

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Minutes of the committee meeting 4th September 2014 @ Deeside Leisure Centre starting at
7.30pm

Present

Mike Cross, Peter Williams, Lowri Evans, Brian Lowe, Vicky Payne,, David Matthews, John Ferguson
Sue Booth, Janet Gregory, Welna Bowden, Andy Blomfield & Colin Bell.

1. **Apologies:** Ifor Jones, Doreen Lindsey, Martin Brooks, Gwenda Owen, Alan Oldfield & Brian Joyce.

2. **Statement from Two Mills CTC**

As a question was asked with regard to Two Mills representation at the meeting, item 12 (the Two Mills statement) was moved up the agenda. Mike Cross read out a statement from Two Mills CTC that had been handed to the Secretary immediately prior to the meeting. A copy of the statement is attached in appendix 1. The main points noted were:

- Two Mills CTC elect their own representative to the C&NW CTC committee
- They will not be sending a representative in the foreseeable future
- From 2015 Two Mills will run the Spring 50 Tourist Trial as their own event
- Two Mills CTC will contribute £200 towards the running of the C&NW CTC website

3. **Minutes from May 2014**

Proposed by David Matthews, seconded by John Ferguson. Agreed.

4. **Matters arising**

Mike Cross represented C&NW CTC at David Robinson's funeral.

3.10 Paul Tuohy, the new Director of CTC wasn't in post to be invited to the 75th Anniversary rides, however David Cox (Chair of CTC Council) was able to attend, as were the 3 CTC Councillors.

Action; Mike Cross to send an invitation to Paul Tuohy to attend the President's Ride.

As Peter Foster was unable to attend the 75th Anniversary Rides he has been invited to the President's Ride to collect his certificate.

5.1 Sub Committee to consider use of C&NW CTC funds. Due to pressure of work Vicki Payne has withdrawn from the committee; Glennys Hammond has step in instead. There has been one meeting and they are making progress towards having a report ready by the AGM.

8.1 A padlocked gate has been placed near Net's Cafe. There was some discussion with regard to access.

8.0 Peter Williams & Brian Lowe have sent a letter to the National Councillors with regard to statements made by Liz Cunningham of the Cheshire Police on contributory negligence and damages seeking clarification of CTC position regarding the wearing of Hiviz and helmets. The Councillors have forwarded the letter to NO and a detailed response has been received from Roger Geffin shortly before the meeting; copies were circulated at the meeting.

The response indicated that it was unlikely that Liz Cunningham was correct in her statement that not wearing a helmet could result in a court finding contributory negligence. There was considerable discussion at the meeting and it was felt that people needed time to read the document in detail before decisions on further action could be taken.

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

5.2 Some groups have submitted several meeting locations for points on the CTC national map.

Action—one location per group to be sent to NO Lowri Evans

5.5 Further details of events:

- There is still no organiser for next year's Vet's 100. Harry Watson, this year's oldest rider (aged 85 years) has decided he will no longer be riding the event after more than 40 years.
- There was a very positive response to the questionnaires after the Bob Clift Cycleways rides with route, refreshment etc being scored 1-5 (with 5 as excellent); the average assessment for each aspect assessed was 4.9 and overall percentage of maximum score was 98%. There were a total of 197 entries between the three distances.

Thanks were expressed to David Ackerley for his organisation of both the 75th Anniversary Rides and Tea and the Bert Bailey Memorial Vets 100. **Action** Lowri Evans to write a letter of thanks. Brian Lowe and Alan Oldfield were also commended on the running of the Cheshire Cycleways events, and David Matthews was thanked for his Audax events.

5.7 Local Rules The secretary has now sent a written response to issues raised with regard to the local rules. Most of the issues relate to rules that have already been passed in the previous rules.

Message from Arthur Miller (circulated)

Thanks were expressed for Arthur's work over the years; he will be standing down as Vice President but is willing to continue as archivist & on the Awards Committee.

Action Lowri Evans to write to Arthur Miller to thank him for all of his work for C&NW CTC. It was agreed that the sale of the maps suggested in Arthur Miller's report should proceed.

Mike Cross. Mike Cross then announced that he would not be standing for the Committee at the next AGM. He is prepared to continue as president if the membership wishes. He hopes to attend the AGM in November. The committee expressed thanks to Mike for his hard work on behalf of the club.

6. **Treasurers Report** (circulated)

The Treasurer indicated that a correction need to be made- £135 in memory of George Adam had been included under the wrong heading. **Action** correction to be made Colin Bell

The Treasurer commented on the accounts; the 75th celebrations recorded a loss as anticipated, free entry for over 75's and juniors reduced the income for events. The 1st Aid evening made a small loss as The Bike Factory provided the venue & refreshments so attendees weren't asked for a donation to the Club. The entry fees for events had been set before the mileage rate was increased to 40p so this hadn't been factored in. There was discussion about the 40p mileage rate. Website expenditure was explained; honorarium and hosting fees.

The Chain has received remarkable praise including a letter from John Pegum (aged 93). Copies sold well at the Vet's 100. **Action** Colin Bell to find out how many copies are left to sell.

