

Committee Meeting

16 October 2025 at The Brig, Altofts

Notes of Meeting

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

Apologies: Tim Scarrott, Sharon Kaye

1	Minutes of 16 September meeting	Agreed	
2	Matters arising	No substantive work has yet started on the Dando Way upgrade. The promised dropped kerb in Montague Street, Agbrigg had not yet been installed The Safeguarding Officer felt that there was no specific need to revise the Forum's Safeguarding Policy. However, at a forthcoming Ride Leaders Meeting Safeguarding Training should be offered to all Ride Leaders and back markers. If anyone would like training, the Safeguarding Officer will make enquiries regarding access and costs. The Cycle Hub at Pugneys is progressing and it will open in December. It will be run by Js Cycles and will cater for walkers as well as cyclists. It will have a fully equipped workshop and a meeting room for hire. Bikes can be hired including e bikes. Some customers will be allowed free car parking at Pugneys. Js Cycles are also likely to take over the running of the café. The Forum needs to be involved with the project and consider reviving a ride programme from Pugneys. Following the Snow Hill event TP Consultants have made a £150 donation to the Forum in gratitude for our attendance at their event in September. CRM: Two further sites have been suggested by David Keighley. These will be actioned.	Tim Cherry All David L Mark
3	Rides programme/ Ride Statistics	A number of rides on 4 and 5 October had to be cancelled due to adverse weather There are a number of challenges regarding the Rycroft ride and current thinking is that we should discontinue the ride. The ride attracts very few local participants. This will lose the Forum £971 from future SLAs	Neville Tim

4	Treasurers Report	The current balance stands at £75,587.55. Since the start of the financial year (6 April) income has been £782.75 and expenditure £1497.32	David L
5	Workdays	Andy advised that he would now be able to organize some workdays, including leaf clearing, as he had Forum members who attended on a regular basis. The basic pattern will be every other Tuesday.	Andy
6	WoW link to Sandal Castle	The locations for posts to carry WoW signs have been agreed and once WMDC have installed them the Forum will arrange the appropriate signage. This new loop will become a permanent part of the WoW, and will be included in the new WoW map which we are obliged to produce. However, there is likely to be a further alteration to the route when the new cycle path from Hare Park Lane to Forb Road in Bedford Farm, New Crofton is constructed.	David K Andy
7	Christmas/ Winter meal	This will be held in late January and will be at a venue in the Castleford/Pontefract area. Lisa will be asked to suggest possible venues. Enquiries are also to be made of The Brig in Altofts. Sharon and Lisa are also again organizing drinks at a bar in Pontefract in December and details will be provided shortly.	Lisa All
8	The future of Rycroft and Fitzwilliam rides.	As stated above, the Forum generally agrees that the Rycroft ride should be discontinued. The Fitzwilliam ride will continue in 2026.	Meg Neville Tim
9	Any other business	<u>Graham West:</u> Graham is keen to be involved with the Forum again. A meeting has been requested to facilitate this. A suggested date for this is 20 November. <u>Citizen Coin:</u> It is now suggested that volunteers from the Forum can now earn two Citizen Coins and ride participants one Citizen Coin. The ride attendance sheet will be revised to reflect this. This subject will be raised at the next Ride Leaders Meeting. <u>Ride Etiquette:</u> Concern has been expressed by a number of Ride Leaders and Back Markers regarding the tendency of a small number of ride participants to ride in front of the leader or choose alternative routes to the group. It was agreed that our requirements in this regard be formalized. The need to stay within the group and to follow the route chosen by the leader will be spelt out by the Ride Leader before the ride commences. <u>2026 Service Level Agreement:</u> Meg and Neville have a meeting with Lou and Tilly of WMDC on 20 October. In view of the likely demise of the Rycroft ride it was suggested that WMDC be asked to financially support the	All Tim Meg

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		Forum's work to maintain the WoW and Wakefield Wheel signage. <u>Publicity for rides:</u> It was felt that this could be improved, especially for rides in Castleford and Pontefract. Lisa did an excellent job and it was suggested that possibly she assume responsibility for these and that this be discussed with Tim. <u>Wakefield Wellbeing Ladies Only ride from Thornes Park:</u> This is to be investigated. <u>The late Thomas Goodwin:</u> It was suggested that another attempt be made to progress an alternative route from the concrete road to Anglers (avoiding the ploughed-up field). This involves using Mr Goodwin's land. <u>Ride Leaders meeting:</u> One is needed relatively soon.	Lisa Sandi Mark Tim
10	Date/Time/ Venue/ Medium of next meeting	1030 on Thursday 20 November 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

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