

North Yorkshire County Council

Ryedale Area Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at Malton Rugby Club on 14 February 2018 at 10.30 a.m.

Present:-

County Councillor Caroline Goodrick in the Chair. County Councillors Val Arnold, Lindsay Burr MBE, Keane Duncan and Janet Sanderson.

Co-opted Members: Councillor Phil Chapman.

Also in Attendance:

County Councillor David Chance (Executive Member for Stronger Communities, Public Health and the Role of Area Committees).

Invited Officers in attendance: Marc Warren (North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service), Inspector Martin Dennison (North Yorkshire Police) and Simon Jones (Highways England).

Officers in attendance: Tim Coyne, Sharon Fox and Peter Garnham (Area 4 Highways), Sarah Robinson (Stronger Communities Delivery Manager – Ryedale), Mary Davies, (Senior Democratic Services Officer) and Alice Gill (Business Support Administrators).

5 members of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies: County Councillor Greg White, Leah Swain and James Malcolm

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

40. Minutes

Resolved –

That the Minutes of the reconvened meeting held on 11 December 2017, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

41. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

42. Public Questions or Statements

There were no questions or statements from members of the public.

The Chairman agreed to move the Highways Verbal Report (item 10) earlier on the agenda following item 6.

43. Update on the A64 (Highways England)

Considered -

The report of Simon Jones, Highways England, updating on planned works on the A64 in the Ryedale Area.

Simon Jones introduced the report to highlight the following:-

- A64 Barton Hill Junction. Currently on-site and the scheme is progressing with the tie-in's to the main line and closure of access at the western brow of the approach underway following consultations with NYCC to minimise disruption. Also work underway to review the final design to prevent double stacking which has been highlighted to Safety Auditors. Currently the lane 1/hard shoulder is closed for safety reasons and it is hope this has not inconvenience local residents. Signs for Castle Howard regarding assess to the area remain in place.
- Scotchman Lane further drainage improvements are due to begin mid-February until March 2018. Highways England have met with Kevin Hollingrake MP regarding concerns raised by the local community and there is agreement more work needs to be done; CCTV will be installed to see how the junction is now operating.
- Customer/Stakeholder Engagement – Regional Safety Lead/95 Alive Safety Partnership update.
- Hopgrove Junction Upgrade. There are currently no preferred announced routes. The project has refined some of the traffic modelling to the east of the roundabout. No site visit has been undertaken in regards to Archaeology or Environmental Assessment on third party land.
- Service Delivery:
 - Carriageway resurfacing at Sandhutton to Claxton.
 - Following the Welburn and Crambeck Inquest, Highways England have met with a local action group to look at pedestrian refuge work and improved signs. Potential speed camera installation along the corridor remains at an early stage led by with Police and the 95 Alive Partnership. As the work is in feasibility stages, there is no detail currently on locations to install equipment.
 - A meeting has taken place with residents of East Heslerton with their concerns on speeding in the village. Currently looking at ideas with the Safety Partnership.
 - Experimental weight limit at Malton level crossing. Highways England has started to engage with NYCC Highways on the progress of the Section 278 signage or a Section 6 NYCC Highways installation of signs.

Members made the following comments:

- Concern there was no mention of issues in Rillington. Whilst understanding that there would be no bypass for the local community, there needed to be work carried out to make life more comfortable for local children and residents. Simon Jones said that he had been in contact with Rillington Parish Council to pursue safety partnership protocols and look at the results of surveys and decide on interventions needed and the Parish Council had confirmed they would take forward the Speed Protocol request. Evidence was needed to understand the problem and treatments needed. Highways England were aware of the issues in Rillington in regard to speed, however, enforcement was a Police responsibility. Simon Jones advised that Rillington Parish Council were happy to take forward the process and would feedback any decisions made by the 95 Alive Partnership.
- Concerns at the Brambling Field Roundabout and the verges being churned up, there was clearly a problem for HGV's to manoeuvre around the roundabout. Highlighted, with the weight limit restrictions in place at the Malton level crossing, this problem would not encouraging HGV's to use the roundabout. Simon Jones stated that the roundabout had been designed for

HGV's to use and queried driver behaviour which he suggested could be improved. He agreed that with regard to speed limits some small scale interventions may be able to be put in place. He would contact the Operations Team to identify why HGV's were cutting corners and any measures that could be put in place. He agreed to feedback any findings to future meetings. A Member advised that she had travelled in a HGV whilst trying to manoeuvre the roundabout and considered that Highways England needed to look at the Pasture Lane Roundabout and not erect barriers, the Brambling Field Roundabout needed a gradient to alleviate the problem.

