley: (Going forward remove from agenda and include in the Market Town Circular)**

Included under point C.

Action:

JS to remove agenda item.

**G. Castle Howard Cycling development ideas & Malton – Howardian Hills – York links.**

MC said no further developments with Castle Howard

HG meeting with Estelle Hook, Howardian Hills AONB Manager and will update at the next meeting.

**H. A64 crossings and cycle routes beside the highway**

LM gave an update on the National Highway improvements.

* The major project at Hopgrove is still very much in the pipeline.
* NH waiting to hear re funding with the new Government.
* Improvement work on the A66 going ahead.
* Spoken to NH engineers who are designing some smaller schemes, but they will need to identify funding for delivery
* Hoping to get some funding for the A64 improvements - Old Malton A64 junction and Stockton on the Forest A64 junction.
* Suggested the forum comment of new proposals going forward and CN happy to carry on being the link to Louise at NH
* MC asked if the A1079 was one of Louise’s roads for responsibility, as there have been several crashes in the last week.

Action:

CN to keep liaising with Louise going forward.

**I. Wish list for new routes and facilities - discussion for all**

DB asked for an agenda item in future meetings - North York Moors LCWIP’s

DB will announce the successful bidder to develop the LCWIP’s once details are confirmed.

MC highlighted the wish list priority should be forum and how it will look going forward.

MP asked if the signage project for the North Yorks Moors Cycle Way had been taken forward, but DB explained it was still work in progress, as David Kirkpatrick, the NYC officer leading on it has left and they are waiting for his replacement. MP expressed his concern as monies have been ready to spend on the signage for some time.

Action:

JS to amend agenda and add North York Moors LCWIP’s as an agenda item.

MC to arrange a separate meeting to discuss the forum moving forward.

**J. Engaging with the Govt Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy**

HW said the LCWIP is on the NYC website and that NH and Keisha Moore’s team are constantly trying to source new funding.

**K. Joint working to access funding opportunities**

On-going

**6. 2024 events, visitor information, marketing, and website information**

DB said Dalby Forest will host the National Cross County Championships on 19, 20 and 21 July and DB said there is also a Minds and Miles family event in the National Park on 29 September.

**7. Ideas for offering cyclist training, and useful cycling-as-transport ideas**

Covering by Pickering CIC

**8. Any other business**

Next meeting: Tuesday 17 September 2024,10:00am via Teams