A question was asked regarding discussions about numbers of copies produced & cost of production. **Action** Secretary to look through minutes

7. **Link**

Martyn Brooks, the editor is expected back from his travels later in the month.

8. **Councillors Report**

Paul Tuohy took up post as the director on 19th July. He attended the Birthday Rides to meet the members. The Birthday Rides went well; they are still looking for a venue for next year. Welna Bowden will be attending the Operational Meeting on the 17th September. There will be an "Away Day for councillors" in February. Dates of Member Group AGMs will be published in Cycle & the Councillors will be busy attending these meetings. Thanks were also expressed to the Councillors for their work.

9. Publicity (circulated)

John Ferguson gave out the new business cards; he has also placed some in Net's cafe. He has stamped the cards with the C&NW CTC website address & Facebook details. He also had the rest of the new publicity material for people to see/ collect.

There was discussion about the Neston Cycle Day which had been organised by Andy Mills with a grant from British Cycling and Cheshire West. There was a good response to CTC at the event. Facebook now has 111 members with the largest age group between 45-54 years. It appears that gradually more people are using Facebook and there is potential for further development. Welna Bowden has a CTC Northwest Facebook page.

10. Right to Ride (circulated)

Peter Williams reported that he has not yet had a reply to his second letter regarding the A540. He intends to send a letter to the press to give thanks for the cycle path on the A41 and to ask for a path for the A540. There was considerable discussion about the dangers at the Backford traffic lights when there is stationary traffic in the right-hand lane (the cycle provision stops before the danger point).

A letter had been received today inviting people to an information session on the 5th September about the works at the A55/A483. It appears that a bridge is proposed over the A55. **Action** Peter Williams & David Matthews will attend.

Peter Williams was thanked for his continued work.

11. Events

11.1 Events 2014

- John Ferguson may not run the 'History Ride' this year as it has only attracted small numbers
- Presidents Ride and Lunch. There will be a choice of two mileages on the outward ride. Currently booking numbers are low so all were asked to remind members about the event.
- Hill Climb & Freewheel. Entry forms are now available. Meals can be pre-booked, just waiting on final details from the 3 Pigeons. As Mike Cross won't be able to attend, Arthur Miller will be there.
- Corwen October Audax events. Vicky Payne already has 23 entries between the three events & preparations are going well.

11.2 Events 2015

- **29th March The Spring 50** will be run by Two Mills as their own event.
- **Dave Matthews Audax events**
 - Eureka Saturday April 25th (the 200k will be BRM)
 - Corwen Saturday 18th July
 - Momma Rides Sunday 9th August
- **48th Bert Bailey Memorial Vets 100** 12th July (organiser needed)
- **1st January 2015** – arrangements need to be made for New Year's Day
- **CTC Cymru Map Reading & Treasure Hunt** May Bank Holiday weekend
- **Bob Clift Memorial Cheshire Cycleways** June

It is likely that there will be a York Rally 20th & 21st June 2015.

David Matthews will be taking back the organisation of the Tour of the Berwyns Audax (9th May) for Seamons Road Club so will be looking for someone to take over the running of the Corwen Audaxes (Barmouth/Brenig Bach series). Ideally the new organiser would shadow him in 2015 and takeover in 2016.

12. CTC Cymru Report (circulated)

Report was accepted.

13. Two Mills

Hopes were expressed that C&NW CTC and Two Mills CTC could continue to work closely together in the future.

14. Website Report (circulated)

Thanks were made to the webmaster & the editor for their work & for the report.

15. AOB

None

Meeting ended at 9.20pm

Date of the next meeting Thursday 9th October 2014

Appendix 1

Statement from CTC Two Mills Committee to be read out at C&NW

Committee meeting 4th September 2014.

You may recall that at the November 2013 AGM of Chester and North Wales CTC a motion was overwhelmingly passed inviting a representative from Two Mills CTC committee to join the main C & NW committee. At the following Two Mills committee meeting Brain Joyce, chair of that committee was delegated to attend future C & NW CTC committee meetings on Two Mills behalf.

Following recent concerns about the conduct of one of your committee members, which has been allowed to continue. Two Mills met to discuss the situation and have come to the following conclusions.

- 1) Two Mills have elected our representative to the C & NW committee democratically and this decision should not be open to challenge.
- 2) Recent C & NW meetings, in the experience of our representative have degenerated into a farce, with constant attempted rewrites and endless discussions concerning irrelevant amendments to the minutiae of the previously appropriate recorded minutes, to the detriment of the conduct of legitimate business.
- 3) As a consequence Two Mills have decided that attendance at C & NW committee meeting is not a productive use of our time and therefore no Two Mills delegate will be attending meetings for the foreseeable future.
- 4) As from 2015 onwards Two Mills CTC plans to run the Spring Tourist Trail independently of C & NW.
- 5) We value the close links that have hitherto existed between our two groups and wish to continue to partner in future where and when appropriate. C& NW CTC website is one example, we believe that the time is now right to contribute in our own right towards the cost and are prepared to offer £200 per year to this end.

It is with regret that we have come to these decisions but recent events and subsequent developments have, we believe left us with no other choice.