- Highlighted pot holes on the Malton bypass which was hazardous to traffic. Simon Jones advised he had not been aware of this matter and would pass this information on; should there be a need for urgent repairs this could be done within a 7 day period.
- Litter on the carriageway and in the layby on the A64 junction and road to Napton and could this be removed prior to the holiday season? Simon Jones advised that litter picking was the responsibility of the District Council however Highways England try to help if they are able to by inviting the District Council to carry out work on the carriageway while Highways England traffic management is in place. He agreed to raise this matter with the District Council.
- Easter would be early this year and the work at Barton Hill may impact on tourism at Castle Howard; would average speed cameras or fixed be fitted. Simon Jones said that he did not know if average speed cameras over the length of the carriageway or a 'Truvelo' or similar type camera system could be installed. This was work led by the 95 Alive Partnership and he would update the Committee at future meetings.

The Chairman agreed to one public question:

- The turning at Scotchman Lane was proving to be a nightmare, would Highways England consider moving the bus stop to the other side of the carriageway and reinstating the longer merge and diverge tapers on the A64. Simon Jones agreed to pass this comment to the operations team and feed back to Committee.

The Chairman thanked Simon Jones for his report.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

44. North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Community Safety Update Ryedale

Note: During discussion, County Councillor Val Arnold declared that she was a Member of the Fire Authority.

Considered -

The report of Group Manager Marc Warren advising of community safety initiatives involving North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service that have occurred between 1 October to 31 December 2017 and providing an update regarding other issues from within the Ryedale District.

Group Manager Marc Warren introduced the report to highlight the following:-

- Service Delivery.
- Ryedale District update.
- Response Activity.

- Incidents of Note.

Members made the following comments:

- Was it a Fire Officers responsibility to deploy Speed Radar Units for Communities? Marc Warren said that the Fire and Rescue Service work with the Road Safety Partnership who decide, using strict protocols, when and where speed radars units are to be deployed. Fire Community Safety Officers are then deployed with radars.

The Chairman thanked Group Manager Warren for his report.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

45. North Yorkshire Police - Current Issues

Considered -

The report of Inspector Martin Dennison updating on initiatives currently being undertaken within the Ryedale District area by North Yorkshire Police.

Inspector Martin Dennison introduced the report to highlight the following:-

- Ryedale District Crime Figures November 2017 to January 2018 which show:
 - An increase of 1 crime based on the same period last year – 0.4% increase. There was in fact a more significant increase in crime of 12.7% from 314 crimes to 354 (40 crime increase).
 - A 65.5% rise in violent crime with injury. Inspector Dennison advised that the increase is partly due to the way in which the Police now records crime and he broke down the nature of the incidents.
 - A fall of 10.9% in the number of Burglary Dwellings.
 - 17 sexual offences.
 - A reduction in vehicle crime from 25 to 24.
 - An increase of one offence in the category crimes against society which includes possession and trafficking of drugs, possession of offensive weapons and public order offences.
 - 22% reduction in criminal damage.
- Proactivity. The Ryedale Safer Neighbourhood Police Team attendance at a number of public events around Christmas and the New Year, which includes:
 - Undertaking a number of surgery visits incorporating crime prevention events.
 - Held a crime prevention roadshow at Moorland ATV at Rosedale.
 - Multi-agency crime prevention and public safety roadshows supported by Police volunteers over the Christmas period.
 - Patrols deterring anti-social behaviour and crime in rural communities, targeting illegal hunting with dogs and poaching.
 - Deployed to stop, detain and disperse doorstep sellers.
 - Provide visibility and reassurance within the Kirby Misperton area.
- Digital technology - The Police are in the process of being equipped with special smartphone software which means that Police can send evidence straight back to the station from the scene of a crime, instead of being taken off the streets to do paperwork.
- Updating on work by the Neighbourhood Police Team at Kirby Misperton.

