

Committee Meeting

26 February 2026 at The Brig, Altofts

Notes of Meeting

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

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

1	Minutes of 15 January meeting	Agreed	
2	Matters arising	<p><u>CRM issues:</u> Mark had provided David K with the latest position on a number of CRM issues previously raised. Mark had registered two new issues regarding Denby Dale Road at Asdale Road and Mill Lane at the start of bridleway No 8</p> <p><u>Bridleways on Metcalfe land:</u> Information is awaited from WMDC regarding the cost making these up to full bridleway status, to which the Forum will contribute. It has been suggested that Open Country might assist with this project. However, the work would be best done by WMDC. It was agreed that the Forum could consider contributing up to £50,000 towards the project. David K is to seek the email sent to David Holdsworth regarding the Council's current position. It is clear that things will move forward if we firm up our agreement to a set contribution.</p> <p><u>Mailchimp:</u> An alternative provider has been found but how effective this will be will only be apparent when it is put to use.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Meg</p> <p style="text-align: center;">David K</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Neville</p>
3	Rides programme/Ride de Statistics	The 17 January Steady from Thornes had to be cancelled due to adverse weather. Unfortunately, the Darrington ride is cancelled for the foreseeable future due to the lack of a ride leader. Discussions took place about lack of ride leaders for specific rides in the immediate future. Solutions were found. David K and Andy agreed to assist Sandi with the new Pugneys rides. David K has mapped out ten suitable rides from Pugneys, generally between five and ten miles long. He is keen to put these on Komoot	<p style="text-align: center;">Neville</p> <p style="text-align: center;">David K</p>
4	Treasurers Report	The current balance stands at £80408.05. Since the last meeting we have received our 2026/7 payment for from WMDC amounting to £6747.00. Expenditure has been £315.37 for insurance cover, £1099.49 for printing costs and £748.50 for the Winter Meal at the Counting House.	<p style="text-align: center;">David L</p>

5	Workdays	There is seasonally low activity with no recent workdays. Geoff Banks who often assists Andy will become free to attend more workdays in the Spring.	Andy
6	2026 Rides leaflet distribution	This is now largely complete. Mark has expanded the number of surgeries covered. Sadly, there are now only three cycle shops remaining in the west of the District (Halfords, Cycle Technology and Go Outdoors)	Mark Sharon Lisa
7	First Aid Course 10 February	Mark and Lisa attended this course and found it very useful. We learned that protocols in first aid do change regularly. The use of a defibrillator was part of the course and it was agreed that it would be useful to have locations across the District of the pieces of equipment. This is to be sought from Lou.	Mark
8	CRM Reports	An updated list of the current status of each issue raised will be circulated at the next meeting	Mark
9	Transpennine upgrade affecting cycle paths in Kirklees	There have been a number of long term closures on the Spen Valley Greenway and a rather shorter one on the canal towpath from Ossett (Figure of Three locks) towards Dewsbury. Things should improve somewhat by the summer but the eastern end of the Spen Valley Greenway will remain closed at least until 2027.	All
	Any other business	<p><u>Pugneys Cycle Hub</u>: Progress is being made towards a launch in the Spring. The current inability to display Forum leaflets at this venue will be addressed. There will be seven Bike Doctor sessions coinciding with rides from this venue. The Forum will transfer bikes from Rycroft and Nostell. David K will provide details of the ten suggested rides he has devised from Pugneys. There is an urgent need to create a revised cycle route from the car park towards Pugneys drain as the area around the children's playground is very congested with pedestrians.</p> <p><u>New WoW map</u>: This is complete except for the text. A meeting is arranged at 1030 on Monday 2 March to progress the map towards publication.</p> <p><u>Cycle Wakefield Website</u>: The Forum published its programme of rides on this site. However, there is no facility to cancel individual rides within the programme. Neville has contacted Mark Hammill at WMDC to address this serious problem.</p> <p><u>May events at Nostell</u>: It was agreed that these would be on the standard format for Holiday Wednesdays. On 4 May there will be Bluebell rides at 1100, 1300 and 1500. A 'holiday Wednesday' will also take place on 30 May.</p> <p><u>Komoot</u>: David K will put his rides, including the new ten from Pugneys, on Komoot. The Forum wishes to publicise the gps files for some of our routes and a meeting will be arranged with Sandi who will lead rides</p>	<p>All</p> <p>David K</p> <p>Meg</p> <p>Neville</p> <p>David K</p> <p>Neville</p> <p>All</p>

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		<p>from both Pugneys and Agbrigg. Some Komoot users find it easier to save a route that they are currently following than to plan routes in advance.</p> <p><u>Ride Leaders needed!</u> We are currently struggling to recruit Ride Leaders. As a new strategy it is proposed that we seek individuals to commit to be Back Markers initially. They would be provided with a puncture repair kit, a Forum hi vis vest, a dumbbell spanner, a Forum t-shirt and lubricating oil.</p>	Neville
11	Date/Time/ Venue/ Medium of next meeting	<p>1030 on Thursday 26 March at the Brig, Altofts.</p> <p>This will be face to face but also (if requested) on Teams or Zoom or WhatsApp for those who cannot attend in person.</p>	All

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