



## BOURNEMOUTH CYCLING FORUM

Minutes of Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006. at Bournemouth Town Hall  
commencing at 6pm

### Members present:

Angela Pooley (Chair)	Trevor Fenwick
Martin Handford (Sec)	Neil Rickett
Cllr John Hayter	Cllr Stephen Starr
Richard Nelms	Mike Campkin
Geoff Turnbull	Cllr David Smith
Nick Shearer	
Lawrence Harrell	
Terry Walsh	

### 1. Apologies:

Cllr R Parker; Bob Baker; Cllr R West; Sally Funnell ; Lucy Taussig; Ray O'Luby K Bichard; Peter DuLieu; Neil MacBean; Ann Davis; Mark Kelly

### 2. Minutes of meeting 19<sup>th</sup> September 2006

Were agreed.

### 3. Matter arising.

#### i) Talbot Avenue/Cemetery Junction proposed scheme

Mike Campion reported that a lot of correspondence has been received by the council. Matter will be discussed by Scrutiny Committee tomorrow 16<sup>th</sup> November. Views differ about the proposal to reduce the width of the bus lane in order to accommodate a cycle path between Stokewood Road and Cemetery Junction. Both Peter Du Lieu and Cllr West have opposed this. Chair asked for the meeting to come to a concensus that could then be put forward to the meeting. Agreed that the view to go forward should support a narrowing of the bus lane

Mike Campion advised that costs for the different schemes proposed varied from £90k on pavement to £300k for on road. The on road option would necessitate the removal of some trees. Councillor Smith supported an on pavement option. This was followed by a vote from those at the meeting – who voted 8 for and 1 against on pavement option. Councillor Smith also suggested that there should be “raised platforms” at major junctions. Councillor Hayter supported this and it was agreed that Councillor West would promote this idea at the Scrutiny meeting. Action Cllr Smith to provide BCF view and provide request for raised platforms to Scrutiny Meeting

#### ii) Publicity - article for Bournemouth Journal

Angela has yet to discuss in detail with Lawrence Harrell – Action continues

#### iii) Avon Causeway.

Lucy Taussig had asked the meeting to consider the work that is being done, particularly in concern over the width of the bridge. Meeting agreed that there was little that can be done to influence the “design” of the structure. Cllr Hayter suggested a separate meeting to review routes into the New Forest Council officers to prepare some plans for the next meeting

#### **iv) Sea Front cycling.**

Poole Borough Council will not move on the opening times for cycling along the Poole section of the sea front. They have recently carried out their first prosecution of a cyclist ref the sea front. Bournemouth Borough Council is still working with Poole BC to try to create the same strategy.

#### **v). Involvement of the BCF in planning**

Council officers currently bring designed schemes to the Forum for views. However members stated that it would be more valuable if members views can be put before the scheme is designed. Due to often short timescales this is not always possible. Cllr Haytor suggested that the Forum have a designated "technical" member who could be contacted as the technical representative for the Forum. Noted that in the past this role had been unofficially carried out by PdL. Chair asked for nominations. None were forthcoming. The Forum suggested that the council should have a cycling officer. This is actually being discussed at the next Scrutiny meeting.

### **4. Officers Report**

Mike Campkin presented his report based on the following notes.

#### **University to Lansdowne Route.**

##### **Phase 1, Cemetery Junction to Glenferness Avenue.**

###### **East Avenue to Glenferness Avenue**

Significant support for off-road cycle paths was received from the University, however, there were major objections from the residents and Ward Councillors. We, therefore, looked into providing on-road lanes but this would result in major road widening works and the removal of seven large trees it would also cost significantly more at over £200,000. Given these constraints it is recommended that we pursue the original off-road option. This matter is to be reported to the Scrutiny Panel on 16 November.

###### **East Avenue to Cemetery Junction**

This route is being considered as part of the Prime Transport Corridor initiative. We can provide advisory 'on road' 1.5m wide cycle lanes on each side of Wimborne Road between Stokewood Road and East Avenue. The length between Stokewood Road and Cemetery Junction has an existing bus-lane and to create a 1.5m cycle lane for westbound cyclists this would need to be narrowed down to 3m. This has been the preferred option for formal consultation and, subject to final agreement, will now be advertised. Seeking views of the Forum about the use of part time 3 metre wide bus/cycle lanes.

##### **Phase 2, Coach House Place to Cemetery Junction.**

Advisory 'on road' cycle lanes and use of bus lanes has again been the preferred option for this length. The 1.2m width of the possible lanes is again an issue.

##### **Toucan Crossing on Ringwood Road near Anchor Close.**

Works are now underway for completion later this month.

##### **Charminster Road cycle lanes.**

These lanes will be affected by the works associated with the installation of a new Puffin near Lowther Road. The Puffin is currently being installed and the lining works will be carried out shortly.

### **Wellington Road cycle lanes.**

Following consultation, this scheme is currently going through the final Council procedures and should, subject to there being no further objections, be installed during December. See drawing LTP21/02.1/01. The subsequent Decision Notice is currently within the 'Call-in' process that ends this week.

