

Committee Meeting

27 May 2026 at Thornes Park Stadium, Wakefield

Notes of Meeting

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

Apologies: Tim Scarrott, Sharon Kaye, David Leigh

1	Minutes of 23 April meeting	Agreed	
2	Matters arising	<u>Pugneys Cycle Hub</u> : This is now partially open but there is no workshop as yet.	
3	Rides programme/ Ride Statistics	Unfortunately, we have had to cancel three rides this month – Darrington 2 May, Castleford Mill Steady 9 May and Pontefract Steady 12 May. It is hoped that the current training of new ride leaders will help to avoid this in the future.	Neville
4	Treasurers Report	The current balance stands at £79,843.29.	David L
5	Workdays	A workday took place on 12 May. This involved laying planings on the Nostell paths. More workdays will take place through the summer.	Andy
6	Political changes at WMDC	<p>The local election on 7 May produced a significant change in the political make up of the Council. The outcome was Reform 58 councillors, Liberal Democrat 2 councillors, and one councillor each for Labour, the Conservatives and Green Parties.</p> <p>The new Council have elected Cabinet Members in areas that will relate to Forum activities:</p> <p>Adults and Health - Councillor Dr Ansar Hayat Culture and Sport – Councillor Lukasz Borcz Highways, Transport and Planning – Councillor Keith Anderson</p>	
7	Ride Leader kit including First Aid equipment	<p>A discussion took place regarding the question of whether each Ride Leader should be provided with a portable defibrillator. It was agreed that this idea would not be pursued at this time.</p> <p>Some concern has been expressed regarding out-of-date equipment in the first aid bags. It was agreed that the items carrying a use by date did not necessarily deteriorate with age and therefore the issue was not of significant concern.</p> <p>It was noted that Lou Galloway (who was due to leave WMDC on 29 May) had held a session at Thornes Park</p>	Neville

		<p>on 13 April where free new first aid equipment was distributed to walk leaders and this opportunity, should it be repeated, would be of interest to the Forum.</p> <p>It was reported that one Ride Leader had chosen to purchase his own set of first aid equipment and the Forum would agree to reimburse him for this.</p>	David L
8	Orange hi vis vests	It was agreed that more of these would be ordered in small, medium and large sizes. These vests would not carry the words "Ride Leader" but would emphasize the Forum.	Neville
9	2026 WoW map, WoW map stands, WoW T shirts	<p>The draft text of the new map had been circulated via info@. It will be printed as A2, double sided, folded with eight panels of text. A print run of 5000 is suggested with other quotes being obtained for 8000 and 10000.</p> <p>There will be a need for new laminated maps for the six map stands around the route. (In the past the firm of RBS has been used to print these.)</p> <p>David K has many WoW T shirts in stock and it was suggested that these be promoted on WoW rides'</p>	Neville Meg David K Sandi
10	Tombola	It was agreed that the Forum would run a tombola at the Pontefract Liquorice Festival on 12 July. A stall had been booked at the event but a risk assessment would be required in advance.	All
11	Any other business	<u>Nostell Priory access outside opening hours</u> : A complaint had been received regarding the fact that the main access to Nostell Priory was locked outside opening hours. It was pointed out that 24 hour access is available for cyclists/walkers from Stone Cottages past the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Base on the road leading to the caravan site but that there is no egress.	All
12	Date/Time/ Venue/ Medium of next meeting	1030 on Thursday 18 June at the Brig, Altofts. This will be face to face but also (if requested) on Teams or Zoom or WhatsApp for those who cannot attend in person.	All