

**CHESTER and NORTH WALES CTC**  
**CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

The meeting was held at Pulford Village Hall, at 12.30 pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Attendance: 33 members signed in for the meeting.

**1. Convening the meeting**

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

**2. Election of Chair**

David Matthews was elected to chair the meeting. Proposed by Paul Mills, seconded by Terry Davies all in agreement.

**3. Presentation to Erin Spray**

Erin Spray was presented with the Young Achiever of the Year Award by Welna Bowden. Erin had arranged a fund raising ride from end to end and completed it over 3 weeks in the summer. She had been unable to attend the Big Bike Celebration to collect her award. Erin was congratulated by Welna and those at the meeting.

**4. Apologies**

Apologies were received from: Ifor Jones, Mark Jones, John Wilkie, Graham Payne, Jean & Arthur Miller, Brian & Sylvia Joyce, David Ackerley, Mike Roberts, Sue Booth, Graham Arnold, Dave Hill, Cath Morris Tony Wilkins, Graham James, Liz Donaldson, and Margaret Blakeborough.

**5. 2016 AGM Minutes**

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were available prior to and at the meeting. Acceptance was proposed by Terry Davies, seconded by Mike Cross agreed nem con.

**6. Annual Report**

The written report was available to all at the meeting and the Secretary briefly outlined the contents of the report. The Secretary was thanked for producing the report. It was explained that the report was drawn together from the written contributions of many members & they were thanked for their input.

The Secretary went through the main items of the report and highlighted that Peter Williams (Right to Ride Officer) was willing to continue for another year. Attention was drawn to the paragraph indicating that the Committee had agreed to accept Glennys Hammond's offer to design new C&NW CTC club shirts.

The calendar of events for 2018 was discussed, including the set of charity rides proposed by David Ackerley. There was agreement that the possibility of joint 10 miles cycle rides with the Chester Cycling Campaign group should be pursued; but there was no firm recommendation with regard to the longer charity rides.

It was noted that last year's treasure Hunt was poorly attended. It was suggested that future events needed to be publicised earlier, and a late start time might have allowed more riders to ride out to the event.

All C&NW CTC volunteers were thanked for their work during the year.

The report was accepted nem con.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

a. **Treasurer's Report and Accounts** were available to all at the meeting.

The Treasurer went through the figures line by line. He explained that the Link year doesn't run in line with the financial year and that there were subscriptions that had come in later than usual due to the uncertainty about the future of the magazine at the time of Martin Brooks' death.

Colin Bell explained that it was the first year in his time as treasurer that the Club had not made a profit and that the instructions from the previous AGM with regard to reducing the funds held by the Club had been taken into account by the Committee. The surplus generated by events had reduced, largely due to increased costs. He explained that the £47.30 donation was the amount raised by donations for refreshments & raffle at the previous year's AGM; the website cost was almost the same for both years but timing of payments had resulted in an uneven split between the two years. The reduction in the subscription allowance from National Office was due to the change from a per head payment to a set rate per club. The ride leader training had been organised by C&NW CTC and Two Mills had contributed to the cost as they nominated one of the people taking part. Over all the accounts showed a loss of £1393.

There was some discussion regarding the drop in income from events; it was suggested that the price should be raised or expenses reduced. It was explained that the Vets 100 entries had been lower than usual, and work was underway to use an online entry system in 2018; as this would incur a 5% fee the price would be increase. It was also intended to increase publicity to gain more entries to spread hall hire costs etc. When costs were discussed some members indicated that they didn't value medals for completing the Bob Clift rides (with one commenting that he had throw his away immediately). It was noted that the events were all run by volunteers and they should be thanked for running the events.

Report proposed by Terry Davies, seconded by Brian MacDonald and agreed nem con.

### b. Donations

There was discussion with regard to charitable donations that should be made from Club funds in 2018. The meeting was reminded of the donations made in 2017; Janet Gregory proposed that the contribution to Sustrans should increase from £120 to £200. The contribution to the Chester Cycling Campaign magazine was explained (an advertising slot for £100 was shared between Two Mills CTC and C&NW CTC with each paying £50 a year for 2 adverts). It was proposed that the donations for 2018 should be; Sustrans £200, Cyclists Defence Fund £200, Chester Cycling Campaign £50. Agreed nem con.

It was suggested that C&NW CTC should have a bidding system so that charities could bid for a donation; however concerns were raised that there could be lots of people who would want to bid. **Action** C&NW CTC committee to consider a bidding process.

Peter Williams informed members that if they had bikes to donate both the Blacon Project and Bren Bikes would be willing to accept them.

## 8. National Trustee Report

Welna Bowden, a Cycling UK trustee and local member congratulated the Club and members on their achievements, campaigning and events. She then reported from the Cycling UK Trustee briefing sheet (full copy of which is available on request from the Secretary).

Points which arose include:

- Positive impacts of Cycling UK campaigns including too close for comfort campaign.
- Developments in the volunteer support network including visiting groups, case studies and new web pages.
- The Big Bike Revival
- Tine taken by and the backlash from, the Charlie Alliston case (rider on a fixed wheel bike who was prosecuted following a collision which resulted in the death of a pedestrian).

