

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Minutes of the committee meeting 22nd May 2014 @ Deeside Leisure Centre starting at
7.30pm

Present

Mike Cross, Peter Williams, Lowri Evans, Brian Lowe, Alan Oldfield, Vicky Payne, Brian Joyce, David Matthews, John Ferguson & Colin Bell.

At the start of the meeting it was noted with regret that David Robinson had died. David had been a National Councillor and chair of National Council as well as being active in campaigning for cycling. Condolences had been sent by Mike Cross on behalf of the Club, and he would be attending the funeral on the 30th May.

1. **Apologies:** Ifor Jones, Doreen Lindsey, Sue Booth, Martin Brooks, Janet Gregory, Welna Bowden, Gwenda Owen.

2. **Minutes from February 2014**

Item 12 – note that the event is the Spring 50

Item 15 – should be Cuckoo Lane, Little Neston with further meeting at Neston Town Hall.

The amended minutes were proposed by Peter Williams, seconded by Colin Bell and agreed.

3. **Matters arising:**

3.10 Gordon Seabright will not be attending C&NW CTC celebrations as he will be leaving CTC to take up a new job – his successor will be invited.

4.0 Local Rules – an email had been received just prior to the meeting from Arthur Spurr stating that the Strategy & Policy Committee had some reservations about the proposed Local Rules so there could be a delay in getting them approved.

9.1 The Share with Care meeting scheduled for the 20th March didn't take place.

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

The Secretary was thanked for her report & the team was congratulated for their success in the Tourist Competition.

1. **Action** Lowri Evans should continue to work with the late George Adam's family to arrange for the cycling items to be collected & sold/ disposed of in aid of the Club.

2. There had been contact from a Chester charity that refurbished bikes. **Action** Secretary to get in touch to find out more

6. The change to CTC Eryri Thursday Cycling group were outlined & confirmed
Proposals regarding a Wind Farm in Clocaenog. **Action** it was agreed that the Secretary should respond requesting minimal impact on the landscape if she had time to work through the documents.

5. **Treasurers Report** (circulated) & **The Link**

The report was accepted together with the detailed list of income & expenditure.

Both The Link & The Chain have been well received. The production of The Chain magazine took considerable funds from The Link account however there are still 100 number of copies that can be sold to set against the cost. Copies of The Chain were issued to committee members so that they could sell them. The decision of the number of copies to produce was made by Mike Cross, David Ackerley & Arthur Miller.

Action All to sell the copies of The Chain

5.1 Use of C&NW CTC Funds – possible donations to charities. This topic had been deferred from a meeting earlier in the year. The example of the Two Mills donation to a local cycling charity given. It was noted that the bulk of the money held by C&NW CTC was from the 1997 Birthday Rides. There had been recent messages from National Office suggesting that if groups wanted to make donations they should remember that CTC was now a charity & there was also the option of donating to the Cyclist Defence Fund.

It was noted that several of the events this year celebrating the 75th anniversary were expected to make a loss.

After discussions the following was agreed:

Action A sub-committee (Chair Brian Lowe, with Vicky Payne & Colin Bell) should meet & report to the AGM.

6. Minutes of the AGM (circulated)

Unfortunately Brian Lowe & Janet Gregory had not been able to agree to a revised paragraph 9B prior to the meeting. A revised paragraph from Brian Lowe was submitted. Objections were made on behalf of Two Mills. There was heated discussion and it emerged that some members objected on points of principle (that the secretary was undermined if large changes to minutes were requested). The issue of having the Chair of one member group voting at another member group meeting was also raised. To move matters forward the Chair of C&NW CTC called a vote on the minutes with the amended paragraph:

“ The minutes are correct in fact and should go on to the AGM in November”

This was passed 5 for, 2 against, 2 abstained.

Action Secretary to finalise the minutes ready for the AGM

7. Councillors Report (Circulated)

This was received with thanks. Thanks were also expressed to the Councillors for their work.

8. Right to Ride (circulated)

The report from Peter Williams was accepted.

Report of the meeting with Liz Cunningham was discussed. Cheshire Police still have a dedicated road team in spite of the cuts & they will make every effort to attend accidents. The advice is “to wear a helmet & something bright (in case things go to court) as this is how the CPS works”.