- Training on banking protocol - ensuring the Police can proactively combat criminals who financially exploit some of the most vulnerable people in the community.
- Conducting licensing checks.

Members made the following comments:

- The bleak picture concerning the increase for violent crime.
- Thanked for the break down in the sexual crime figures however, asked for clarify regarding historic and recent reports. Inspector Dennison advised reports over a week were regarded as historic.
- With regard to Policing in Kirby Misperton and noting the wording in the report “to provide visibility and reassurance” within the area. Have the local residents been assess with the level of disruption including the supply chain. Are the Police receiving reports of intimidation from local residents whose job is it to assess the level of disruption in the community. How is this assessed for residents living near the site? Inspector Dennison replied that the level of disruption is assessed on site; there is a dedicated Neighbourhood Police Officer who is in contact with local residents and information is gathered from a number of sources. Where there are any elements of disruption Victims statements are taken which include their thoughts and feelings and how they have been affected; however, if allegations are made there may be a need to go to Court and some residents do not wish to do this. He said that this is being assessed. Inspector Dennison advised that Kirby Misperton was the first area in England to experience fracking demonstrations of this nature and the Police are learning on-going lessons. A Member advised that she had received 8 statements from local residents and one of these statements had not received a response by the Police.
- That the fracking protestors Facebook page vowed on-going disruption, maximum costs to the Police and bad publicity for North Yorkshire County Council. Why were the published objectives allowed to happen, there needed to be a Public Protection Order in place. The challenges were recognised however local residents needed to be protected. Inspector Dennison recognised the affected on a divided local community; there could not be a Public Protection Order put in place for half the community and the PSPO would be ill-advised given the split of opinion within the community and the impact of ASB legislation being seen to curtail the right to peaceful protest.
- A Member acknowledged that the Police are working hard to protect local residents and agreement that Ryedale was the first area in England to experience this kind of demonstrations and that the Police were learning.
- Are the Police working with Publicans regarding recreational drugs? Inspector Dennison said that publicans were obliged to support the Police and most drug useage was carried out in Public House toilets. The Police are bound by local intelligence which has to be collaborated. He advised on the multi-box checklist which needed to be completed in order to satisfy Magistrates and the Clerk to the Courts and the challenging level of scrutiny involved.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Dennison for his report to Committee.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

46. Communications with NYCC Ryedale Highways Office - Update

Considered -

The verbal update of the Area Highways Office.

Tim Coyne and Peter Garnham presented the verbal report which included:

- The junction at Welham Road/Church Street; the layout of the junction had been altered due to the accident history of the site. The junction was being monitored and Network Rail had confirmed the level crossing was clearing sooner when the barriers were raised. There have been no reported personal injury accidents. The Authority are aware of concerns which have been raised regarding vehicles “rat-running” particularly along St. Nicholas Street. The Malton and Norton Infrastructure Study would specifically include this junction and would, hopefully, find a solution and alleviate some local concerns.
- Progress of the 18 month Experimental HGV Restriction at the Norton level crossing; the Order has been arranged to come into force on the 26th February 2018 and NYCC Trading Standards will monitor compliance.
- Kirkham Bridge. Currently in consultations with Highways England regarding signage.
- Tour de Yorkshire would be coming through the Ryedale area on 5th May 2018; Highways will be involved to manage this section of the event.

Members made the following comments:

- With regard to the Traffic Study for Malton and Norton, residents had major concerns and issues. Could Ward Members be involved in the process, they knew local views and had practical ideas to put forward. It was suggested that Members needed to be involved prior to the report being published. Tim Coyne agreed that Ward Members are key, he said that currently Highways were gathering evidence including resident’s views and would look to work closely with Ward Members. Tim Coyne highlighted the need to work together to find the best solution.
- Concerns as to where HGV’s would go following the weight restrictions being put in place at the Malton level crossing and local Ward Members should be fully involved in the process. Tim Coyne advised that enforcement would be an issue for Trading Standards and the Police, and this would be monitored over an 18 month period.
- Could HGV drivers be encouraged to re-route and not come through Malton and Norton with signage to come off at another junction?

