

**Minutes of MVCF Meeting/AGM, Thursday September 17th 2015,
Committee Room 1, MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking**

Present: Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Rod Shaw [MVDC], Chris Law (CL) [Surrey Police], John Cohen (JC) [Dorking], Mike Ward (MW) [Leatherhead], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham/Effingham], Colin Brewer (CB) [Treasurer], Eric Palmer (EP) [Leatherhead], Paul Tunnel (PT) [British Racing, Addiscombe CC], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary]

1. Apologies

Rob Fairbanks (RF) [Surrey Hills AONB], David Preedy (DP) [Surrey Cycling Board], Peter Silburn [Horsham/Dorking], Cllr Corinna Osborne-Patterson, Peter Mayor [Leatherhead], Andy Tanner [Transition Dorking], Cllr Caroline Salmon,

2. Matters Arising, Outstanding Actions not covered elsewhere

Regarding the road surface issues near Tyrell's Wood, EP has spoken with Tim Hall about the response he received from Highways. RT has attempted to follow up *DP's offer to raise the matter with Cty Cllr Hazel Watson.*

3. Police Issues; Road Casualties

Cycling incidents logged 10/05/2015 – 16/09/2015 are listed below:

10/05/2015 P15119150 RUSPER ROAD, NEWDIGATE	Cycling in small group of cyclists when a ball came out into the road from adjacent garage causing rider to swerve and fall off. Very minor injury. Reported at police station ARB completed.
16/05/2015 P15125334 OLD REIGATE ROAD, BETCHWORTH	Car driver waiting stationary to turn, cyclist in group travelling up the road behind failed to stop and collided with the rear of the vehicle. No injury to cyclist, minor damage to vehicle paid for by cyclist at time of incident.
04/06/2015 P15142940 COLES LANE, OCKLEY	Two cyclists collided whilst riding, minor injuries to both – No other vehicle involved. ARB completed by attending officers
28/06/2015 P15166541 MILL WAY, HEADLEY	Cyclist lost control and crashed into fence, no other party involved. Minor injury to cyclist. ARB completed by attending officers.
02/08/2015 P15201162 ABINGER ROAD, LEITH HILL, DORKING	Cyclist suffered fatal heart attack whilst participating in Ride London event.
02/08/2015 P15201270 HEADLEY COMMON ROAD, HEADLEY	Solo cyclist lost control of bike minor injury only. ARB completed by attending officers
29/08/2015 P15226087 HORSHAM ROAD, WALLIS WOOD	Two cyclist have collided, minor injury to both. No other vehicles involved. ARB completed by attending officers
30/08/2015 P15226980 CHAPEL LANE, BOOKHAM	Two cyclist have collided, minor injury to both. No other vehicles involved. ARB completed by attending officers

EP raised a number of issues that he had had in recent times and the difficulty he had getting them taken seriously. CL clarified the position from the police point of view.

JC noted that the Speed Awareness course doesn't cover sharing road space with other highways users. **CL to take this to DriveSMART.**

CL also reported that DriveSMART (drivesmartsurrey.org.uk) is due to be relaunched in an attempt to change all road users perceptions.

PT circulated British Racing's RaceSmart template (more at britishcycling.org.uk/racesmart).

RB noted that cycling litter on Box Hill is exacerbating the concerns of the residents.

4. Cycling Issues: Road Racing/Sportives/Off-Road

PT reported that all events controlled by British Racing were strictly controlled, police approved / aware, and SCC formally notified. PT also noted that talks with Surrey Police are at an advanced stage whereby accredited marshals will have "lollipop" signs which will be able to legally stop traffic.

5. Surrey Cycling Strategy – Mole Valley Local Cycling Plan

Mole Valley Cycle Event

Becky Willson (SCC Cycling Officer) reported by email that they will not attending the "Bark in Park" event and are giving some more thought as to what they can do in Dorking. In the meantime they are mapping all the comments from the Leatherhead engagement to take this to councillors.

Lucy O'Connell (MVDC) reported the following via email:

- an Active Travel Officer has been appointed in Mole Valley and there is funding to work with local schools for the this academic year. They will be working with 5 schools (in the process of being signed up) to promote sustainable transport to and from schools and as part of an active lifestyle.

- SCC are working on the infrastructure information from the Leatherhead event and are hoping to share this with MVDC and SCC lead members in Early October. They are still looking at how to run a similar event in Dorking.
- Together with Surrey Police an invitation-only engagement event is being held on 15th October. This will be focusing on the issues of all road users and the impact given the increase of road cyclists. The plan is to have presentations from 3 groups: communities, cyclists and horse riders and provide them with the opportunity to highlight their concerns and issues, to be followed by a chaired debate / discussion. **RB will be attending on behalf of MVCF.**
- A full update on the action plan will be taken through the MV Executive and SCC Local Committee in early December.

Lucy also indicated that both she and Cllr Osborne-Patterson, the Executive Member for Rural Economies and Cycling, would be happy to attend a future meeting to provide a fuller update. Likewise, she felt that Keith Reed, the Active Travel Officer would be willing to attend a meeting and talk to the members of the forum about his role.

JC outlined the "Streetlife" discussion on "Cars, cycles and improving safety for all" had initiated. Resulting from this a working party has been formed and an initial brainstorming has resulted in a number of possible areas to consider. RB asked for JC to continue attending the Forum and perhaps to discuss certain topics in more detail at the next informal meeting.

JD asked whether previous MVCF minutes could be made available, perhaps annotated by theme. **RT to investigate.**

6. Route Development Updates

Nothing to report unless mentioned here.

Leatherhead-Ashted Cycle Path

MW noted that take up (particularly older people and children) was slowly increasing.

Safe Routes to Schools (Howard of Effingham)

RB suggested a site visit to involve Becky Willson and Cllr Clare Curran.

Dorking Centre – Meadowbank links

The football ground redevelopment plans include scope for the inclusion of possible improved cycle routes in the future; however, these are not designed or funded as part of this scheme.

7. Other Matters

Coast to Capital:

Transform Leatherhead

RB and MW had responded to the consultation. RS noted that the draft report from the transport consultants should be available shortly. These proposals will then go out to further consultation.

Dorking Transport Package

Deepdene Station: the improvements to widen and extend the cycle path between Deepdene Station and Dorking Station are going ahead.

Dorking Hub: Following site meetings to clarify a number of misconceptions, RB reported that a revised report had gone to the DfT this week, and now appear to be moving ahead.

8. MVCF Communications (Website etc.)

RB has issued a couple of tweets to date.

9. Financial Statement and Approval of Accounts

CB presented the accounts which were then approved. The current balance is £52.16.

10. Voting in of Officers / appointment of committee:

The current officers were unanimously voted in to continue for another year: Chairman - Ron Billard, Treasurer - Colin Brewer, Secretary - Roger Troughton. Proposer: JD, seconder: PT.

11. AOB

Unfortunately time did not permit for any discussion here.

12. Next Meetings

The next formal meeting is on **Thurs 12th November at 7.00pm** in the Council Chamber, MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking. The next informal meeting will be held on **Thurs 22nd October at 7.30pm** in The Stepping Stones, Westhumble.