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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

The meeting was held at Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd at 12.30 pm on Sunday 2nd November
2014

Attendance: 36 members attended the meeting.

1. Convening the meeting

The Secretary convened the meeting and welcomed people to the meeting.

2. Election of Chair

Mike Cross was elected to chair the meeting. Proposed by David Ackerley, seconded by Glennys Hammond all in agreement.

Mike Cross welcomed members and reflected on those who had passed away during the year. There was a short silence to respect them and also members who had died in past wars.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Welna Bowden, John Holiday, Arthur Miller, Jean Miller, Ifor Jones, Dave Statham, Mark Jones, Jean Ashton, Sam Ashton, Tony Wilkins, Tony Wilkinson, Julia Rogers, and Peter Dilworth.

4. 2013 AGM Minutes

The minutes of the 2013 AGM were available at the meeting.

Andy Blomfield proposed that the full motion should be added to section 9. This was seconded by Janet Gregory. Agreed nem con

Proposed with the amendment as a true record by David Matthews, seconded by Brian Lowe. Agreed nem con.

5. Annual Report

The written report was available to all at the meeting. Glennys Hammond thanked the Secretary for the report; this was supported by the members at the meeting.

The proposed events for 2015 were discussed. National Councillors announced that the CTC AGM was moving from May to 18th July and it would no longer be linked to an evening dinner & presentation. Council would be looking for a new event to celebrate volunteers in the future. There was an appeal for event organisers & Roy Bunnell volunteered to organise the Vets 100. The CTC Winged Wheel was shown to the meeting; there are only 11 known 'Repairer' winged wheels left. Several sites for the plaque were suggested including The Bike Factory, Alf Jones Cycles, the National Cycle Museum, and The Old Bull in Chester; factors for consideration were raised included whether buildings were of an appropriate age, if the plaque would be high enough to be safe from thieves, if the owners would be support the idea. Ideally the plaque would be displayed on the outside of a building as originally intended on permanent loan. Roy Spilsbury was looking into the costs of restoration. It was agreed that Roy Spilsbury & Peter Williams would coordinate the restoration of the plaque & that comments & suggestions should be sent to them.

Acceptance of the Secretary's Report was proposed David Matthews and seconded by Glennys Hammond; passed nem con. The Chairman thanked the Secretary for the report and noted that for the first time documents would be going to Chester Archives.

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report and Accounts were available to all at the meeting. It was explained that the Link and Chain accounts were currently difficult to separate; once the final sales of the Chain had been completed then the income would be split. There were approximately 70 copies of the Chain still to be sold. Brian Lowe suggested that the price should be reduced to facilitate the sale of remaining stock.

The Treasurer explained that allowing riders over 75 & junior riders free entry some events to celebrate C&NWCTC 75th Anniversary had reduced the income from events such as the Vet's 100 and the Bob Clift Memorial rides. Costs had increased for running the group as the committee was paying for room hire in Deeside for the meetings (after many years of meeting in pubs etc with problems of noise, access and cold). The rate for mileage had also been increased in line with rates set out by HMRC (40p per mile for cars, 20p per mile for cycling). During the year new software was purchased for keeping the club accounts.

Vicky Payne proposed that the reports should be accepted; it was seconded by Sue Booth and passed nem con.

Surplus Funds Report. Copies of this report were available to all at the meeting. The group had come together to consider donations to charity by the C&NW CTC. There was discussion about the ability of CTC groups to give money to charity; the charities need to fit with CTC values and objectives (enquiries had been made previously with regard to the issue). It was noted that CTC NO had put items in CycleClips suggesting that groups that wished to make charity donations should look to CTC linked charities such as Road Justice. There were suggestions that money should be used for 'good causes' rather than subsidised clothing or dinners; also that NO might wish to contact groups to ask for money if they needed it. Two Mills CTC reminded the meeting that they had donated money to support a local disabled cycling group.

The members of the subgroup were thanked for their work. The report will go on to the new C&NW CTC Committee.

7. National Councillor's Report

A verbal report was given by Gwenda Owen (Councillor for Wales). Some of the points covered were:

- a. Membership has grown to 67,000. Groups are seen as a good way of recruiting. New publicity materials have been sent out, however still waiting for Bilingual materials. The CTC website now attracts 75,000 unique visitors per month.
- b. There are now two staff in NO allocated for member support
- c. There have been several training days on use of social media
- d. The main campaigns are; 'Space for Cycling' which aims to raise the profile of cycling and get councils to sign up in support and 'Road Justice' which aims to improve the way the justice system handles bad driving in order to actively discourage irresponsible driving, raise driving standards and improve road safety.
- e. Inclusive Cycling. There are projects on the Wirral & in the North West which fulfil CTC's charitable aims.
- f. Rebranding. There is a new Chief Executive, Paul Tuohy, and rebranding will be high on the agenda as he has rebranded organisations in the past. There is a pilot 'Bike Revival' project using a Department of Transport under spend. If this is a success there may be £1 million allocated in the future which will include funding for marketing/ advertising. This would be England only; it is possible that Edwina Hart could approve a similar scheme for Wales. This led to discussion of the number of members who are active in local groups, possibly less than 20%. (Report from the Registration Officer had been circulated). People join for many different reasons including insurance & supporting cycling in general; many have no interest in riding with a group so the club has a very wide range of members. Comments were made

that more people needed to know of what CTC does; that the marketing of the club could be improved, one suggestion was “don’t change the logo just get publicity for what we have got”.

