



BOURNEMOUTH CYCLING FORUM
Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 13th March 2018
At Bournemouth Town Hall – Royal Hants Room
Commencing at 18.00hrs

Attendees:

Actions

Lawrence Harrell – Transport Officer BBC	LH
Peter Wickett; - Poole Cycling Officer	PW
Cllr Mike Greene	MG
Ray O’Luby	RO’L
Jenny Ansell	JA
John Hayter – DCN	JH
Brian Callow	BC
Felicity Rice	FR
Dave Fever	DF
Angela Fendley	AF
Ben Ramshaw	BR
Chris Matthews	CM
David Breakwell	DB
Cesar Mateus	CM
Paulo Mateus	PM
Daniel Mateus	DM
Jason Falconer	JF
Mike Chalkey	MC
John Grantham	JG
Anya Parkhouse - Chair	AP
Angela Pooley – Secretary	AJP

1. Introductions & Apologies:

1.1 Apologies were received from: Paul Jones; Cllr Andy Hadley; Cllr David Smith; Cllr Cheryl Johnson; Andy Graham; Cllr D’Orton-Gibbs; Lucy Marstrand

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. Election of Chair & Secretary

There were two candidates for the role of Chair – Anya Parkhouse the current Chair & Jason Falconer, he was proposed by Mike Chalkey and seconded by Felicity Rice. The candidates were asked to leave the room whilst a vote took place. The results were 9 votes for Jason & 8 for Anya therefore Jason is now Chair.

There were no additional nominees for the role of Secretary and Angela Pooley agreed to continue the role for a further year.

AP was sincerely thanked for the hard work she has done whilst Chair, it was also hoped that she will continue to be an active member of the Forum.

5. Bournemouth & Poole Officers' Reports

5.1 Bournemouth

5.1.1 Town Centre Schemes.

The remainder of the improvements to the western side of the town centre will recommence shortly and are expected to be completed by mid July. This includes traffic calming features on Bourne Avenue and Braidley Road.

Some background design work continues on Beale Place in connection with the current closure to motor traffic. The experimental order has now been made permanent. The project does not, however, have funding and consideration is being given to develop a simplified scheme to make it more affordable.

5.1.2 Update on Other Existing Schemes.

Curzon Road contraflow has now been fully signed.

Tuckton Roundabout scheme has now been approved and will be constructed between March and September with a break during the summer season. In association with this, cycle symbols will be placed on the centre of the carriageway over Tuckton Bridge to emphasise the presence of cyclists and their ability to take the lane on this section of road.

The Riverside Avenue toucan crossing has been delayed slightly while the implications for traffic flows are considered in more detail.

The Jewell Road cut-through connecting Jewell Road to Cooper Dene Roundabout is under construction and should be completed imminently. This creates a quiet alternative route to Castle Lane West, improving links between the residential areas the north and the hospital/Wessex Fields.

The replacement of the chicanes by speed cushions on Iford Lane, to address issues raised by the forum is complete.

The Queens Park (Soberton Road) subway link has been largely completed, allowing access for mobility scooters, large buggies and cyclists.

The Larksfield Avenue to Durweston Close cut-through is complete, although a tweak is being considered to deter motorcycles.

The cut-through from **Alumhurst Road** to Seamoor Road to allow cycles to turn right into Seamoor Road is expected to be completed within 4-5 weeks.

Works to permit cycling across the **Alum Chine** suspension bridge are largely complete.

Some of this years contraflow schemes have been rescheduled into the next financial year, including: Cardigan Road, Gladstone Rd, Gladstone Rd East, Ringwood Rd toucan to High Howe Lane & an exemption to the turning ban from Percy Rd into Michelgrove Rd.

5.1.3 Cycle Parking.

The cycle parking at the library by the Triangle has been improved. The poorly sited stands at the side of the library, which resulted in bikes falling over, have been replaced by better sited stands on level ground. There are still plans for additional cycle parking along Avenue Road and Pier Approach.

We have been looking at the removal of dumped bikes and investigating the possibility of recycling them for future use. Could you please let us know locations where there are dumped bikes.

5.1.4 Cycling Strategy & Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy Bid.

The Cycling Strategy has been slightly delayed due to the merger of the authorities. Pete will report on the LCWIP. As the strategy is developed, members of the cycle forum are strongly encouraged to engage in the process and give constructive feedback and suggestions at appropriate stages.

