

MCS Committee Meeting Minutes – 10th September 2025

Members Present:

LD, DM, JD, GS, EM, TM, JP

Apologies:

LD, MT, SF

Matters arising from last meeting

- **Action:** Jez to check with Steve regarding the last set of minutes and publication to website.
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Safeguarding

- No issues reported
 - Ongoing action to ensure all coaches are up to date with BC Safeguarding requirements
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Membership & admin

- **Membership:** - 252 active members
 - Under 12: 54
 - Junior: 3
 - Youth: 22
 - Senior: 163
- RideWithGPS account all set up – can be removed from minutes
- BC upgrade from Level 2 MTB to Coaching In Context Gravity & XC award
- **Actions:**
 - If possible look to see if churn numbers are available and establish where we are losing members
 - Jez send Jess BC email for circulation to coaches via club members

Club Events & AGM

- Velodrome event booked for October and info went out via email on 8th Sept.
- Mince Pie Ride booked at Welland Hall.
- AGM to be held on **14th**, at the start of the Mince Pie Ride event.
 - Jez to organise AGM email
 - Jess to send AGM email to members.

4. Finance

- Club account balance: **£14,815**.
- Town council funding request: **£3,000** (includes provision for bike service station).

5. Junior Coaching

- Over winter refresh junior coaching web pages and look to improve booking on for next year
- Jez informed the committee that due to home renovation he will be moving to Cornwall for approx. 9-12 months, but wished to retain Junior Coaching and Secretary roles within the club, which the committee were supportive of

6. Comms

- Member survey completed; due to be sent out in the next few days.

7. Road & Gravel

- Road:
 - **Action:** Laurence to be asked for any updates.
- Chaingang running well (30 riders on good weeks, down to ~10 in quieter weeks).
- Gravel:
 - Last ride poorly attended (2 riders).
 - Proposal to pause gravel rides over winter, resume in spring.
 - Positive feedback on Dymock Woods ride (start from Malvern).
 - **Action:** Les to consider a Christmas Gravel Social ride.

8. Clothing & Identity

- Scimitar premium clothing tested positively.
 - Proposal: include club T-shirt with membership.
 - Noted significant debate around clothing, identity, and sense of belonging.
 - Proposal to create **MCS Gravity** as a sub-brand for off-road identity, separate from road activities.
 - **Action:** Committee to agree whether club membership should include free or subsidised premium branded T-shirt, and whether to form a sub-brand MCS Gravity for MTB riders
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9. Trails project

- British Cycling Trails Project discussed.
- *The Trail – People, Place, and Time* document referenced.
- Malvern identified as a pilot project location.
- Club backing confirmed.

Potential Project Development Stages:

1. **Trail stewardship** – maintenance of small areas.
2. **Adopt trails** – inspection and maintenance responsibility.
3. **Lease trails** – formal arrangement.

Actions:

- Create trail map (Jez/Ed)
- Create Problem, Vision and Benefits statement (Jez/Ed)

10. Any Other Business

- None.