Roy Spilsbury spoke about the national Right to Ride Network and stated that the North Wales Cycling website run by himself & Maurice Clarke had had a total of 2.3 million hits. He explained that he had been to see about problems at Pont Briwet as the local right to ride rep was currently working in Africa. He also told of his campaign against bollards and obstructions; he has been called to give a report at Rhodri Hughes-Jones’ inquest.

All of the Councillors were thanked for their work.

8. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion

9. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The Chairman gave formal thanks to all of the members of the Committee, event organisers and volunteers. The Secretary was thanked for her work.

Mike Cross explained that he would be willing to stand as President, but would not be willing to continue as Chairman. In response to questions it was explained that the Chairman of C&NWCTC was usually elected at the first committee meeting after the AGM, and that there would be nomination for Welfare Officer later in the proceedings. It was explained that groups would select their own representatives and inform the secretary of their choice.

David Ackerley proposed that the list of Officers drawn up by the Committee should be accepted en-block, this was seconded by Brian Lowe and passed nem con.

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
President	Mike Cross	Lowri Evans	Colin Bell
Vice President*	Glennys Hammond	Mike Cross	John Ferguson
Secretary	Lowri Evans	Mike Cross	David Matthew
Treasurer	Colin Bell	Mike Cross	Alan Oldfield
Registration Officer (membership records)	Vicky Payne	Lowri Evans	David Matthews
Publicity Officer	John Ferguson	Mike Cross	Colin Bell
Rights Officer	Peter Williams	John Ferguson	Mike Cross
CTC Cymru Rep	Lowri Evans	Mike Cross	Alan Oldfield
Invited members (also reps from Two Mills and all informal groups)	Groups to inform the Secretary as soon as the reps have been decided		

Welfare Officer Lowri Evans proposed Julia Rogers (of the Wrexham Reivers CTC), Andy Polakowski seconded the proposal. Elected nem con as a new member of the committee.

10a. Webmaster & Editor and Link Editor

Webmaster*	John Hammond
Web Editor*	Glennys Hammond
Link Editor	Martin Brooks

All agreed to continue in post – elected nem con.

10b. Election of the Awards Committee

The current Awards Committee of David Ackerley, Mike Cross & Arthur Miller agreed to continue. Elected nem con.

10c. Election of Honorary Auditor

The current auditor Terry Nicholas agreed to continue. Elected nem con.

All of the officers were agreed. The secretary requested that groups confirm their reps ASAP so that the annual returns could be completed.

The Secretary expressed formal thanks to officers who had stepped down from committee posts after many years of work for C&NW CTC; including Mike Cross, David Ackerley, Arthur Miller and Brian Lowe.

The formal AGM meeting closed at 1.50pm.

Announcement of 75th Anniversary Photo Competition Winners ‘The Spirit of Cycling’

Highly Commended – ‘Autumn Agro’ – Andy Polakowski

Second Place – ‘Is your bike okay?’ – Glennys Hammond

First Place – ‘Tour of Britain’- Andy Polakowski

Winners were congratulated. The photographs were on display.

Presentation of Certificate of Merit

After the AGM Mike Cross presented a CTC Certificate of Merit to Peter Williams in respect of the work he had carried out for cycling. The President read out the citation which covered the vast amount of campaigning work Peter has carried out over the years.

Congratulations to Peter Williams.

11. A.O.B

- a. Venue for AGM.** Comments were made that it was a good idea to move the AGM venue from an area close to Chester to venues further west on a regular basis. It was also felt that having the social (beans on toast, cake & tea) prior to the meeting had been a success.
- b. Proposed Recipe book.** Lowri Evans explained that although many recipes had been promised, few had been sent in, also she had been short of time to chase them up. It was agreed that recipes could be sent to Martin Brooks to feature in the Link.
- c. C&NW CTC Club kit.** The possibility of new kit was raised as several people felt they wanted a new design. After discussion it was agreed that Martin Brooks & Glennys Hammond would work together (via the Link and the C&NW CTC website) to canvas opinion.
- d. The 75th Anniversary cake** was cut and distributed (thanks were expressed to Irene Dilworth for organising & decorating the cake, and to all who had toiled in the kitchen)