### **Christchurch Road/Crabton Close Road**

Scheme proposals were advertised with the provision of traffic signals (with pedestrian phases) controlling the above junction. Advanced stop lines are also proposed on the Christchurch Road approaches to the junction.

Loading/Unloading restrictions (full time and peak hour) are proposed to support the scheme complemented with sections of mandatory and advisory cycle lanes.

Following objections a meeting has taken place with traders, bus operators and Ward Councillors to review the scheme proposals and objectives. Whilst most of the elements of the scheme are supported on safety grounds it is now proposed to defer the implementation of the advisory cycle lanes for 12 months to monitor the current scheme. It was felt that the critical bus bays and loading bays could lead adversely affect the safety of the advisory cycle lanes and that this element should be deferred for future reconsideration with new proposals for the Heathcote Road junction. The scheme is programmed for implementation in the New Year.

### **Queens Park Avenue.**

There are a number of cycle related accidents along Queens Park Avenue particularly at the junctions (see drawing TR1/15QPA/002. It is proposed that drivers awareness of the likely presence of cyclists is increased by the provision of coloured surfacing at the junctions. Unfortunately, due to the road width, the lanes near the pedestrian refuge adjacent to Howard Road could be a maximum of 1.0m wide and this would leave very narrow 2.3m wide traffic lanes. We are currently reassessing the possible options near this junction and possible inclusion of a Toucan crossing.

### **Boscombe Gardens Path**

Direction signing at all access points and a dropped kerb off Manor Road are to be installed once the current building works affecting the path are completed.

### **Horseshoe Common Cycle Path**

The proposed unsegregated cycle path across the common from Old Christchurch Road to Cavendish Road which will allow cyclists travelling from Charminster into the town centre to avoid the busy Wimborne Road and Richmond Hill areas has now been designed. See drawing LTP3/15/HCR. The proposals have been submitted to the landowner by Leisure Services and they are awaiting a response.

### **Lansdowne Road to Mallard Road cycle route.**

At the last Forum meeting it was agreed that cycle lanes on both sides of Richmond Park Road was the preferred option for the length between St Leonards Road and Howard Road. The necessary parking restrictions on the south side of the road are to be advertised in the next round of TRO's and these additional restrictions will also allow a

new Puffin crossing to be installed across Richmond Park Road near the St Leonards Road junction. Signing for the works will be finalised shortly for installation by March 2007.

### **Poole Road Cycle Lanes.**

As part of the LTP2 programme we are looking into improved cycle facilities along main routes. The first of these is the road between the town centre and Westbourne/County Gates. Due to the existing parking restraints along Poole Road it will be possible to install either mandatory or advisory cycle lanes along the majority of this length. See drawing TR1/17/PRL.

### **Wessex Way Route.**

We have also been assessing off-road facilities alongside Wessex Way. Using existing lightly used footpaths it will be possible to join the existing cycle path from Wellington Road to Queens Park. See drawings TR1/17/WW1 and TR1/17/WW2.

### **5. Purbeck Action Cycling Group**

John Thraves came along to give an overview of the many initiatives for cycling that the various cycling action groups that he works with in the Purbecks. He gave out copies of the various cycle maps that are free from Purbeck District Council and advised that all these rides were now being put on to one map. The groups are working with the local authorities to develop strategies and have bid for and won considerable funding from the Heritage Lottery funding. They will be using the Company of Cyclists in Poole and the Purbecks to promote some of their "short term" projects on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2007. One of their longer term projects is to support the Poole harbour Trails Group.. They are also seeking in the longer term to create a cycle route from Wareham via Sandford, Upton to Poole.

### **6. BCF Cycle Event.**

Nick Shearer gave an update. He told the meeting that last year the Bournemouth Arrows Cycling Club had run a cycling event at the Bournemouth Borough Council's Festival of Sport that took place at the Sir David English Sports Centre in East Way. This event had good publicity including Fire 107.6 FM. NS produced copies of the leaflet used to publicise this event. It was agreed that this looked a great event at which to publicise cycling and the BCF.

### **7. AOB.**

**Town Hall Cycle Parking.** – Officers are to review and report to the next meeting

**Cycle Path on Castle Lane West** was requested by a resident, Mr Rickett . Particularly wanted from Moordown to the Charminster Road junction and onwards to Castlepoint. This is needed to provide a safe route for children going to the Bournemouth School for Girls, Bournemouth School for Boys and to the Bishop of Winchester School as well as for people going to Castlepoint. Council officers say that the developers of the Mallard Rd site has provided funding for a cycle path FROM Castlepoint to the Cooper Dean roundabout. Plans are on hold and the scheme will be reviewed in 15 months time. The officers have agreed to consider a route from Castlepoint to Muscliff Lane but no timescale was stated.

**7. Date & Venue of next meeting.** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2007 6pm in the Town Hall, Bournemouth. Special interest in routes to the New Forest.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Martin Handford  
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