

Committee Meeting

18 September 2025 at The Brig, Altofts

Notes of Meeting

Present: Meg Andrews (Chair), Mark Beswick, David Keighley, Neville Andrews, Andy Beecroft

Apologies: Tim Scarrott, Sandi Kinkead, Sharon Kaye, David Leigh

1	Minutes of 19 July meeting	Agreed	
2	Matters arising	National Trust staff had required the Forum to permanently cease running a tombola after the 6 August Holiday Wednesday. No work has yet started on the Dando Way upgrade. The promised dropped kerb in Montague Street, Agbrigg had not yet been installed All the bikes at Thornes and Agbrigg had been checked and repaired where necessary. Two bikes had been disposed of via Malcolm and three reallocated.	
3	Rides programme/ Ride Statistics	The last Castleford Easy ride had to be cancelled. The Thornes Steady ride may have to be rearranged. There are a number of issues regarding the Rycroft ride and a meeting has been held with Lou, Tilly and Hannah Bulmer of the Rycroft Leisure Centre. British Triathlon have withdrawn from their arrangement with Rycroft. Harry Wood of the Great Outdoors is running activities for children. Any activities for children here seem very popular whereas activities for adults, such as Forum rides, attract very little interest. There is a suggestion that the Forum offer a monthly bike doctor session. The Forum needs to decide the way forward in view of the loss of income from WMDC should the Rycroft ride cease.	Neville Meg Tim
4	Treasurers Report	The current balance stands at £75,321.65. Since the start of the financial year (6 April) income has been £516.85 and expenditure £1497.32	David L
5	Workdays	Andy advised that he would organize some workdays shortly including leaf clearing plus WoW and Wheel signs Some Wakefield Wheel signs had recently been renewed	Andy
6	Safeguarding Policy Review	This needs to be discussed at the next meeting. The current policy will be recirculated to Ride Leaders and	Cherry Meg

		Committee members. Cherry will be asked to review the current policy.	
7	Women of Wakefield WoW 7 September	This was a great success with 14 female and 11 male participants, five of the ladies being new to the Forum. It should definitely be repeated. A website could be created with details of each of the “wonders” included.	Tim
8	WoW link to Sandal Castle	The Pugneys flood defence has been resurfaced and it should now be possible to add a loop via Sandal Castle using the path up from Milnthorpe Lane. This should be included on the new map we are required to produce either as a permanent or optional route on the WoW.	David K Neville Meg
9	CRM	See attached table.	
10	Citizen Coin	This scheme to reward volunteers is being expanded. At present the Forum allocates one coin for attending a committee meeting and one for being a ride leader. It is intended to expand this to two coins for volunteers and one coin for ride participants. The ride signing in form will be amended to take account of this. This issue will be raised at the forthcoming Ride Leaders meeting. Currently Citizen Coins can be redeemed for food/drink items at Anglers, Aspire and Pugneys cafes, Aspire Leisure and Cycle Technology give 10% off purchases. Whether the scheme covers the cafes at Hemsworth Water Park (Fitzwilliam) and Rycroft is to be investigated.	All
11	Any other business	<u>Snow Hill Event:</u> Meg and Neville attended this event which was a great success. It was run by TP Consultants who are tasked with allocating the funds generated from developers in the Wakefield District through section 106 and CIL. Halfords provided a bike mechanic for the session. There is potential for funding for the Forum’s aspirations in terms of cycle infrastructure. <u>Cycle Hub at Pugneys:</u> Work on this has now started. <u>2026 programme:</u> It was suggested that the current programme had some clashes of rides at weekends. To progress. <u>Serious cycle accident at Syke Lane Bridge on the Barnsley Canal:</u> A wider investigation is now under way. <u>WoW map and signage:</u> Need to contact WMDC re their expectations and responsibilities.	All
12	Date/Time/Venue/ Medium of next meeting	1030 on Thursday 16 October at the Brig, Altofts. This will be face to face but also on Teams or Zoom or WhatsApp for those who cannot attend in person.	All