5.1.5 Major Planning Applications:

The Winter Gardens development is proposing upgraded shared footways on both sides of the road.

A second cut-through between Oxford Road and Holdenhurst Road in the Lansdowne is being facilitated as part of a new development.

5.1.6.Parks News.

The path in Tuckton Tea gardens will be completed soon and signage for Stour Valley way is also to be developed soon.

5.2 Poole

Proposed schemes for 2018/19 capital programme:

Ringwood Road – complementary scheme for proposed resurfacing work

NCN25 direction signing – joint scheme with Bournemouth, to include route via West Cliff Road

Holes Bay – realignment of existing cycle track, to ease right-angled corners

Alder Road corridor – routes to help cyclists avoid main road

Canford Heath Road – proposal to reduce speed limit from 40mph to 30mph

St. Aldhelm's route to school – scheme to improve path surface between Dalling Road and Winston Avenue

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

Inception meeting held with DfT in February 2018, to agree scope.

Programme runs from September 2018 to August 2019 (12 months).

Engagement work for identifying desire lines and planning network improvements due to start in January 2019 (for about six months).

Once adopted, the LCWIP will be a part of the cycling (and walking) strategy. As with the development of the strategy, forum members are strongly encouraged to engage in the process and give constructive feedback and suggestions at appropriate stages.

5.3 Merger of councils

Due to the merger of the councils, it was suggested and recommended that the structure of the Cycle Forum reflect the local councils i.e. merge Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch, in line with the timing of the merger.

6. Tuckton Proposals

A number of questions from Forum members were asked and a discussion took place. There is still some concern from some forum members regarding design. Cllr Greene raised concerns that the Forum is repeating itself, and that due process had been followed through the consultation period.

7. A338 Proposals

The Planning Application is currently under consideration and is likely to go to the Planning Board at the end of April. Cllr Greene was asked if there are any plans for housing in this project. Cllr Green replied that there were no plans for housing.

8. Key Cycle Routes

A discussion took place about the location and creation of key cycle routes. It was also hoped that there will be closer working with Christchurch once the Councils' re-organisation is in place. LH asked the Forum to pass on any ideas to him.

9. Airport Transport Forum Update

AJP reported that the last meeting of the Forum had been cancelled until the new owners settle in. To date nothing further had been planned. LH to follow up with Richard Barnes as he was under the impression that a date for a future meeting had been arranged. **Action LH**

10. Engaging CEOs to Promote Active Travel

JF reported that Councils in London are working with CEOs to engage with their staff in promoting cycling and walking to work. He thought this is something that could be encouraged in Bournemouth. It was agreed that this was a good idea and it was thought that the local Green Knowledge Network would likely to be interested.

LH to follow up

Action LH

11. Cycling Without Age

JF explained that he is working with Cllr Dave Smith to launch a crowd-funded project in Bournemouth to purchase tri-sure ebikes with the purpose of taking elderly adults with mobility problems out for trips. This scheme was started in Copenhagen and is spreading across Europe. Here's the link to more information about the scheme: <http://cyclingwithoutage.org.uk/> Cllr Greene reported that the Council are supportive of this.

12. Cycling Events

Possibility of arranging some events during National Bike Week 9th – 17th June 2018 in collaboration with Poole, local cycling groups and volunteers.

JF invited everyone to join the Wimborne Vintage Ride taking place on 23/06/18

13. Air Quality

Cllr Greene was asked what were the Council's plans to deal with the poor air quality results recently announced by DEFRA. Cllr Greene reported that DEFRA are being challenged over the results as they differ considerably from Bournemouth Council's own monitoring.

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14.1 MC spoke about the positive benefits of Arterial Segregation and hope that the Council would work more towards this.

14.2 It was reported that Winton Forum are looking and safer routes to schools to encourage more cycling/walking.

14.3 Cllr Greene stated that he believes the Forum needs to work more positively rather than negatively with the Council to ensure that robust plans to improve cycling facilities in the area are implemented. AJP stated that this had always been the remit of the Forum and will not change.

Dates of future meetings:

Tuesday 5 June – 18:30 – Royal Hampshire Room

Tuesday 4 September – HMS Phoebe

Tuesday 18 December – HMS Phoebe