Action: Peter Williams & Brian Lowe to draft a note to the National Councillors asking for CTC’s attitude to the advice regarding helmet & hiviz.

Peter Williams was able to explain that even if no action was taken by police (no statements taken) an accident would still be recorded and show in statistics monitored by the Highway Authority. Right to Ride Officers are sent information by CTC regarding accident statistics for the last 5 years.

8.1 A new gate is being installed between Net’s Cafe & The Harp due to excess speed & abuse by some cyclists on a blind bend

8.2 A41 by Backford. Peter Williams has sent an email regarding the very rough surface. He is awaiting a reply.

8.3 Consultation has started with regard to new cycle paths in/ near Denbigh
Peter Williams was thanked for his work.

9. Publicity Officers Report (circulated)

9.1 A Facebook page has been set up for C&NW CTC and so far has 50 followers. Most of the Committee are not Facebook users so John Ferguson agreed to forward any relevant enquires.

- 9.2 Port Sunlight Event **Action** Lowri Evans to liaise with John Ferguson to ensure the event was registered with CTC for insurance purposes
- 9.3 CTC Map on the Website. C&NW CTC can have several spots on the National website map; however the Secretary is still waiting for some groups to send in the grid reference to be used for their groups. **Action** Group reps to ensure that the information is sent in.
- 9.4 Publicity material. It was suggested that the group should wait until the business card template was available before producing them. A request had been made by the Secretary to NO that some material should be available in Welsh.
- 9.5 Information from the briefing sessions prior to the AGM was discussed. In the publicity briefing the importance of contacting the correct sub editor and of thanking for publicity had been emphasised. **Action** Publicity officer to explore possible contacts with the local press.
- 9.6 C&NW CTC website/NO website/Facebook/Blogs. A question was asked about the use of so many aspects of social media. It was explained that these were complimentary to each other and the aim was to reach as many people as possible. It appeared that the main link currently was still the C&NW CTC website. There was discussion regarding Facebook (as most of the committee were unfamiliar with the exact workings)
- 9.7 Bike week registration – John Ferguson was looking into this
John was thanked for his work.

10. Two Mills Report (circulated)

The group were thanked for their report and congratulated on the success of the Spring 50. Mike Cross apologised that he had been unable to attend. In response to a question it was confirmed that there has been a maximum number of participants set prior to the event.

11. CTC Cymru Report (circulated)

It was announced that the Festival Booking form was now available on the National Website

12. Events 2014

12.1 Volunteers are still needed to help with David Ackerley's events.

12.2 Eureka Audax rides were very successful. There were some delays in Bunbury when the 100k & 200k riders arrived for lunch at the same time. ; to avoid this problem next year the 100k route will be altered to have their first stop at the Prospect Cafe. As it is a PBP year in 2015 the 200k will be registered as BRM which will result in a shorter time limit (it will be based on 200k not the actual length of the event). The possibility of increasing the number of entries was discussed with parking at The Tudor Rose, The Yacht & Capenhurst

Action John Ferguson & David Matthews to discuss & agree parking options

Comments were made regarding alternatives to the A540 part of the route.

Action Alan Oldfield to send comments on the route to David Matthews

12.3 The Momma Audax events have been moved to the 10th August due to the organisers family commitments.

12.4 600k Audax control at Chrisleton is now being organised by Daniel Web. David Matthews will liaise but will not be available for most of the night as his Audax events are now the following day.

13. Website Report

There had been a large amount of traffic on the website since the last meeting & lots of material had been posted. Thanks were made to the webmaster & the editor.

14. AOB

14.1 The Secretary said that mugs such as those produced as prizes for the Treasure Hunt could be produced for the 75th Anniversary at a cost of approximately £6.00 with the cost of postage to be added. It was agreed that 20 mugs should be ordered to be offered for sale for £6.50

Action Lowri Evans to decide a design for the mugs and arrange for 20 to be produce before the 75th Anniversary rides if possible.

14.2 Following the points raised in item 6, Brian Joyce, Chair of Two Mills CTC stated that he would be considering his future role on the committee.

Meeting ended at 9.30pm

Date of the next meeting 4th September 2014