

Committee Meeting

20 November 2025 at The Brig, Altofts

Notes of Meeting

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

Apologies: Tim Scarrott

1	Minutes of 16 October meeting	Agreed	
2	Matters arising	<p>No substantive work has yet started on the Dando Way upgrade; however, the alternative route has been improved.</p> <p>The Cycle Hub at Pugneys is progressing and it will open in December. It will be fully up and running by the end of March 2026.</p> <p>CRM: Two further sites have been suggested by David Keighley. These will be actioned. A meeting has been set up with Martin Barnes and John Wilcox to discuss the frustrations with the system on 3 December at 1400.</p> <p>A letter has been received from the solicitors handling the estate of the late Thomas Goodwin. This indicates that there is no prospect of any progress at this time.</p> <p>A meeting with Graham West will take place following this meeting.</p> <p>Sandi will investigate the ladies only rides starting from Thornes Park.</p> <p>WMDC have agreed to fund the signs on the new path up to Sandal Castle.</p>	<p>Mark</p> <p>Sandi</p>
	Rides programme/Ride Statistics	<p>Recent ride cancellations were Fitzwilliam Easy, Thornes Steady and Castleford Easy all on 15 November.</p> <p>Andy advised that he would not be available for the December WoW ride on 7 December and Neville agreed to lead the ride.</p> <p>The Rycroft ride will run for the final time on 21 December.</p> <p>Sharon provided ride statistics for the third quarter and a summary is attached.</p> <p>David L will supply David K with ride statistics from 2009-2024.</p>	Neville
4	Treasurers Report	The current balance stands at £75,448.47. Since the last meeting there has been expenditure of £139.	David L
5	Workdays	Andy advised that there was currently little to report but that a programme of leaf clearing would take place shortly.	Andy

6	2026 Rides Leaflet	<p>A draft had been circulated. Members were asked to scrutinize the leaflet and advise Neville if any errors were noted. A print run of 5000 was agreed.</p> <p>Subject to discussion with Tim, it was agreed to revise the Ride Leaders Attendance Sheet to include the QR code for Citizen Coin.</p> <p>More MICE cards are to be ordered.</p> <p>Further Forum Registration Forms will not be printed unless Ride Leaders feel that this is necessary. Small numbers can be photocopied.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Neville</p>
7	Christmas/ Winter meal	<p>This will be held at the Counting House, 3 Liquorice Way, Pontefract WF8 1DG on Thursday 29 January at 1900.</p> <p>Meg will publicize the event and Mark will handle the administration.</p> <p>Ride Leaders, Back Markers and Committee Members will not be charged and others will pay £24.95</p> <p>Sharon and Lisa have organized pre-Christmas drinks at the Singing Chocker, Park Road, Glasshoughton WF10 4RS on Thursday 11 December from 1900.</p>	All
8	Behaviour change	<p>WMDC have set up a Behaviour Change Committee to share ideas about promoting active travel. Only one representative can join from each group.</p> <p>WYCA are launching a Better Points scheme in January. The app will issue points for active travel and using the public transport system. The Forum will maintain a watching brief.</p>	Meg
9	WMDC Cycle Steering Group 28 October	<p>The Council reported on progress on various schemes which did show some progress. From the Forum's point of view things are much more positive than in the recent past. The new Sandal Castle path and the link to Aldi in Durkar are huge steps forward. On the negative side no location has yet been found to enable us to provide loan bikes on the Fitzwilliam ride.</p> <p>Outside the meeting there have been considerable advances. A meeting was held with David K by David Holdsworth and Mark Robinson which discussed progressing a number of cycle path schemes which have been on our wish list for many years. However, possibly the greatest achievement was a negotiation between David Holdsworth and Richard Metcalf over his land which includes several key bridleways. Outline agreement has been reached to reroute the bridleway currently cutting across his ploughed field around the periphery of the field (adjacent to Santingley Lane). The Forum will consider to contributing to the cost of the bridleways upgrading on the Metcalf land.</p>	All
10	Any other business	<p><u>Citizen Coin</u>: This will remain as one coin per event for volunteers. The idea of rewarding ride participants will not be progressed.</p> <p><u>Update of WoW map</u>: We are obliged to produce this incorporating recent revisions to the route. This will be progressed.</p> <p><u>2026 Service Level Agreement</u>: The details of what we should claim was discussed and Meg would draw up a proposal. The proposed event at Thornes Park in May will be delivered by Harry Wood. It was</p>	<p>David K</p> <p>Neville</p> <p>Meg</p>

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		suggested that the Forum could support a cycle themed event at WX in 2026. <u>Hood Bikes, Westgate, Wakefield:</u> This cycle shop which opened in 2024 has now closed.	
11	Date/Time/ Venue/ Medium of next meeting	1030 on Thursday 15 January 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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