

Harrogate District Cycle Forum - Minutes

Attendee: Cllr Ireland (HBC), Malcolm Margolis, Gia Margolis, Rupert Douglas, Ian Kendall, Thomas O'Donovan, Thomas Horner

Apologies: Dan Harper, Melissa Burnham, Cllr McKenzie (NYCC), Kevin Douglas.

Action: TH to follow up with MB regarding attendance from NYCC in future.

1.0 Minutes of Last Meeting

1.1 Request from MB to remove reference to NYCC replacement.

1.2 Reference to Cllr McKenzie to investigate use of disused Ripon Railway missing from the actions

2.0 Key project updates:

2.1 Harland Way: Update from TH – HBC are still awaiting approval from Central Government for the plans to be approved. HBC still aiming for £220,000 for the work to take place on Harland Way.

2.2 Nidderdale Greenway: Update from TH - There is an issue with developments encroaching onto the greenway at Hampsthwaite. Planning enforcement are to investigate this. MM believes planners failed the cycle forum on this matter.

2.3 Stray Cycle Racks: Issues have been raised by the Park Run group regarding cycle racks on the Stray.

2.4 Yorkshire Show Ground resurfacing: a funding application has been put in to the UCI legacy grant and we're still awaiting the outcome.

2.5 Otley Road: Updates from MB in writing:

2.5.1 Harlow Moor Road junction upgrade – RSA Stage 2 has been completed and the report received. The designers response has been updated, to be issued to the for approval, there is nothing to cause concern. The stats (Vodafone, Virgin media and Northern Powergrid), orders to be confirmed with providers and availability for works to start on site. Construction is due to start after the UCI Worlds on 2/10/19, complete by 16/12/19. The tender period has been adjusted to July, with tender award August. These dates may be affected dependant on confirmation of availability of the 3 stats providers above.

2.5.2 Otley Road Cycleway – Stray negotiations, these will take 23 weeks, which at present will give a scheme completion date of 03/04/2020.

2.5.3 An additional crossing added at Beech grove and the design of the crossing at Victoria Road has been adjusted to save 1 tree, which is a mature tree. 2 x TRO's will be required, one to change the use of the footpath and one to change the Otley Road end of Victoria Road to one way, so

vehicles can only enter Victoria Road from Otley Road. Current tender period 23/09/19 – 18/10/19, tender period may be reviewed dependant on progress of stray negotiations. Current construction period expected to be 13/01/2020 – 03/04/2020.

2.5.4 NMU survey will be conducted to assess usage before and after the implementation.

2.6 Wetherby Road Pegasus Crossing: GM believes this could improve the perception of cycling safety on Wetherby Road and encourage more cycling in the area. A parallel crossing would be an alternative.

2.7 Green Hammerton: Update from TH – There is nothing to update from HBC, we have had no involvement since funding the feasibility study.

2.8 Ripon City Council Cycle Racks: Update from TOD – The City Council has been sent documentation that would allow them to install their chosen cycle racks. At this time no response has been received and chasing e-mails have been sent. Ripon City Council need to sign the agreement regarding the market place and indicate on the plan how many, and where, they intend to install the racks. IK to follow up.

3.0 Ripon: IK Update

3.1 Ripon Grammar School head would be interested to see work on a cycle path through the school grounds completed as part of a wider cycle plan for Ripon

3.2 Questions over why the £70,000 S.106 funding from developments cannot be drawn down to fund this work

- Uncertainty about funds definitely coming forward and is due to fund the Ripon Cycling Plan
- Risk of not getting the funding for the plan and means no case can then be made for wider cycling improvements in Ripon.

3.3 Whitcliffe Lane – Clarification over the classification of the road from NYCC Highways as different documents give different classifications.

3.4 Ripon-Harrogate railway rights

- TH assures that it has a higher level of protection than the other lines under the local plan
- Want to examine the potential for public access. This is dependent upon landowners in certain sections.
- What are the current rights on it?

4.0 Any Other Business:

4.1 Area 6 team structure (MB)

Area 6 are interviewing for a new Improvement Manager this week.

Engineer team structure have appointed x2 Engineers (to start in the summer) this will bring our resource back to full compliment.

4.2 Network Strategy team structure (MB)

Pam Johnson has reduced her hours to 21/2 days (flexible retirement) - her new title is Technical Development Specialist Manager. Emily Mellalieu is the new Development Control Manager. Keith Jameson (Senior Engineer) is the senior engineer overseeing Major DC projects in Harrogate.

4.3 Officer Representation at Cycle group meeting (MB)

From 1st July this role will be undertaken by one of Area 6's new Project Engineers. Name to be confirmed. I would however also suggest it would be worth having a Network Strategy representative also. (Emily M will be able to advise re resource availability).

4.4 Ripon Grammar school route (MB)

Has permission been gained from the school/CYPS?

4.5 Ripon Barracks (IK)

Consultation was very generic and didn't really answer questions around traffic management or planning. TH outlined the potential traffic issues identified by Local Plan modelling.

Potential for new cycle/bridleways to Fountains Abbey from Barracks Site.

Putting in applications to secure and open up the routes.

4.6 Next steps for Ripon (RD)

What are going to be the next schemes for Ripon?

- Can HBC draw up a list of projects that they would look to support?
- Fountains Abbey link to Ripon?
- Traffic free link from Yorkshire Show Ground to Spofforth once Follifoot underpass is complete?

4.7 Forum not consultees on planning applications (GM)

- What needs to be done to ensure the cycle forum is involved as a consultee on planning applications?
- TH to follow up
- Improve the awareness of planners

4.8 Sustainable transport forum for Harrogate (MM)

As well as the Cycle forum it is desirable for certain forum members to see the creation of a wider sustainable travel forum for Harrogate District.

Chairman Signature: Cllr Phil Ireland

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