

**Committee Minutes Meeting**  
**07/08/25 2025**  
**18-30 Online**

Present: Paul Curran, Mick Redpath, Simon Whitmore, Kirsty Lawrence, Mike Thompson, Jason Cooper, Ian Jamieson, Lee Smith, Sean Storey.

Apologies for absence: Chris Mann

No	Item	Action required
1	Minutes of July meeting approved Proposed by Paul Curran 2nd By Ian Jamieson.	
2	Action Log, OLRS update- Closed. OLRS procedure- Ready Website content ongoing- updates will be shared by Mike. OARS- Hexham and Bo B Run Job loggers all updated. Mike is looking at the Std job loggers. Lone working - on going. Speakers - closed off as Kirsty is working on it. Google drive clean up- ongoing.	M.T
3	Committee Updates. Secretary- N.T.R but will be unavailable for 2 months due to house move and holidays.  Paul Curran- Lone working final draft. Several procedures are coming up for their 2 year review; those affected will be contacted. E Vouchers 2 Riders issued. 8 x drivers awaiting advanced qualification. 2 x New controllers. Another controller workshop is scheduled with anywhere between 2 - 8 new members. Issues with the Dispatch system Ian and Bill are working on it as support from the radio supplier is lacking, awaiting final resolution with regards to this before updating dispatch. bill thinks we need a Google authenticator for dispatch 1 & 2. when all sorted no issues anticipated just controllers will need further training. Ian and Bill were thanked for their input and assistance.	

<p>Jason Cooper - Jason N.T.R except for servicing ongoing with regards to the fleet. Sat Navs no update yet. Question raised regarding cargo nets for vehicles to stop items moving forward during transit- New Toyotas have this facility already.</p> <p>Sean storey- Nothing much. Jesmond issues re-pick up times as of yet nothing heard back.</p> <p>Lee Smith- We have received the training grant from Newcastle Hospital Trust. We have at present £151,097-68p in our accounts which gives us 13.4 months running costs as these are £11255-00 per month. Paul Curran would like to know how much he has spent on E vouchers and how much of an impact this will make on the training grant. Question raised re- Thank you cards for donations Answer if we can contact the donor then they do receive a thank you card.</p> <p>Ian Jamieson- We have had 4 leavers.- no kit yet returned. He declined the services of a potential controller from Thurso. Ian has 11 inactive members to start work on. The next set of inductions are looking good for both riders and drivers. We currently have 22 people awaiting inductions. Paul Curran and Ian are looking at having a meeting with the Newcastle branch of the IAM to see what is going on and how things could be improved going forward. Ian asked what would be the chance of getting the events van at his A68 cafe coffee morning.</p> <p>Kirsty lawrence- We have received £500 from the Arnold Clark community fund. We have applied for a grant from the Sir James Thomas fund and this has been supported by Bob Jarman and Alison Boyard. A talk was recently given to Durham Freeman and we have been informed that they are closing down their charitable fund on the back of this we could be in line for a decent donation. Kirsty also has applications in for various other grants so fingers crossed. The Ghost walks taking place in Durham on the 19th and 26th of which will be receiving all the funds raised from this.</p>	<p>L.S</p>
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	<p>Kirsty spoke about us using Giveto which is a free to use service to raise funds, they have received positive reviews and on the back of that Kirsty will look to sign us up.  Volunteer of the year nominations start next week.  Kirsty was approached by DP leathers asking could we donate one of our unused gazebos which we have in storage- this was approved.  Kirsty asked Lee to send her the liability form for her to use at stormin.</p> <p>Mike Thompson-  The updated Hexham job logger went live and is working OK. He has purchased his new laptop for a cheaper price than was quoted.  The updated OLRs Mike is preparing a training package for members.  Drupple and OLRs changes approved.  The new BoB job logger is working fine after a few tweaks however the tag on jobs are not working well updates to be introduced by Mike and Paul.  Job recorders are vastly improved.</p> <p>Mick Redpath-  Trustee annual report draft in the next 2 weeks.  Grant report to be completed.</p>	<p>L.S</p> <p>M.R</p>
4	Complaints - Nil	
5	<p>AGM- date is Thursday 26th September at 19-00hrs at the Fire station HQ Paul Curran to liaise and book.  Members will need to register their interest via e mail.</p>	P.C
6	<p>Committee members to be re-elected at the meeting.  Publicity and Fundraising are to be combined and Kirsty is OK with this.  Sean Storey, Ian Jamieson and Mike Thompson to be put forward for re-election.  Any member is entitled to apply for any of the posts on the committee. giving 14 days notice.  Members need to be informed of this by the 11th of September via email.  Lee was reminded that we need the accounts done in preparation for this meeting, it was agreed that we need them by the 5th Sept.  GNR- is going ahead however we are a bit thin on the ground and need some more volunteers to come forward- and e mail to be circulated.</p>	

7	08/08/25 is Blood bike day and social media will be showing plenty of images and info, Thank you Kirsty.	
8	We have been asked to send 2 members to the Mark master masons lunch in London on the 5th sept.	
9	Pride of Britain awards- an email will be sent out to the members asking them to nominate one of our members for this award.	
10	Ian Jamieson brought to the attention of the committee contact patch kits, these are an attachable patch to go on your clothing and underneath it contains all your next of kin info, the cost of these kits are £11-70 each. It was agreed that we should support this going forward to NABB.	
11	A.O.B- It was agreed that an email needs to be sent out asking for a Radio assistant.	
12	Nothing further the meeting was closed and the next meeting will be 2nd Sept F2F at 19-00 Followed by the AGM on the 25th Sept	
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