



BOURNEMOUTH CYCLING FORUM
Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 11th December 2017
At Bournemouth Town Hall – Willows Room
Commencing at 18.00hrs

Attendees:

Actions

Cllr David Smith	DS
Ray O'Luby	RO'L
Cllr Cheryl Johnson	CJ
Jenny Ansell	JA
John Hayter – DCN	JH
Brian Callow	BC
Felicity Rice	FR
Andy Graham	AG
Michael Headon	MH
Steve Smith	SS
Jenny Newman	JN
Lawrence Harrell – Transport Officer BBC	LH
Anya Parkhouse - Chair	AP
Angela Pooley – Secretary	AJP

1. Introductions & Apologies:

1.1 Apologies were received from: Paul Turner John Grantham; Cllr Andy Hadley Cllr Mike Green; Peter Wickett; Jason Falconer

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 Town Centre Schemes.

Concepts continue to be worked up for the Beale Place area in connection with the current experimental closure to motor traffic. The project does not, however, have funding and so is on hold for the moment.

As part of the improvements in Avenue Road we are looking to increase cycle parking and possibly replace the sub-standard stands near the library. We are planning to install approximately 16-18 stands additional stands along Avenue Road and approximately 14-16 stands near Pier Approach.

4.2 Update on Other Existing Schemes.

We are awaiting a decision on the Tuckton Roundabout scheme.

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. We are looking to commence construction around May 2018 with completion 2-3 months after.

Work to complete the Ringwood Road (Longham) shared footway schemes should re-commence around February 2018 for completion around April.

Speed surveys show that traffic speeds have significantly reduced since the construction of the Poole Lane parallel crossing. The Belle Vue Road parallel crossing is now also open with no reported issues.

4.3 2017-18 Programme.

Design is complete on a number of the schemes in the 2017-18 LTP programme. Several schemes have been implemented, although some signing and lining is still to be done.

Complete or under construction:

- Additional cycle parking in Winton outside Lidl and Sainsbury's.
- The cut-through from Warren Edge Road to Ferry Road.
- The cut-through from Warren Edge Close to Southbourne Coast Road.
- The Kings Park gate by-pass adjacent to the min roundabout @ Petersfield Road/Clarence Park Road is complete.
- The cut-through from Chine Crescent Road to Durley Chine Road is under construction.

Design Stage:

- The connection between the Ringwood Road Toucan and High Howe Lane has been designed.
- Contraflows in Cardigan Road, Gladstone Road & Gladstone Road East have been designed.
- The exemption to the turning ban from Percy Road into Michelgrove Road has been designed.
- The cut-through from Alumhurst Road to Seamoor Road to allow cycles to turn right into Seamoor Road, using gap provided for emergency vehicles, is designed.
- Design work continues on the replacement of chicanes by speed cushion on Iford Lane, to address issues raised by the forum. This has proved slightly more complicated than we anticipated.

- The cut-through between Jewell Road & Castle Lane East is in design. We have been looking at replacing staggered barriers with bollards in a number of locations to provide access for cycles, pushchairs and mobility scooters. This has proved rather a complex process, but we are hoping to be able to progress these soon.
Other links we are investigating include:
- Two gaps in cycle facilities on the Castle Lane West corridor will be looked at this year as part of a longer term project to address the gaps in the cycle network along Castle Lane West. In connection with this, we are tidying up the shared cycle/pedestrian facilities by Castlepoint.
- The link from Norwich Avenue to the Triangle has been temporarily postponed.
- Signing the Lansdowne to Wessex Fields route has been temporarily postponed.
- Signing the Bournemouth - Poole Quiet'ish Route has been temporarily postponed, as the money is required for another cycle related project in Poole.

4.4 Cycling Strategy & Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy Bid.

Steady progress is being made in the background with the Cycling Strategy.

Poole and Bournemouth's bid for technical support to develop a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan has been successful. Work is likely to start in earnest in the spring. The development of this plan will maximise our chances of obtaining funding in future for cycling and walking projects.

