

Minutes of MVCF Meeting, Thursday January 8th 2015,
Council Chamber, MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking

Present: Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Rod Shaw (RS) [MVDC], Peter Silburn (PS) [Horsham/Dorking], PS Bert Dean (BD) [Surrey Police], Andy Tanner (AT) [Transition Dorking], Lucy O'Connell (LO) [MVDC], Mike Ward (MW) [Leatherhead], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham/Effingham], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary]
Apologies: Peter Mayor [Leatherhead], Colin Brewer (CB) [Treasurer], Paul Tunnel [British Cycling]

1. Previous Minutes and Outstanding Actions not covered elsewhere

The issue raised by Eric Palmer at the last meeting with regard to vegetation near Givons Grove has been passed to Hannah Gutteridge (SCC – RoW). RS could not recall any problems when he walked this route on New Year's Eve.

2. Matters Arising

Police Issues; Road Casualties and Cycling Safety Report

Results from November to early January are as follows:

MON	05-JAN-2015 13:11:58	A25 Dorking	
83yr old female came off pedal cycle hit head on handlebar. No other vehicles involved.			
SUN	04-JAN-2015 13:52:42	Folly Lane South Holmwood	
25yr old male from London came off cycle. Refused treatment, minor facial injuries. No other vehicles involved			
WED	31-DEC-2014 07:56:20	Pleasure Pit Rd Ashtead	
Cyclist fell off bicycle owing to the ice, slight injury.			
SUN	28-DEC-2014 14:59:39	Givon's Grove RA	
34yr male cyclist knocked off bicycle. Vehicle did not stop, ambulance refused.			
FRI	19-DEC-2014 21:59:52	Guildford Road Fetcham	
17yr old male cyclist knocked from bicycle from behind. Minor injuries, cyclist refused ambulance.			
SAT	14-NOV-2014 07:00	A246 Bookham	
Male cyclist hit by car, no injury reported.			
TUE	25-NOV-2014 14:07:24	Barnett Wood Lane Ashtead	
35yr old male knocked off bike by car. Sore ankle			
SAT	29-NOV-2014 19:15:53	Bookham	
Male cyclist rode into back of a car. Very apologetic, another cyclist came along and was abusive towards the female car driver accusing her of the incident.			
SUN	30-NOV-2014 12:22:55	Deepdene Ave Dorking	
Male cyclist hit by car, graze to knee.			

BD reported that the latest news on the cyclist fatality last November on the A24 is that the case has gone to the CPS as it was a hit and run incident. Regarding the fatal accident in Lower Road Bookham earlier last year - this case will be going to Crown Court in due course.

The police are continuing to gather details of significant cycling events and it is hoped that SCC will be setting up an events calendar soon, although ultimately all of this is currently dependent upon the information being volunteered.

RB to find out who to write to in support of changing legislation to ensure that significant cycle events are formally registered.

AT noted that a representative from Ride London will be giving a talk to the Dorking Rotary Club on the benefits of this cycling event to the local community.

3. Surrey Cycling Strategy – Mole Valley Local Cycling Plan

RT attended the planning meeting for the Infrastructure Workshop in late November (as did RS and LO).

Whilst the meeting was very positive, the discussion was rather wide-ranging, and infrastructure can be seen to encompass maintenance, monitoring, parking, route improvements, as well as new routes both on and off-road, through to cycle "hubs" (parking/toilets/showers).

LO reported that County are still developing the plan which hopefully they will get to see next week. It is likely there will be one or more events, ideally in March. At the meeting it was clear that Dave Sharpington (SCC) had included the MVCF Infrastructure list (see <http://mvcf.org.uk/papers/CyclePriorities.pdf>). However, being over 2 years old this list is now well out of date. Roger distributed his suggested proforma that could be used to capture the cycling infrastructure that we could put forward. The proforma is available at <http://tiny.cc/mvvcf-cip> (the target link will change if the MVCF website moves). **ALL** to forward proposals on this form to RT by 6th Feb. RT will consolidate these and following a review at the next informal meeting, we will pass them on to LO and Dave Sharpington.

There followed a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of permitting cycling on Town Paths, and later a similar discussion on cycling in Leatherhead High Street.

RS noted that whilst there may be significant plans being mooted for Leatherhead it is worth commenting on current needs for cycle infrastructure should the plans not come to pass, whilst at the same time keeping an eye to the future.

4. Route Development Update

Leatherhead/Ashted area:

Leatherhead-Ashted Cycle Path

PS sent his report to Anita Guy and John Lawlor, but as yet has received no response, so he will be following this up. He did hear from Becky Willson who noted that a number of the issues had been taken up in the safety audit.

Our report is now available at http://mvcf.org.uk/papers/MVCF_Leatherhead-Ashted_cycle_route_FINAL.pdf

PS to copy the report to Dave Sharpington and also to see if he can get a copy of the safety audit.

Bookham/Effingham area – Safe Routes to Schools (Howard of Effingham)

Outline planning application has been submitted for new school buildings, with housing on the old site, details at:

http://www2.guildford.gov.uk/publicaccess/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal= GUILD_DCAPR_156_829 There are also plans for further housing at another site nearby. Both have generated a lot of interest. Whilst all of these are just across the border from Mole Valley, the impact will be significant impact and JD recommends that

MVCF registers an interest with respect to the transport implications. **RB/JD** to follow up. **RB** to contact Clare Curran about setting up a meeting to discuss the cycling issues.

Dorking area:

Dorking Southbound

Sec's note: Having ridden the route on 9/1/2015, the only section of signed cycle path runs from South Holmwood part way to Beare Green. **RB/RT** will endeavour to make further enquiries regarding plans to progress this.

Dorking centre – Brockham link

RT has received a reply from Peter Schimadry regarding the issues at the Tescos entrance – something will be done. Regarding extending the Brockham link to the Town Centre – this could form one of our infrastructure proposals.

5. Other Matters

Cycle Path Signage Audit

RT reported that the Dorking audit was now complete.

MVCF Website

We may be looking to move this to free hosting by SurreyCommunities – we would retain the domain name (mvcf.org.uk). **RT** to discuss with **CB**.

6. AOB

RT noted that Dorking Museum is currently running an exhibition entitled “Dorking - The Cycling Capital of England”

7. Next Meetings

The next formal meeting is on **Thurs 12th March at 7.00pm** at Park House, Randalls Road, Leatherhead (this is close to Leatherhead railway station – a map will be sent out with the agenda).

The next informal meeting is on **Thurs 12th February at 7.30pm** in The Edmund Tynney, Leatherhead, at which we will review the Cycling Infrastructure proposals before submitting them to the Infrastructure Consultation.