The Chairman thanked Tim Coyne for the verbal report to Committee.

Resolved -

(a) That the report be noted.

(b) That Members’ comments on the proposals, as set out in the preamble to this Minute, be taken into consideration.

47. Annual Road Casualty Report

Considered -

The report of the Corporate Director - Business and Environmental Services inviting the Area Committee to discuss, comment on and question the content of the Annual Road Casualty Report.

The Chairman noted that the Annual Road Casualty Report was a very important report however, it would be more practical and less costly for each area to receive their own

report in future. After a brief debate, the Committee considered that Ryedale in future only needed to receive the relevant information for Ryedale and observed that the full report could be downloaded if needed.

Peter Garnham gave the Committee an overview of maintenance issues:

- Winter service – With regard Area 4, Ryedale - 194 treatments to date with 7,000 tons of salt used. Countywide winter costs have already exceeded last year's costs for the full season.
- The effect of the particularly wet and cold winter had resulted in pot holes formation on the local network. Highways Officers were inspecting and repairing as normal within resources.
- Referred to the ongoing work preparing the delivery of the 2018/19 Capital Programme and major schemes on the network.
- Referred to the draft 2019/20 Capital Programme that has recently been released. The local office will focus efforts in the coming weeks on reviewing the proposed schemes, including scope and costs, in order to provide feedback to refine the final programme. There may be opportunities to receive local Member input to ensure the programme is fit for purpose in Ryedale.

Members made the following comments:

- When can the draft 2019/20 Capital Programme be shared with County Councillors. Peter Garnham was willing to send this information following the meeting however he would have to check that this is appropriate at the current time. Members considered it may be beneficial to meet at the Area 4 Highways Office to discuss their views.
- Google map information may be able to help to identify where work is being carried out.
- How many Category 1 footways received gritting treatments this season. Peter Garnham agreed to send this information following the meeting.
- Local Members could use their local knowledge regarding drainage which may help alleviate some pot holes problems. A Member observed the importance of joint working with the District Council. Peter Garnham observed the lack of sweeping on the highways resulting in the gullies being overloaded leading to flooding. A Member observed Ryedale District Council's 33 day programme for road sweeping. Members discussed whether this commissioned service to the District Council should be monitored and whether it needed to be taken back by the County Council.

Sharon Fox (Area Highways 4 Office) introduced the report to highlight the following:-

- The report included summaries of a selection of programmes that the County Council's Road Safety Team and the wider 95 Alive York & North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership are delivering to address key issues.
- The summary of fatalities, seriously injured and collisions during 2016 included:
 - The number of people killed in road collisions reduced from 31 in 2015 to 28 in 2016 which is the lowest number since modern records began in North Yorkshire in 1990.
 - The number of seriously injured increased by 1% from 399 in 2015 to 403 in 2016 which is slightly lower than the baseline average.
 - The total number of casualties in road collisions reported to the police was 2,250 in 2016 which is down 3% from 2015.
 - The total number of slight casualties is slightly lower than the 5 year baseline average of 2,307.

