

**CHESTER and NORTH WALES CTC  
CTC CAER A GOGLEDD CYMRU**

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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

The meeting was held at Kinnerton Scout Hut at 12.30 pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Attendance: 30 members attended the meeting.

**1. Convening the meeting**

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

**2. Election of Chair**

Arthur Miller was elected to chair the meeting. Proposed by David Ackerley, seconded by Dave Matthews; all in agreement.

Arthur Miller welcomed members to the meeting and gave a brief introduction:

- He explained that Mike Cross was unable to attend because Pam Cross had been diagnosed with a brain tumour late last week. Best wishes have been sent on behalf of Chester & N Wales CTC.
- Sadly several members had passed away during the year; Jim Skelding, Alan Mort, Bob Thompson, John Hulme and recently Bob Clough.
- Congratulations were given to Glennys Hammond for being awarded a CTC Certificate of Merit (Glennys had kindly bought the framed certificate to the AGM for members to see) and Janet Gregory for gaining the President's Cup.
- The Chester & N Wales CTC Tourist Competition team were congratulated for last year's team victory & high individual scores; also for the promising scores in the 2012 competition.
- Thanks were given to the Committee, the Secretary, the event organisers and the tea makers.

**3. Apologies**

Apologies were received from: Pam & Mike Cross, Ifor Jones, Doreen Lindsay, John Holiday, Bob & Jill Witton, Welna Bowden, Dave Statham, Andy Polakowski, Mike Roberts, Bruce Newnes, Glynn Jones, John & Barbara Smith, Roy Spilsbury and Ian Richardson.

**4. 2011 AGM Minutes**

The minutes of the 2011 AGM were available at the meeting. Proposed as a true record by Jean Ashton, seconded by David Ackerley; all in agreement.

**5. Secretary's Report**

The written report was available to all at the meeting. The Secretary emphasised that the events list was still as draft as some events were yet to be finalised.

The Chairman thanked the Secretary for the report and thanked all of the contributors (groups, event organisers, Link Editor and the Awards Committee). The report was accepted unanimously; proposed by David Matthews, seconded by Dave Hill.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Report was available to all at the meeting.

Colin Bell explained that the Link accounts run from January to January where as the Chester & N Wales CTC accounts run October to October; generally the Link breaks even. Assets of £661.50 (trophies etc) were included in the figures.

The Treasurer then answered questions from the floor:

1. Why were there no expenses for the Spring 50 tourist trial?  
*The accounts are produced by Andy Blomfield of Two Mills. Once the accounts are complete then 50% of the profit passes to Chester & N Wales CTC. Full event accounts are available.*
2. What is covered in PMG and General Expenses?  
*PMG expenses are the travel costs for meetings. General expenses are items such as: hall hire for the AGM, engraving trophies, flowers, President's expenses, attendance at Right to Ride meetings. The Treasurer agreed to produce a more detailed expenses listing in the next report.*
3. Why was there income from PayPal?  
*They were small trial payments when the account was set up. There won't be any more payments of this type.*
4. What was the return on the CTC Loan account?  
*The money had been moved to the account several years ago when there was an interest payment. Currently no interest was being paid. However the cash in the reserve account had also only generated 66p interest. It was suggested that the Committee should discuss if the money should be invested elsewhere.*
5. Where there any specific plans to spend the funds in the near future?  
*The money can only be spent for the benefit of cycling. The final decision on expenditure depends on the Committee. If items are required then requests should be sent to the Committee via group representatives.*

The Treasurer thanked the event organisers for running successful events that helped cover the costs of running the club. He also reminded people that the Link Editor was ready to receive Link subscriptions.

The Treasurers Report was accepted by all.

## 7. National Councillor's Report

Apologies were received from Welna Bowden.

David Robinson gave a summary of his six years in office as National Councillor and his period as Chair of CTC Council. He updated the meeting on the following points:

- a) CTC is now officially a charity. There are ongoing discussions with Customs & Revenue regarding gift aid.
- b) Congratulations to Welna Bowden who will be serving her second term as Councillor, and Janet Gregory who will start her first term in January 2013. There will then be 3 women on Council.
- c) There is a new director of CTC, Gordon Seabright who took up the post in the spring. He is very focused and trying to define what CTC is about. There is a New Cycle Strategy with 4 key aims: to protect cyclists, inspire people to cycle, promote cycling and to operate a highly efficient organisation.
- d) Membership is 68000 and still increasing, however there has also been an increase in non-renewals.
- e) David Robinson thanked various group members; event organisers and the Right to Ride campaigners. He gave a particular example of the recent work carried out by Peter Williams to ensure improved cycle facilities in the new development in Ellesmere Port. David then thanked everyone for their support over the years.

