

## HARROGATE & DISTRICT CYCLE FORUM

### MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2018 MINSTER ROOM AT THE HBC CIVIC CENTRE

**PRESENT:** Councillor Phil Ireland, Councillor Don MacKenzie, Tom Horner, newly recruited Tom O'Donovan, Gia Margolis, Malcolm Margolis, Martin Weeks, Yvonne Skelton, Rupert Douglas, David Wilson and Rachel Massey, Kevin Douglas.

**APOLOGIES:** Melisa Burnham NYCC, Nigel Smith NYCC. (See AOB first paragraph).

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** Approved and signed by the Chair.

**MATTERS ARISING** (items not covered under separate headings below)

1. **Project Requests to NYCC from HDCA** Not yet actioned. **ACTION TH.**
2. **Follifoot Underpass** - Minutes paragraph 2. At a meeting on Friday 12th October, the Stables said they would consider as soon as possible, a compromise plan devised by TH (which he would circulate to the Group). **ACTION TH.**
3. Suggestions were also made about:
  - Attention to drainage and side slip,
  - Extent of flexi grip,
  - Wide path on the Pannal Road to Rudding Lane junction could give the opportunity to extend traffic free cycling with minimal cost.
4. GM asked if we could go ahead and get the funding approved at the November Council meeting, and MW suggested, rather than lose the funding, get a contractor in to make a start in case Section 106 money is time limited. **ACTION TH**
5. **Harland Way** - The development on the north side of Wetherby has been approved. TH is working with planners to get the surfacing proposal in with Section 106. **ACTION TH.**
6. **Nidderdale Greenway Dacre to Darley** - Funding is in place for Study and Consultation, with £13,000 being brought in from traffic reduction measures. The November meeting of the Nidderdale Partnership will give confirmation that the resources are in place to go ahead. DM asked that thanks be minuted to Councillors for their contributions from Local Funds. **ACTION TH/RD**
7. **Road Race Championships** - John McGivern is the HBC officer in charge of leading the HBC team to prepare for this event. James Gilroy will be leading this for NYCC.

### HARROGATE CONGESTION STUDY ENGAGEMENT GROUP **DW**

8. WSP have submitted a report to Andrew Bainbridge, and this should go to Cabinet later in the year.

## SCHEME UPDATES:

9. **Harrogate Cycle Highway Route 1 (Otley Road)** The preliminary design is complete and, subject to approval, it will go on to detailed design as discussed and agreed after the July Forum Meeting. It was important to get a common format with regard to cyclists priority etc, up the whole length of Otley Road. Melisa Burnham is meeting with Developers to get this accepted. GM asked why WSP were not commissioned to do the whole of the route, which would solve the issue of continuity. **ACTION NYCC**
10. There was concern about the NPITH funding and the it was for the full length of Otley Road. DM confirmed that NYCC were carrying out the practical scheme. If there were concerns raised about the scheme by the government office they would deal with it. DW has been pressing to get WSP involved in the whole route, and Melisa Burnham is looking to see if WSP can get commissioned to oversee the designs on the S106 part at the top of the hill. **DW/MB.**
11. DM said the scheme had now slipped behind the original publicised dates. WSP confirmed they are progressing the scheme as fast as possible.
12. WSP were getting no response from the Stray Defence Association. TH will set up a meeting with them, including PI, in the first 2 weeks of November. **(ACTION TH/PI)**
13. GM said there is a big tranche of land at the front of the Cedar Court, which could be given to Stray land. Contact to be made with Pat Kilburn. **ACTION GM.**
14. **Cardale through to Knaresborough** GM said Otley Road is part of the bigger scheme and that it is an example of where an approved Strategic Cycling Plan is needed.
15. **Harlow Moor Road Cycleway** No progress on getting approval for the Scheme/reducing the consultation fee. **ACTION TH.**

## EXTERNAL FUNDING UPDATES:

16. Access Fund - Fiona Ancell had not provided a report, but DM said that the young people being trained, after a dip in funding, has risen from 3,000 to 4,500.
17. **Community Grants Funding** - shelved for the time being because of lack of resources. Remove from Agenda? **ACTION YS**

## LOCAL PLAN

18. **Ripon Representative.** **KD** has been advising Ripon Representatives on how they can progress cycling in Ripon. One of these representatives will attend the next Forum meeting. PI said it was important that the Forum have a Ripon Representative, but the details of plans should be dealt with at the HDCA. We have a lot of work to progress in Harrogate. The Ripon representative could cascade down to their Ripon Group plans which are already taking place in Harrogate. The ultimate ambition would be to have multi-connectivity with towns across the District.

19. One of the projects which would require input from the Ripon Group is to have a traffic free route to Fountains. RD will set up a meeting with the National Trust to include PI, the Ripon Representative, and RD. **ACTION RD**

### **Harrogate Cycling Infrastructure.**

20. Andrew Bainbridge has eMailed that he will be seeking NYCC Member approval of this Plan this Autumn but there were no planned dates for implementation as there is no immediately available funding. In response to this GM said the purpose of the Plan was to put NYCC in a position where they would be able to bid for funding when/if the opportunities arose. DM responded that there is fact no rush. He added that officers had to prioritise their work.

21. **LCWIP** - The Harrogate Cycling Infrastructure Plan will effectively form the basis for the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. RD advised that across Yorkshire LCWIPs are only just starting to happen. DFT wants to see continued engagement with the stakeholders such as the Forum. HBC to also adopt the LCWIP. **ACTION TH**

### **RECENT PLANNING APPLICATION COMMENTS**

22. No significant progress. Hammerton and the Flaxby sites are working their way through the system.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

23. **NYCC Staff Change.** Melisa Burnham has taken over from Nigel Smith, Area Highways Officer, who is now Head of Highways at NYCC. Her job is currently vacant. YS said there had previously been an issue about NYCC Officer attendance at the Forum. Whoever is appointed to the Forum should be able to attend regularly.

24. **Transport in Cities** In response to GM's question about whether HBC had applied for funding from Transport in Cities, TH said he had been working on this as an opportunity to revamp the gateway to the Station, making better access for cycling and walking.

25. **GM said that the Wetherby Road crossing is unsafe**, but remains unsolved. DW said a tiger crossing was the type that incorporated cycling facilities with a Pelican Crossing. There were, however, restrictions on where it could be used.

26. **The Timings of Controlled Crossings.** MM said that crossings still favour car drivers. No matter how long traffic is flowing freely, pedestrians could wait 30 seconds. As traffic is continuous when pedestrians walk up to a crossing they will always stand for 30 seconds. RD and MW said it needed linking in to the LCWIP. MW to write to AB. **ACTION MW**

27. **Air quality Action Plan** HBC's Air Quality Action Plan is in the process of going to Council for approval. TH to send to YS to distribute to the Forum. **ACTION TH**

28. **Cycle Usage.** A base line survey followed by annual surveys are being undertaken by NYCC, to measure outcomes in terms of cycling. The results of this survey have not been received by the Forum as promised. **ACTION TH**

**29. Recommend a lower threshold for 50 houses for sustainable transport contributions.** This will need NYCC/HBC liaison for all applications and Local Plan Requirements. The only current application where it would apply is the Stockeld Park proposal.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - 28 January 2019

Signed by the Chair .....

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