- One child (aged 15 or under) was killed in a road collision in 2016 in North Yorkshire. There had been no child fatalities in the county previously since 2012.
 - Children killed or seriously injured decreased by 50 per cent from 20 in 2015 to 10 in 2016.
 - The overall total reported child casualties (ages 0-15) decreased by 30 per cent to 128 from 182 in 2015. 2016 has been the lowest year for children killed, seriously injured or slightly injured since modern records began in 1990.
 - The number of car occupant fatalities increased from 10 in 2015 to 14 in 2016, up 40%. The number of seriously injured car occupants in collisions report to the police decreased by 8% to 168 and the total reported casualties were 1,486, 2% higher than in 2015.
 - Four pedestrian deaths in 2016 compared to 3 in 2015. 28 seriously injured pedestrians, down 20%. A total of 161 reported pedestrian casualties in 2016, down 6% from 2015.
 - The number of pedal cyclists killed decreased from 4 in 2015 to 1 in 2016. Seriously injured cyclists in road traffic collisions increased from 53 to 59. 290 cyclists were slightly injured.
 - Motorcycle riders killed reduced from 12 in 2015 to 8 in 2016. Seriously injured increased by 25% to 127 in 2016. The total reported motorcycle casualties increased by 1 to 268 in 2016.
 - P2W rider and pillion casualties represent 12% of all reported road traffic casualties in York and North Yorkshire, 30% of all killed or seriously injured road casualties and 24% of all fatalities in 2016.
 - The greatest number of collisions occurred on non-built up roads (speed limits over 40 mph). A total of 945 collision in 2016 which is 2% less than in 2015. These collisions resulted in 1,469 casualties, 22 of which were fatalities and 296 were seriously injured.
 - The greatest number of collisions occurred on built up roads (roads with speed limit under 40 mph) saw a 4% reduction from 816 in 2015 to 781 in 2016. The number of people killed on these roads fell from 7 in 2015 to 6 in 2016. The number of seriously injured casualties reduced by 3% from 110 in 2015 to 107 in 2016.
 - Highways England roads – An increase in fatalities and decrease for seriously injured and slight injuries. In total 181 collisions on Highways England roads were reported to the police in 2016, 1 13% decrease from 2015.
 - A class roads. The number of reported collisions has increased for fatal collisions and slight injury collisions. In total 803 collisions on A roads were reported to the police in 2016, 17 more than in 2015.
 - On average 13% of fatal collisions in York and North Yorkshire involved alcohol.
- For the Ryedale area in 2016 there were 8 fatal casualties, an increase of 37.9%; 40 serious casualties, a decrease of 19.4%; slight casualties 264, an increase of 53.5%. There was a total increase of 312 casualties, an increase of 37.2%. KSI decreased to 48, a decrease of 13.4%; child KSI increased to 3, an increase of 114.3%.
 - The work undertaken to provide education and community engagement about road safety; to promote and support the incorporation of road user education within core curriculum subjects and provide lesson plans and teacher support to enable schools to provide this to their pupils. The adoption of road user learning outcomes will ensure that every child learns what they need to know to use the roads safely at each stage of education.
 - North Yorkshire County Council and the 95 Alive York and North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership key priorities include:

- Road User Education, training and publicity (Engagement)
- Young Drivers – Enhanced pass plus, Drive alive, New Driver Discussion groups, learn & Live
- Older drivers – Keep Driving Safely Assessments
- Motorcyclists – Engagement activities, social media messages, Bikesafe training,
- Cyclists - Engagement activities, social media messages
- Those who drive for work – Occupational Road Risk, Eco Driving
- Drink/Drug Driving – Engagement events, publicity, social media messages
- Bikeability – Level 1, 2 and 3 cycle training for children ages 9 to 14 years.
- Children – Junior RSO, Crucial Crew, Travel to school, Be safe, be seen,
- Enforcement - Data led, targeted enforcement of high risk routes, patrols and Safety Camera Vans
- Engineering - Monitoring and investigation of potential improvement measures on high risk routes

Members made the following comments:

- Was there a need to engage with doctors surgeries in regard to medical issues for Older drivers.
- Expressed concern about the increase in the casualty figures in Ryedale. Sharon Fox said that Crash Map UK held information for the Ryedale area and Members could search for one year or 10 years.
- Observed that the information was too late for the 2017 fatalities at Crambeck. Sharon Fox went through the Cluster site information on page 106 of the papers.
- The bottom line was better education and prevention.
- Elderly drivers were fighting for their independence and could have a bus option if there were better services in place for them to use.
- The level of hot spots and their worth. Sharon Fox explained that Police were able to target and it gave local intelligence. Hot spots were based on collisions. She explained the SMP process for high/low priority and agreed to send this information to the Committee.
- A Member observed potential problems with the Ryecat service.

