

Committee Meeting 21 November 2024 on Teams Notes of Meeting

Present: Meg Andrews (Chair), Mark Beswick, David Keighley, Neville Andrews, Sandi Kinkead, Sharon Kaye, Tim Scarrott.

Apologies: David Leigh

1	Minutes of 24 October meeting	Agreed.	
2	Matters arising	Mark would check on site to see if the C & RT had cut back the laurel hedge adjacent to the Campanile Hotel on the canal near Denby Dale Road. Sandi reported that it is not likely that the Forum will have further involvement with the Langley Trust	Mark
3	Rides Programme	The Pontefract Park Easy ride had been averaging 7 participants so there should be no doubt about it continuing. However, this will be further considered by Tim. All rides scheduled for the remainder of the year should take place subject to weather. The Eastmoor Easy ride will happen for the last time on 14 December. The rides from Hemsworth Country Park in Fitzwilliam will start in March along with all other easy rides. David L will take over the Castleford Mill Easy in 2025. Sharon reported that David L had compiled statistics for quarters one and two for 2024 and that she was currently working on the two subsequent quarters. Lou had been provided with all the monthly WoW statistics up until November. The 2025 Rides Leaflet can go to print once all Ride Leaders confirm that they are willing to continue with their rides or swap to a different ride.	Tim Sharon Tim Neville
4	Treasurers Report	The current balance stands at £71918.19. Since the last meeting there has been expenditure of £105.45.	David L
5	Workdays and equipment	Andy wished arrangements to continue as they are to maintain flexibility and cope with short notice events. There have been 13 workdays in 2024. Recently Open Country have been assisting on workdays as has Forum member Geoff Banks. Top trek is to be obtained from WMDC to assist with repairs on the TPT. The defective barrow has now been repaired.	Andy
6	Current infrastructure issues	The revised list is attached to these minutes. The WMDC response is disappointing to say the least. Mark will make efforts to get issues 11, 13 and 15 progressed.	Mark

7	Christmas/ Winter Meal	<p>This is to be held at the Dimple Well Hotel Ossett on Thursday 23 January. Mark will take the bookings/pay in any cheques etc. Sandi will liaise with Dimple Well. The booking form will be available on the Forum website.</p> <p>Sharon stated that she was organizing a drinks evening at the Galway Girl in Ropergate in Pontefract on 20 December for Forum members.</p>	<p>Mark Sandi</p> <p>Sharon</p>
8	Eastmoor Ride	<p>This will be discontinued after the ride on 14 December. The loan bikes will be transferred to Fitzwilliam. Radios will also be required at Fitzwilliam.</p>	<p>Neville Tim</p>
9	2025 Service Level Agreement	<p>This is to be £5904.20. We will be funded for 20 rides at either Fitzwilliam or Rycroft plus 12 monthly WoW rides and participation in a big ride event in the summer.</p>	<p>Meg</p>
10	Wakefield Cycle Steering Group Meeting 16 October	<p>Newland Country Park, Normanton – David K has not yet met with Councillor Aybi but has submitted some suggested bike routes from this new country park. Sarah Wood of Yorkshire Sport Foundation has asked if we have any plans to run rides from Featherstone. We have no such plans currently but David K will draw up some suggestions for rides from Featherstone</p>	<p>David K</p>
10	Any other business	<p><u>Volunteer Day, Pontefract 6 December:</u> The Forum will attend this event. Three people have already contacted the Forum about volunteering with us. They will be invited to come on a Forum ride.</p> <p><u>Mailchimp Account:</u> This needs to be transferred to Sharon.</p> <p><u>West Yorkshire Combined Authority presentations:</u> There have recently been two such presentations in Wakefield and Pontefract. At the first WYCA set out Phase 3 of the Walking and Cycling strategy in relation to Wakefield District which involves gathering of data rather than specific plans. Utility trips will be prioritised although leisure trips will also be considered. The Pontefract session focussed on specific plans for a cycle route adjacent to Park Road from Pontefract to Glasshoughton. Work will start in 2027 with a budget of £12million.</p> <p><u>Video of a WoW ride:</u> Mr Gary Miller had recorded a filmed record of his trip on the WoW route. It is suggested that he be paid to provide a similar video for one of our easy rides as a promotional tool for the Forum</p>	<p>Meg Neville</p> <p>Neville</p> <p>All</p> <p>Neville</p>
11	Next meeting	<p>19:00 Thursday 30 January on Teams</p>	<p>All</p>