



BOURNEMOUTH CYCLING FORUM
Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 4th September 2017
At Bournemouth Town Hall – Phoebe Room
Commencing at 18.00hrs

Attendees:

Actions

Cllr David Smith	DS
Ray O'Luby	RO'L
John Grantham	JG
Jenny Ansell	JA
John Hayter – DCN	JH
Brian Callow	BC
Felicity Rice	FR
Cllr Andy Hadley	AH
David Fevyer	DF
Mike Chalkley	MC
Jason Falconer	JF
Michael Headon	MH
Cllr Mike Green	MG
Peter Wickett – Senior Walking/Cycling Officer -Poole Council	PW
Lawrence Harrell – Transport Officer BBC	LH
Anya Parkhouse - Chair	AP
Angela Pooley – Secretary	AJP

1. Introductions & Apologies:

1.1 Apologies were received from: David Breakwell; Cllr Cheryl Johnson; Andy Graham; Paul Turner; Lucy Marstrand; PC Heidi Moxham

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

These were accepted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising Not Covered on the Agenda:

There were no Matters arising

4. Bournemouth & Poole Officers' Reports

4.1 Bournemouth

4.1.1. Town Centre Schemes.

Some very early concepts are being worked up in relation to the Beale Place area in connection with the current experimental closure to motor traffic. Yelverton Road is to become a pedestrian and cycle friendly area with a new buff/toffee coloured road surface and a continuous footway across Richmond Hill. Construction is due to start in early 2018.

Construction continues on improvements near the Square. Stage 1 is largely complete between the opticians in Bourne Ave and the gym in Avenue Road. Stage 2 continue along Bourne Ave, go up Bradley Road to the junction with St Stephen's Road. This may now be extended up St Stephen's Road to Richmond Hill in connection with the redevelopment of the council car park in St Stephen's Road.

4.1.2. Update on Other Existing Schemes.

Construction work is close to completion on the 9 contraflows from last years programme. Already completed are: Foxholes Rd, Oswald Rd, Roumelia Lane, Curzon Rd, Green Road, Gladstone Rd West, Moorvale Road & Borthwick Rd. There will be a slight delay with Woodend Rd while we address an issues with a bus stop.

Work continues on the Tuckton Roundabout scheme. Parallel crossings are proposed on each arm with speed reduction features. There will be a public consultation in late September/October and forum members are encouraged to respond.

Design work is proceeding on the Riverside Avenue toucan crossing. The brief has now been extended to consider cycling links to the east and west, as suggested by forum members. This enhanced scheme is now likely to move into next year (2018-19).

The Ringwood Road (Longham) shared footway schemes is currently under construction. This has been divided into 2 stages. Stage One south of Milhams Tip should be completed in about 8 weeks. Stage Two to the north has to be coordinated with drainage works in the tip area, but it is hoped to complete this in the new year.

The Poole Lane parallel crossing is now open with no reported issues and the Belle Vue Road parallel crossing is expected to be open in the next couple of weeks.

The Wimborne Road Cycle lanes between Richmond Hill and Cemetery Jct are now in place. A cycle perch/leaning rail has been installed and we would welcome your comments on this.

We are also working with developers to try and secure some significant cycle improvements in the Richmond Hill area.

4.1.3. 2017-18 Programme.

The 2017-18 LTP programme has been provisionally approved and design work has commenced. Schemes include:

A number of cut-throughs, exemptions to turning bans and contraflows, spread across the borough. Construction of a number of these is about to take place including.

- Replacement of chicanes by speed cushion on Iford Lane, to address issues raised by the forum.
- Additional cycle parking in Winton outside Lidl and Sainsbury's.
- A cut-through from Alumhurst Road to Seamoor Road to allow cycles to turn right into Seamoor Road using gap provided for emergency vehicles.
- A cut-through from Warren Edge Road to Ferry Road.
- A cut-through from Warren Edge Close to Southbourne Coast Road.
- A cut-through from Chine Crescent Road to Durley Chine Road.
- Kings Park gate by-pass adjacent to rbt @ Petersfield Road/Clarence Park Road.

We are hoping to replace a number of staggered barriers with bollards to allow cycle access in several locations to significantly reduce cycling distances and provide alternatives to busy roads. Some concerns have been raised about their potential illegal use by motor-cyclists. Poole has recently removed a number of these barriers with no issues and given recent guidance, equalities legislation and the potential benefits that these links offer, we hope that these can be overcome in the near future.

Other links we are investigating include:

- Jewell Road/Castle Lane East
- Two gaps in cycle facilities on the Castle Lane West corridor
- Norwich Avenue to Town Centre.
- Connecting the Ringwood Rd toucan to High Howe Lane.
- Contraflows in Cardigan Road, Gladstone Rd & Gladstone Rd East.
- We are looking at some small schemes to improve alternatives to NCN2 when the Prom is closed in July and August. One of these is an exemption to the turning ban from Percy Rd into Michelgrove Rd.
- We are still planning to sign the Lansdowne to Wessex Fields route in this financial year. Signing the Bournemouth - Poole Quiet'ish Route has been postponed, as the money is required for another cycle related project.

4.1.4. Links to Bournemouth Airport.

The new path by-passing the weir at Throop Mill is nearly complete, although some work needs to be done on the boardwalk and fencing. This should be complete by mid to late October.

Phase One of the upgrade to the path on the North of the river, between Pig Shoot Lane and the Stour bridge is also nearing completion. Phases 2 and 3 will be tackled next year.

4.1.5. Cycling Strategy & Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy Bid.

We are continuing work on the Cycling Strategy and are now planning regular meetings with Poole and Dorset officers.

