

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Minutes of the committee meeting 5th December 2013 @ Deeside Leisure Centre starting at
7.30pm

Present

Mike Cross, Peter Williams, Lowri Evans, Dave Matthews, Brian Lowe, Alan Oldfield, Brian Joyce & Colin Bell.

1. **Apologies:** Ifor Jones, Doreen Lindsey, Janet Gregory, Sue Booth & Vicky Payne.

2. **Election of Chairman**

Mike cross was proposed as Chair by Dave Matthews, seconded by Peter Williams, elected unanimously. Mike then welcomed Alan Oldfield and Brian Joyce to the committee.

3. **Minutes from 24th October 2013**

Proposed by Brian Lowe, Seconded by David Matthews ; agreed.

4. **Matters arising:**

10.4 Gordon Seabright has replied to the invitation – he may come to the Bickerton rides.

10.6 Mike Cross found the alternative venue (Deeside Leisure Centre for committee meetings).

10.5 Glennys Hammond (website editor) sees no problem with putting committee meeting minutes on the Chester & N Wales CTC website. Minutes would not appear on the website until they had been approved as a true record at a subsequent Committee Meeting. All were in agreement apart from Brian Lowe who opined that they should be posted at draft stage to avoid delay.

Action Secretary to send the minutes of the October meeting to Glennys Hammond.

5. **Secretary's Report** (circulated)

1. Logo Competition Congratulations to Glennys Hammond for winning the logo competition.

Mike Cross circulated hard copies of the logo for the committee members to look at.

Action Lowri Evans to circulate electronic copies of the logo in its various formats.

Glennys Hammond has been looking at the costs of having mugs & tee-shirts produced. Other items were also discussed.

Action Brian Joyce to contact Glennys regarding the possibility of producing tea towels

2. The Annual returns were sent to NO by the deadline. As there were so many changes to the information supplied by NO an additional page was sent to try to ensure that the information would be updated correctly this year.

6. Eryri Group. Letter to the Link from Dave Woods (circulated). There was good support for the Welsh Festival from members who live in Wales. Brian Lowe confirmed that as Registration Officer he is continuing to ensure that new members receive a welcome message (letter or email).

Action Brian Lowe will send a message to both David Woods and Doreen Lindsey to let them know this.

7. Tourist Competition This year NO are not finding it easy to keeping track of events and results; it was described as shambles. Vicky Payne, David Matthews, Janet Gregory & Lowri Evans have received emails this week saying that they have not submitted results. ALL of the results have been submitted on time (NO have been notified at least 3 times that the Spring 50 was cancelled). There has been considerable discussion of this year's problems on the Audax website.

Action Lowri Evans to contact NO next week to try to get the results issue sorted.

The system for registering events for next year has changed.

Action Lowri Evans to look at the new forms and arrange with event organisers to get the forms completed and submitted.

8.Brand Refresh Lowri Evans has been asked to complete a questionnaire by 13th December .

6. **Treasurers Report** (circulated)

The issue of the Spring 50 money being included on the accounts for the AGM has been checked . The accounts were correct. They are not drawn up on a cash accounting system but on more of a double entry basis. The issue was checked with NO and Colin Bell sent the information to Andy Blomfield to confirm that the accounts were drawn up as required by NO.

The Link year has changed there will be no Link liability once the Christmas edition has been sent out. This may be the last edition; some of the legacy will be used towards postage of this bumper edition.

6.1 **Surplus funds**

C&NW CTC has significant funds. Due the cancellation of the Spring 50 and many rides saying they didn't want a refund there is some 'windfall money' in the account. The use of surplus funds was discussed in the light of the forthcoming 75th Anniversary Celebrations.

- a. It was suggested that a more realistic travel allowance should be given. Mike Cross had consulted Sue Cherry from NO who said the rates paid were 40p per mile for driving and 20p per mile for cycling. Following discussion Dave Matthews proposed these rates should be adopted then reviewed in a year, Peter Williams seconded the motion. 5 voted for it and the rest abstained.

Action ; Lowri Evans to inform committee members & event organisers of the new rate.

