

Committee Meeting

31 July 2025 at Thornes Park Stadium

Notes of Meeting

Present: Meg Andrews (Chair), Mark Beswick, David Keighley, Neville Andrews, Sharon Kaye, Andy Beecroft, David Leigh, Sandi Kinhead

Apologies: Tim Scarrott

1	Minutes of 19 June meeting	Agreed	
2	Matters arising	<p>A meeting will be held in the next few days with Tillie Davies to discuss the Women of Wakefield WoW ride in September.</p> <p>As far as CRM is concerned an email had been received from Lucy Field covering most of the issues the Forum raised</p>	
3	Rides programme/ Ride Statistics	<p>No current issues with the rides other than the need again to contact Virginia Moulton regarding overgrowth on the path from Agbrigg to Oakenshaw Lane.</p> <p>Sharon had produced ride statistics for the period April-June. These are attached</p>	Sandi
4	Treasurers Report	<p>The current balance stands at £75324.56.</p> <p>Our Annual Membership of Cycling UK (which provides insurance cover for rides) is now due. This will be £88.</p>	David L
5	Workdays and equipment	<p>Andy reported that there had been 13 workdays since the last AGM in July 2024. A further work day was planned for August. This will be posted on Facebook.</p> <p>Andy further advised the he had declined the TpT grant as he had sufficient material to continue the current work.</p>	Andy
6	Bags for riders who borrow Forum bikes	Sandi showed the meeting the suitable bags which she had purchased. Two of these will be distributed at each location from which Forum bikes can be borrowed.	Sandi
7	Thornes Park bikes	<p>Currently Cycle North use the Forum bikes here on the understanding that they maintain them. There are some issues with this arrangement but it was agreed that it would be continued. There is a need to rationalize the stock of bikes here and possibly dispose of a number. A maintenance session will be arranged to assess the bike stock here and consider purchasing some new bikes.</p> <p>The bikes intended for Fitzwilliam ride are currently stored here.</p>	Neville David K Andy

8	Agbrigg bikes	The Forum loan bikes here are the most intensively used of all locations and most probably need to be replaced. An assessment will be made and additional bikes purchased if necessary. Some bikes could be transferred to Thornes Park.	Neville Andy David K
9	WYCA Talking Transport 21 July	This event was held in Castleford. Two Forum members attended. The main focus was on buses and trains. WMDC announced there were £20 million worth of road schemes proceeding this year including cycling. Park Road, Pontefract and the Fryston Colliery village rail bridge were to proceed	
10	WMDC Cycle Wakefield meeting 22 July	Martin Barnes attended and provided answers to a number of questions. A working party will be established to look at reinstating the missing link Thornes Wharf to Denby Dale Road. There are 11 cycle schemes to proceed in 2025/6 and a sum of £326,000 had been allocated to public rights of way work. Among the schemes in the current year are Grandstand Way, Ackworth-Fitzwilliam, Three Lane Ends Castleford, Neil Fox Way and an Ackworth Link. A response to our CRM queries will be provided. The Forum will be consulted on schemes e.g. Doncaster Road (A638)	Meg Mark David K
11	WMDC First Aid Courses	A number of Forum members have attended these and feedback is very positive. Ride Leaders and Back Markers to be encouraged to attend.	All
12	Any other business	<u>HS2</u> : The DpT has advised that the route through Wakefield District is no longer protected. <u>Tombola at Holiday Wednesdays</u> : The National Trust is further consulting on whether this can continue until 27 August. It is unlikely to be permitted beyond that date.	All
13	Date/Time/Venue/ Medium of next meeting	1030 on Thursday 18 September at the Brig, Altofts	All