We have submitted a joint Bournemouth/Poole bid for technical support to develop a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. The development of this plan will maximise our chances of obtaining funding in future for cycling and walking projects.

4.1.6. Cycling Events.

We have the Bournemouth Commuter Challenge (www.bournemouthcommuterchallenge.co.uk).

This is to encourage people to switch from single occupancy private car to more sustainable forms of travel including cycling.

Meyrick Park area – it would be beneficial to look at the options for linking up the good cycling route through Meyrick Park with the planned 20MPH zone on Bradley Rd from St. Stephen's Rd to Bourne Avenue, to create a coherent route from the Town Centre to Winton and beyond

Action: Cllr Greene and LH to raise as a priority issue.

Tuckton Roundabout – See Officer's Report.

Richmond Hill Roundabout – forum members expressed concern regarding the practicalities of the left hand lane – not just for cyclists but also for motorists. Due to the work already undertaken at the site, it is unlikely that major development work would be possible in the area in the near future, however it would be beneficial to explore whether improvements could be made to the south-east section at a relatively low cost – for example changes in road markings.

Action: Cllr Greene and LH to report and raise.

Communication of cycling improvements

As reported by LH, there have been a good number of successes and improvements to various cycling routes in Bournemouth recently. A question was raised regarding communication and public awareness. It was suggested that support from the Council's marketing and press teams and an article in BH Life would be useful for sharing news of these more widely, and could serve to encourage more cycling locally.

Action: LH to speak with communication teams, Cllrs to support

4.2 Poole

2017/18 Programme

Due to the success of securing an extra £3M for highway maintenance from the DfT's "Challenge Funding" this year's capital programme for cycling has been reviewed and will now complement the resurfacing schemes:

- Longfleet Road – The George Roundabout to the Shah Junction
- Sandbanks Road – Civic Centre Gyrotory to the railway bridge
- Wimborne Road – The George Roundabout to Fleetsbridge
- Ringwood Road – Sea View Road to Old Wareham Road Roundabout
- Queen Anne Drive / Magna Road – Gravel Hill to Borough boundary
- Alder Road – Ashley Road to Wallisdown Road
- Blandford Road – Port to Borough boundary

The next CLAG meeting will be on Tuesday 26 September and these schemes will be on the agenda for discussion.

Cycle Celebration

This event was very well attended, due to great weather. The Borough had an information stand and Fizz Bikes, DCN and Bournemouth Borough Council were also represented. The Balance Bike taster session was very popular, as were the “crazy bikes” and the “Action Sports Tour” shows.

Sport England funding

We have submitted an expression of interest to Sport England for a four-year programme of cycling in our five most-deprived wards. If successful, we will be expanding Bikeability training to double the number of places for children, and to extend it to include adults. There will also be a programme of “Bike Swaps” and led rides to encourage more family cycling. To ensure the work is sustainable, we will be training school staff and other community members to continue this good work beyond the initial four years.

5. Cycling Uk

Duncan Dollimore gave an excellent talk about some of the work of Cycling UK, its objectives and how it can support people working towards improved opportunities for cycling. He emphasised the need to work together with local Councils to improve cycling for all. He also talked about the Close Pass scheme and was pleased to report that although it's early days, this was proving to be a success.

Duncan went on to answer a range of questions from members. As part of the discussion, attending Cllrs stated that although they are committed to making cycling safer in Bournemouth, budgetary constraints are significant and there are many competing priorities, not least adult social care. Any proposed development needs to be evaluated carefully in this context.

There was also discussion of Cycling UK's experience of working with LEPs. There was a feeling that in this region, LEP schemes would benefit from greater consideration of cyclists and cycle routes, and that early planning could be more effective than trying to retro-fit cycling infrastructure at a later date.

Action: contact to be made with Cycling UK to consider support and assistance available Duncan Dollimore, for example in exploring additional funding opportunities from areas not previously considered. Action for LH.

6. Dorset Police - Unfortunately due to other commitments PC Moxham was unable to attend but offered to answer any questions that members had. AP to ask for an update on the local Close Pass scheme
AP

7. A338 Proposals

Following the last meeting, the Forum submitted observations and questions regarding the draft plans, to which answers have been provided. Forum members expressed concern to the Cllrs present that some of the answers provided were not able to address some of the deeper concerns, and there was discussion regarding the overall aims of the scheme.. The main concern is that the proposals as shown at the time do not provide adequate routes for cyclists and unless changes are made will represent a missed opportunity to create suitable cycling infrastructure. The forum understands that the plans are in progress and will respond to the Planning Application once it is published.

8. Airport Transport Forum Update

AJP attended the Airport Transport Forum Workshop and reported that the Transport Management team at the Airport are actively working to encourage sustainable travel to the Business Park. Also work to improve the Pig Shoot Lane path at Throop has commenced.

9 AOB

9.1 Members expressed concern that the recent re-surfacing work at Bellvue Road, Southbourne was a missed opportunity to create a cycle path. Cllrs present noted this and agreed to look at future plans. In Poole, opportunities to create cycle lanes are considered as a matter of course during resurfacing work, and PW agreed to share learnings and procedures with Bournemouth to see if a similar process could be introduced there. It was noted that it may not always be possible to introduce cycle lanes, primarily due to costs, but the options should always be considered prior to resurfacing.

Action: Cllr Greene / LH to raise. PW to share experiences from Poole.

9.2 AP reported that Lucy Marstrand has offered to do a presentation to the next meeting of actions that Councils can take to improve and encourage cycling in the town, using examples from other areas.

Date of next meeting: 11th December.