

Committee Meeting

17 September 2026 on Microsoft Teams

Notes of Meeting

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

Apologies: David Leigh, Angie Boyd

1	Minutes of 30 July meeting	Agreed	
2	Matters arising	<u>New WoW display maps:</u> The maps have been ordered and when available all the displays will all be replaced with the new WoW map. <u>Cycle Hub at Pugneys:</u> The planned workshop is not yet open.	David K
3	Rides programme	One ride has had to be cancelled (19 September Castleford Mill easy). It is also possible that the 19 September Thornes Park steady may also have to be cancelled. Other rides have run as scheduled in the programme.	Neville
4	Treasurers Report	The current balance stands at £78,381.79. Since the last meeting there has been expenditure of £227.68.	David L
5	Workdays	A workday was held at Newmillerdam involving the erection of WoW signs. Open Country have indicated that they will work with the Forum in November and December on projects within the Nostell Estate.	Andy
6	2027 Winter meal	This will be held at the Dimple Well Hotel, Ossett on Thursday 21 January. It will be publicised in November.	Sandi Meg
7	Distribution of WoW maps	These have been distributed to all libraries and cycle shops in the western side of the district. Distribution was on going in the eastern side. Sandi requested a supply. It is important that the maps are distributed to all ride leaders. David K stated that he had ended up with too many boxes of the maps. This would be addressed.	Neville Mark
8	Signs for the Wakefield Wheel Cycle Route	There was a need to raised the profile of this cycle route. It is something that should be included in the funding bid to WMDC for 2027. It was stated there would be a need for 17 posts and 126 signs as a result of a survey	Meg Neville Andy

9	Promoting the Forum to the new Reform Council	It was decided that a letter should be sent to the new Leader of the Council, Karl Johnson, setting out what we deliver for the District. Alistair Wood has already been an advocate for the Forum. Early indications are that Reform do have a positive view of cycling. Sandie has had contact with David Hunter, an Ossett Councillor, who is pushing for a bike park in Spring Mill Park, Ossett. We also need to make contact with Lou Galloway's replacement who starts on 28 September. First Aid training is a key topic. Mark will attend the "Wakefield Together" event at WX on behalf of the Forum on 30 September	Meg Mark
10	Feedback of 2026 Holiday Wednesdays	All six Holiday Wednesdays went well and were enjoyable. Enough volunteers turned up to enable the events to run satisfactorily. The shorter course made it easier to lay out and administer. It is suggested that in 2027 we just do Wednesdays in August but that needs further consideration.	All
11	Rides and events programme for 2027	A ride leaders meeting is to be convened as soon as possible. Should we continue to offer 140 rides each year or is this becoming beyond our capabilities? We do have ride leaders in training so our ability to deliver the programme should improve. Ideally, we should have two ride leaders allocated to each ride so that they can cover each other's absences. At present the main issues relate to covering Castleford and Pontefract rides whereas the Wakefield area rides are usually less of a problem. As WMDC pay no grant for any steady rides the Forum could show these as running only when a ride leader was available, thereby easing pressure. It was suggested by Sandi that the new Pugneys ride could be moved to a weekday to boost participation.	All
12	Any other business	<u>Cycle Technology:</u> Sadly, this long-established cycle shop in Calder Vale Road, Wakefield has closed. <u>Instagram:</u> It has not been possible to find a way to use this popular media to publicise our calendar of rides. <u>Statistics for WMDC:</u> Sharon is finding the task of meeting the requirements of WMDC for statistics excessively onerous. There is an urgent need to establish what precisely is necessary and hopefully simplify the requirements. <i>(It is worth noting that for the WMDC Health Walks the only statistics they require are the total number of participants on the walk, the number of new walkers and the number of volunteers, again once every quarter.)</i> <u>Rhubarb and Liquorice Festivals:</u> It was suggested that to ease the burden on volunteers we should not book stalls at these two events. Instead, a Forum member could hand out our leaflets to members of the public attending	

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		the events. <i>(This course of action was subsequently found to be likely to render the Forum liable for a heavy fine or prosecution)</i>	
13	Date/Time/ Venue of next meeting	7pm on Thursday 15 October on Teams.	All

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