4.5 Major Planning Applications:

The Winter Gardens planning application is in and the public consultation is open. The Transport Assessment associated with the planning application has some drawings of proposed cycle routes along Exeter Road.

The A338 planning application is imminent. There will be a consultation as part of the planning process.

4.6 Parks News.

Parks are looking at signage and lighting in Kings Park. We are liaising with them in relation to the Lansdowne to Wessex Fields route which passes through the park.

The route through the Tuckton Tea Gardens is currently under construction.

Parks are also looking at signposting the Stour Valley Trail from Hengistbury Head to Millhams Mead.

Cycling is now to be permitted on the path on top of the West Cliff from the southern end of West Hill Road past the public toilets to West Cliff Road.

4.7 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 – now complete
- Sandbanks Road – Civic Centre Gyratory to the railway bridge – now complete
- 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 – in progress
- Alder Road – Ashley Road to Wallisdown Road

- Blandford Road – Port to Borough boundary – phase 1 complete, phase 2 in early 2018

Sport England funding

Unfortunately, our expression of interest was unsuccessful. However, we will consider what parts can be taken forward with any other funding opportunities that may arise.

LCWIP – Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

This joint Poole / Bournemouth project was successful in securing technical support from the DfT. There will be opportunities for local groups to get involved in the process and Officers will let the Forum know more once the inception meeting has been completed with the DfT's consultants.

5. Townside Access Plan for Poole

Felicity Rice gave a detailed report on the proposals for the Hunger Hill Roundabout in Poole. Basically it focussed very much on traffic with only token improvements for pedestrians & cyclists. After a discussion it was agreed that the proposals do not comply with the new Government Guidance. FR to suggest to the Poole Planning Board that the decision is deferred and a more sustainable plan is developed. **FR**

6. Tuckton Proposals

There has been considerable opposition to the proposals from local residents. The Forum has also expressed a preference for a single lane approach to the roundabout and segregated cycle lanes. To date no decision has been made.

After some discussion it was agreed that pending further news on the decision, the Forum should formally ask for further details of the traffic surveys carried out. **AP**

7. A338 Proposals

The Forum again stated that it is deeply concerned that the proposals seen so far do not cater adequately for cyclists and pedestrians and go against the Council's alleged commitment to moving towards more sustainable travel. The Planning Application is due to be published any day and the Forum will formally respond to this. **AP**

8. Airport Transport Forum Update

AP reported that the recent ATF meeting was cancelled due to the announcement that the Airport has been sold. The Forum expressed a desire that the ATF continues to meet. LH is to ask Richard Barnes follow this up. **LH**

9 Cycling Events

National Bike Week will be held 9th – 17th June, 2018. LH will be arranging events and it was suggested that the Forum considers organising a Cycle Ride. This will be discussed at next meeting.

10 AOB

10.1 Queens Park Avenue Cycle Path

Cllr Dave Smith asked if Queens Park Avenue could be considered for a cycle lane as it is currently hazardous for cyclist and the surface is extremely worn. LH reported that it was on the list but currently there are no plans for it to be put in. He agreed to raise it with the Officers. **LH**

10.2 Cliff Top Cycle Lane to Hengistbury Head

Local resident Jenny Newman asked if consideration could be given to creating a cycle path along the cliff top from Boscombe to Hengistbury Head as she believes this would encourage more cyclists especially in the Summer when cycling isn't permitted on the Prom. LH reported that this route is also on the wish list but is currently not feasible but he will discuss it with the Officers. **LH**

10.3 St Michael's Roundabout & Road Safety Issues

The question was asked if it was possible to view the Road Safety Report around the St Michael's Roundabout as near misses have been experienced here.

LH reported that he was currently looking at High Risk areas and that would anyone experiencing near misses to report them to LH.

DS & LM asked if Reports on incidents were available and if so could Reports of Incidents/Accidents for the last five years be brought to the next meeting. LH to follow up. **LH**

Date of next meeting: TBA