The Chairman agreed to contact Members and arrange a future local meeting at the Area 4 Highways Office to discuss hot spots in the Ryedale area.

A Member thanked North Yorkshire County Council's Integrated Passenger Transport and local bus company for their work re-arranging school buses and putting in place temporary contracts.

The Chairman thanked Peter Garnham and Sharon Fox for attending and presenting the report.

Resolved -

- (a) That the report be noted.
- (b) That Members' comments on the proposals, as set out in the preamble to this Minute, be taken into consideration.

48. Stronger Communities Progress Report

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Director - Policy and Partnerships updating on the work of the Stronger Communities Programme.

Sarah Robinson, Stronger Communities Delivery Manager for Ryedale introduced the report to highlight the following:-

- Community Library programme; the Stronger Communities Delivery Manager continues to support community libraries in Ryedale to develop services and consolidate previous progress.
- Stronger Communities Projects: Three Inspire grants have been awarded in Ryedale to Welburn Village Hall, Musical Memories Outreach and Thornton Le Dale Indoor Bowls Club.
- Achieve - a number of projects are currently being developed with a range of voluntary and community sector groups across the area. Some require a period of development and assistance prior to submission of a formal application for funding. They cover areas such as:
 - A mental health support provider network.
 - A development project considering the RVS building in Pickering.
 - A digital skills project with Age UK.
 - Provision of Disability information, advice and guidance in Ryedale.
- County wide strategic projects:
 - Supported Volunteering Development.
 - Review of Wellbeing and prevention Contracts.
 - Men's Sheds Conference.

Sarah Robinson responded to a question regarding how grant allocations are made, advising that Stronger Community projects have to be in-line with the following priorities:

- Universal service provision for children and young people
- Libraries
- Community transport
- Health and Adult Services – Prevention Agenda

Sarah Robinson advised of the simple on-line process for any applications for Stronger Community Inspire funding and if a person was unable to use the on-line function she would be able to help with the process.

Following debate by the Committee regarding a Members Locality Budget, Sarah Robinson said this could be used for initiatives that the Stronger Communities funding is unable to help and in some cases for complimentary funding alongside any Stronger Communities projects. Sarah Robinson said that she was happy to advise Members on whether their Locality funding applications would be more appropriately funded under Stronger Communities, to ensure that both budgets were used most effectively and did not overlap.

The Chairman thanked Sarah Robinson for her report to Committee.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

49. Appointments to Outside Bodies

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) inviting the Area Committee to make appointments, on behalf of the County Council, to various outside bodies.

Resolved -

That the following appointments be made:-

Outside Body	No of seats	Appointed
Amotherby Educational Foundation	1	Mrs H Woodall
Christopher Wharton Educational Foundation	1	County Councillor Caroline Goodrick
Lady Lumley's Educational Foundation (Pickering)	1	County Councillor Greg White
Old Meeting House Trust, Helmsley	1	Councillor Steve Arnold
Oswaldkirk and Ampleforth Education Foundation	1	County Councillor Caroline Goodrick
Poad's Educational Foundation (Newton upon Rawcliffe)	1	To be confirmed by County Councillor White
Rev James Graves' Foundation at Thorpe Bassett	1	Mrs V Grice

50. Venues and Dates of next Meetings

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) providing the Committee with information relating to meeting dates for 2018/19 and to ask for agreement on the suggested venue for the July 2018 meeting.

The Clerk informed the Committee that these dates may change due to the proposed changes to Area Committees'.

The Committee gave the Chairman and Clerk designated authority, following the meeting, to book a venue for the 4 July 2018 Committee meeting.

Resolved -

- (a) That the meeting dates be noted.
- (b) That the Chairman and Clerk have designated authority to book a venue for the 4 July 2018 meeting.

51. Programme of Work for Future Meetings

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) advising of the present Work Programme for the Area Committee and inviting Members to consider any amendments and/or additional items for future meetings.

Resolved -

That the Work Programme be noted.

The meeting concluded at 1:46 p.m.

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