Questions were asked regarding the New Cycle Strategy with regard to supporting members. Although members weren't specifically mentioned they should benefit from an efficient organisation; there are now several staff at NO to support member groups and there is a subgroup of CTC members who meet to discuss member group issues.

The issue of affiliate members was raised as the Policy Handbook has been revised to clarify the position. They can now ride an unlimited number of times with member groups; however they

can't register as rides leaders or vote so there are limits to the contributions they can make to keep a group going.

David Robinson was thanked for his report and for the work that he has carried out during his period in office. Arthur Miller also explained that David Robinson had been active in promoting cycling for many years prior to becoming a Councillor and it was hoped that he continue.

Welna Bowden and Janet Gregory were both congratulated and wished the best of luck for their term of office.

#### **8. Ian Richardson –CTC Cycling Development Manager for the Region**

Apologies were given – due to bad weather Ian Richardson was unable to attend the meeting.

#### **9. Notices of Motion**

None

#### **10. Election of Officers and Committee Members**

A list of nominations had been drawn up by the committee and submitted on the agenda.

<b>Post</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
<b>President</b>	Mike Cross	Peter Williams	Colin Bell
<b>Vice President*</b>	Arthur Miller	Mike Cross	Vicky Payne
<b>Secretary</b>	Lowri Evans	Janet Gregory	Dave Matthews
<b>Treasurer</b>	Colin Bell	Mike Cross	Janet Gregory
<b>Registration Officer</b> (membership records)	David Ackerley	Mike Cross	Lowri Evans
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Vicky Payne	Mike Cross	Lowri Evans
<b>Development Officer</b> (promotions & publicity)	Sue Booth	Colin Bell	Dave Matthews
<b>Rights Officer</b>	Peter Williams	Mike Cross	Brian Lowe
<b>CTC Cymru Rep</b>	Lowri Evans	Brian Lowe	Mike Cross
<b>Link Editor*</b>	David Ackerley	Dave Matthews	Janet Gregory
<b>Invited members</b> (also reps from Two Mills and all informal groups)	Dave Matthews	Vicky Payne	Lowri Evans

The Chairman, Arthur Miller asked for any other nomination – there were none. The proposal that these officers should be elected on-block was made by David Ackerley, seconded by Brian Lowe and passed unanimously.

#### **11. Election of the Awards Committee**

The current Awards Committee of David Ackerley, Mike Cross & Arthur Miller was proposed by David Robinson and seconded by Mike Wilkinson; all were in favour. Arthur Miller thanked the meeting for the honour.

#### **12. Election of Honorary Auditor**

The current auditor, Terry Nicholas was proposed by Colin Bell, seconded by Dave Matthews and elected unanimously.

**13.AOB**

- a) The members were reminded that the National Cycle Museum in Llandrindod Wells was open on winter opening hours. Arrangements could be made to open at the weekend for groups.
- b) The Secretary informed the meeting that list of rides leaders had been sent out for checking so that the annual return could be completed. She requested that groups check the lists and return them a.s.a.p.
- c) David Matthews said that there may be 3 additional Audax events. The provisional date was Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April with all of the events starting from the Eureka. Probably 200K 'Eureka Excursion', 100K to Bunbury and 50K 'Two Mills Twirl'.
- d) Dorothy Clift & Hazel McDougall said they would be prepared to run the Bob Clift rides again in summer 2013, but are looking for others to take over from 2014. They would welcome volunteers for 2013 as it would make it easier to take over the events the following year. It was agreed that a request should be placed on the website. It was also announced there would be no entries on the line in 2013 ( the late entries had caused catering problems in the 2012 event)
- e) The members requested that their best wishes to Mike & Pam Cross should be formally recorded.

The chairman thanked members for their attendance and contributions.

The meeting closed at 1.20pm.