Comments were made that many members were unaware of all of the work being carried out on their behalf. Welna Bowden was thanked for her report and there was a vote of thanks; she was asked to thank trustees and head office staff for their work.

The issue of group mapping on the website was raised; C&NW CTC doesn't come up as a group on searches when most of the postcodes are entered on the Cycling UK website. It was acknowledged that this had been a problem for several years due to the software.

**Action:** Lowri Evans to look into the mapping issues again

## 9. Notice of Motion

*'To enable rider members of each group to create or further enhance their own Identity a maximum allowance of £600 [pro rata to the number of active rider numbers] be given to each member group, one group grant per year to enable them to subsidise, design and order a section jersey for all their riders. This to be allocated by the PMG as or when each group applies.'* Proposer : Alan Oldfield Seconder: Andy Blomfield

Alan Oldfield apologised for the lateness of the motion and then gave the background to the motion. It was suggested that groups needed their own identity and the current C&NW CTC top was now dated and no longer a design that people wanted to wear. The recent success of the Two Mills tops was due to hard work in their design, affordable price and club subsidy; they were giving the group visibility. At the time of the submission of the motion he was unaware of the proposed development of new C&NW CTC kit.

Glennys Hammond had offered to design new shirts for the Club and John Ferguson had offered to coordinate the logistics of supply.

There was considerable discussion about price with a suggestion of a subsidy of a third of the cost, a price of £20 (the original price of Two Mills tops) or £25 (the likely price of the next batch due to supplier price increase). It was agreed that there would need to be a large enough order to get a price reduction from the supplier. Assurance was sought that there would be subsidy from C&NW CTC. There was a suggestion that those with Two Mills shirts would not want to purchase a C&NW CTC shirt; however several spoke to disagree saying that they would want to buy a C&NW CTC Kit for when they were riding with C&NW CTC. It was suggested a higher profile for the club could lead to more members.

Alan Oldfield agreed to withdraw the motion.

A new proposal was put to the meeting:

'A new C&NW CTC shirt should be designed and Club funds should be allocated to subsidising the purchase price for members'

Proposer Alan Oldfield, seconder Mike Cross voting 30 for 1 against.

## 10. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The Chairman gave formal thanks to all of the members of the Committee, event organisers and volunteers. Particular thanks were given to the retiring officers. An opportunity was given for additional nominations from the floor.

It was proposed that the list of Officers drawn up by the Committee at their last meeting should be accepted en-block; proposer Mike Cross seconded by Terry Davies; passed nem con.

*\*Non Committee Posts*

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
<b>President</b>	Mike Cross	Lowri Evans	David Matthews
<b>Vice President*</b>	Glennys Hammond	David Matthews	Terry Davies
<b>Secretary</b>	Lowri Evans	David Matthews	Sue Booth

<b>Treasurer</b>	Colin Bell	Mike Cross	Peter Williams
<b>Registration Officer</b> (membership records)	Terry Davies	David Matthews	Mike Cross
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Julia Rogers	Lowri Evans	Sue Booth
<b>Publicity Officer</b>	Mark Jones	Terry Davies	Sue Booth
<b>Rights Officer</b>	Peter Williams	Mike Cross	David Matthews
<b>CTC Cymru Rep</b>	Lowri Evans	Terry Davies	Sue Booth
<b>Invited members</b> <b>(also reps from Two Mills</b> <b>and all informal groups)</b>	Groups to inform the Secretary as soon as the reps have been decided		

### 10a. Webmaster & Editor \*

John Hammond had agreed to continue as webmaster, & Glennys Hammond had agreed to continue as web editor.

### 10b. Election of the Awards Committee\*

Mike Cross, Glennys Hammond & Lowri Evans agreed to continue. Nominated by Paul Mills, Seconded by John Ferguson agreed nem.com.

### 10c. Election of Honorary Auditor\*

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

## 11. A.O.B

- a. **Cycling for all at Alun Waters** – Janet Gregory informed members that she had information about the charity and also publicised their raffle and Christmas event.
- b. **Charlotte's Tandems**- Brian MacDonald informed the meeting of the work done by the Charity (which lends tandems free of charge to disable people) and requested that people give publicity to the work of the charity.
- c. **Cafe/Pub of the Year.** It was suggested that in addition to the Cafe of the Year award there should also be a Pub of the Year award. There was discussion during which a request was made for up to date information to be sent to Glennys Hammond who maintains the C&NW CTC cafe and pubs list on the website. A reminder was given regarding voting for cafe of the year.  
Vote was held regarding the proposal from Chris Lamb for a new pub of the year award 24 for; none against; 8 abstained.
- d. **The Link.** Janet Jones the new editor was introduced to the meeting. She asked members to provide copy for the next issues as she had already started to compile it. She was congratulated on and thanked for her first issue which had been published the previous week.
- e. **Thanks** were given to the Committee, event organisers and all of the volunteers who worked so hard to keep the club running.

The meeting ended at 2.10pm

*(Donations for refreshment raffle raised £59 for the Cyclist Defence Fund)*