- b. **Events.** Following discussion it was agreed that riders under 18 should be given free entry in 2014 events to encourage young riders (*it was later suggested that the definition used should be under 18 on 1st March 2014 (in accordance with CTC Tourist Competition rules.)*) It was also agreed that part of the 75 year celebrations would be to give free entry in C&NW CTC events to riders who would be over 75 by the end of 2014. It was also proposed that the costs of hiring halls would be covered from funds thereby reducing entry fees for all entrants. These proposals were for one year only and the entry forms should clearly state this so that riders would not be disappointed in 2015 when event entry would have to return to the normal cost. All the above is subject to the agreement of the organisers.
- c. Increased costs for the other 75 year events & projects such as guests at the Bickerton Events, the history of C&NW publication & the cycling cookbook.
- d. Increased honorarium for the website – rate to be discussed at the February meeting
- e. Donations to charity. This was discussed, including the possibilities for making donations to local charities or a national charity such as the Cyclists' Defence Fund. Brian Lowe suggested that committee members look into the issue and discuss charity donations in the June meeting when there is more idea of the level of surplus funds. This was agreed by all.

7. **Minutes of the AGM**

These were discussed. Brian Lowe read out the additional text wanted inserted in section 9.

Action Brian Lowe to send the additional text to the Secretary so that it can be included in the draft minutes for discussion at the February meeting.

8. **Link**

As yet no one has come forward to take over from David Ackerley as the Link Editor. If a volunteer is not found the magazine will fold.

Action All committee members to try to find a new editor.

There was discussion of various other publications produced by various organisations and the possibility of an honorarium.

Currently David Ackerley & Arthur Miller are hard at work producing a booklet about the history of C&NW CTC over the last 75 years.

9. Councillors Report (circulated)

Janet Gregory's written report was accepted – the Committee is grateful for all of the work carried out on by the Councillors.

10. Right to Ride (circulated)

Peter Williams was congratulated on his award of a Certificate of Thanks from Sustrans.

The report was discussed and agreed.

Peter Williams and Mike Cross have checked out the new Ellesmere Port Routes

As yet the 'Share with Care' letter has not been sent out as it has still not been signed by the Cheshire West Council officer.

After a delay of 11 months (and several emails & phone calls to Denbighshire Council) there are now the appropriate signs on three of the new cycle paths in Ruthin.

11. Two Mills Report (circulated)

The report was discussed. There was a request that it should be noted that rides split into smaller groups primarily for safety reasons.

12. CTC Cymru Report (circulated)

It was suggested that the new Councillor for Wales (Gwenda Owen) should be invited to the Bickerton Rides.

Action Lowri Evans to contact Gwenda Owen with the invitation

13. Events 2014

For the January the 1st meet at the Carden Arms riders should aim to arrive by 12 noon for a meal at 12.30. Harry Watson is organising the event, but David Matthews is action as liaison with riders who have queries.

The car parking for the Eureka Audax Rides is currently being sorted out- arrangements will be confirmed in January and be placed on the C&NW and Audax websites.

A list of the 2014 events was included on the agenda.

14. Website Report (circulated)

Thanks to Glennys & John Hammond for the report & their continuing work on the website.

The post of cafe & pub list checker was discussed. Currently the list is fully up to date thanks to Brian Lowe. Brian was thanked for his work over the years.

It was suggested that an appeal should be placed on the website for people to take up various volunteer posts: Link Editor, Publicity Officer & Cafe List checker.

15. Dates for next year's meetings

The following dates for committee meetings were agreed:

- 27th February
- 22nd May
- 4th September
- 9th October

It was agreed that the new venue at the Leisure Centre should be used for future meetings.

Action Lowri Evans to book the venue for the meetings

The AGM will be on the 2nd November 2014. As the President's Ride will be in England it was suggested that the AGM should be moved further into Wales in 2014; possibly to the Vale of

Clwyd to make it easier for some members from further west to access the meeting. It was also suggested that there should be more refreshment to encourage more members to attend and to socialise.

Action Secretary is to contact Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair DC to see if the venue is available on the 2nd November.

16. AOB

- Colin Taylor is now at home after a spell in hospital.
- It was reported that, sadly, Dorothy Clift is seriously ill with cancer.
- C&NW CTC is now listed under both England & Wales in 'Cycle'.
- David Ackerley's letter – the issues were discussed under other agenda items
- CWACC have offered free Bikeability training for adults in the area – they have had no takers at all.
- There are large numbers on the Tuesday evening rides – up to 80 turn up, most learn about it by word of mouth. This is an affiliated group due to CTC rules at the time it was set up
- There should be a Member Group Steering meeting in the New Year in London.

Meeting ended at 9.25pm