

## **Meeting Notes**

Harrogate District Cycle Forum  
18 November 2019: 14:00 – 15:30  
**Harrogate Civic Centre, Nidd Room**

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Tom O'Donovan. The group welcomed Helen Firth (Area 6 Improvement Manager) to the meeting.

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by the Chair.

### **3. NYCC Update**

MB gave an update on the Otley Road Cycleway scheme. Work on phase 1 is expected to start in Jan 2020 commencing with the Harlow Moor Road junction improvements, finishing in May 2020 including the phase 1 cycleway. Stray issues have delayed phase 2 of the project and as a result an extension to the project was requested by NYCC and approved by DfT. Phase 3 (the developer funded section from Cardale Park to Harlow Moor Drive) will be delayed due to the length of time that it is taking for development to progress on the Bluecoat Park site. Funding of this third phase of works is tied to the development.

Cllrs Mackenzie and Ireland confirmed NYCC's and HBC's support for the project respectively.

### **4. HBC Update**

DH provided an update with regards the Stray Land implications of the Otley Road scheme. This will involve two elements; Stray exchange land and Stray byelaw amendments. A decision as to whether approval can be given to carry out the necessary consultations on both aspects is early in the new year.

### **5. Key project updates**

#### **a. Cycle Forum Project List.**

- MM asked whether the Knaresborough Road / Mother Shipton entrance scheme could be implemented as a relatively quick win – **MB agreed to look into it.** Cllr Mackenzie confirmed this is being investigated along with bus priority route on this section of Knaresborough Road.
- GM thanked HBC for the award of funding for the YSG access points. Other sources of funding for the scheme have been secured from Cllr John Ennis, Rotary Club and YAS
- RD asked about NYCC's Harrogate/Knaresborough LCWIP – Cllr Mackenzie said that the current Cycling Infrastructure Plan is being upgraded to an LCWIP.

#### **b. Otley Road.**

This was discussed in the earlier NYCC/HBC updates

#### **c. Follifoot Underpass.**

DH gave an update on the Follifoot Underpass scheme. Concern was raised as to the progress of this project. **It was agreed to arrange a meeting with KD, RD with Genevieve Gillies (HBC PM) and the NYCC engineer (DH).**

d. Transforming Cities Fund update.

TH gave an update on the TCF project submission. The bid is due to be submitted by West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) on the 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. Detail on the bid will be available online after the submission of the bid on the WYCA website. Projects are included within the bid for Harrogate in each of the low, core and high scenarios.

e. Ripon Barracks

Planning application phase is to start shortly.

The Doublegates scheme was raised and TH confirmed that HBC had made representations to retain the previously agreed 70k of s106 monies. **TH to check the remit of the 70k.** Ripon City Plan team are keen to be involved.

Request to find alternative route for Way of the Roses crossing the A61

6. Hookstone Drive and Oatlands Drive Cycle Lanes

**It was agreed that this would be picked up at a separate meeting (MB/MM/KD)**

7. Killinghall-Nidderdale Greenway Link and CIL Funding

**HBC to confirm status of CiL work and when it will come into force.**

MM provided an update and said that this work is progressing, particularly Darley to Pateley Bridge link. Discussions have also started on the Clint to Darley section.

**A Steering group for this project is to be formed (MM).**

8. AOB

IR asked about the status of the disused railway from Ripley to Ripon in terms of ownership and the ability to create a cycle route along it. TH confirmed that HBC only owns a small section near Melmerby and confirmed that old rail lines are protected in the emerging Local Plan.

Funding to upgrade the Harland Way is included within the planning application for housing at Stockeld, north of Wetherby. The application is currently under appeal within the planning process and forum members will be updated when further information is available.

9. Date of next meeting

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**Attendance:**

Cllr PI, Cllr DM, TH, MB, IR, HF, KD, DH, JR, MM, GM, RD