

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

Present

Mike Cross, Alan Oldfield, Lowri Evans, David Matthews, Martin Brooks & Colin Bell.

- 1. Apologies:** Ifor Jones, Doreen Lindsey, Peter Williams, John Ferguson, Vicky Payne, Sue Booth, Janet Gregory & Brian Joyce.

2. Election of Chair

To ensure a quorum Alan Oldfield proposed that Martin Brooks be co-opted onto the committee, this was seconded by Colin Bell and agreed by all. Subsequently Mike Cross arrived.

David Matthews was proposed as Chairman by Lowri Evans, this was seconded by Colin Bell, elected nem con.

3. Minutes from October 2014

The minutes were agreed.

4. Matters arising

Alan Oldfield will be the organiser for the Cheshire Cycleways events. There will be 2 distances.

5. Secretary's Report (circulated)

The annual return has been submitted by the deadline, however several extra sheets had to be added as there wasn't enough room to list informal groups, the committee and the rides leaders. There has been a query from NO regarding postcodes.

Action Lowri Evans to respond to postcode query.

Local rules will need to be submitted in a different format (not as part of the national rules) before they will be debated again. (Error in the circulated secretary's report – a paragraph had been duplicated form a previous report).

The Secretary made apologies that she still had several letters to write and tasks to complete.

Action Secretary to catch up with correspondence as soon as possible.

Eryri Thursday Group are increasing in numbers and are considering whether they need to set up a northern group. Leaflets & information have been sent by Lowri Evans and John Ferguson. Sue Booth has made suggestions regarding a possible location for the Winged Wheel in Chester, Roy Spilsbury is still researching restoration costs.

6. Treasurer's Report (circulated)

C&NWCTC had been selected for Audit by NO. Colin Bell had spent an entire weekend trying to get the spreadsheet form NO to balance for the Annual Accounts return. It emerged that a figure entered in the wrong box the previous year was causing the problem. The accounts now balance & the accounts manager from NO was very complimentary about the accounts. It is not certain when C&NW CTC will be selected for Audit again.

Colin Bell was able to confirm that he had searched for the best bank interest rates.

The Surplus Funds issue was discussed. In the 2013/14 year the club didn't generate a surplus (this was as expected due to the 75th anniversary celebrations). As Brian Lowe has withdrawn from the Surplus Funds Committee it was suggested that the Awards Committee might be able to consider the issue.

There was considerable discussion which included; NO using some of the funds to keep staff in employment, donations to charity. It was explained that Two Mills used the surplus from the

cancelled Spring 50 to make a donation to a local cycling group; CH&NW subsidised event entries for over 75's and under 18's in the anniversary year.

Action Mike Cross to ask the Awards Committee to look at possible use of surplus funds

7. Minutes of the AGM (*circulated*)

The draft minutes were agreed by all. The draft minutes will go forward to the AGM next year.

8. The Link (*circulated at the meeting*)

Martin Brooks (Link Editor) stated that he had not realised how much he had taken on when he agreed to run the Link as he didn't know how complicated C&NW CTC was, however this allowed him to look at the issues from a different perspective.

Martin Brooks had produced a document outlining issues related to the Link for discussion. There was considerable discussion of the paper. Currently the Committee supports the Link, however there are members of the Committee & Councillors who don't subscribe to the Link. . There are 120 subscribers, but it really needs 150 -160 to be viable (only 6 have the electronic version as most prefer to read a hard copy). Martin's paper had several suggestions to raise the profile and increase circulation including getting coverage for group magazines in Cycle. He suggested that the Councillors should be asked if they would request an article.

Action David Matthews to contact the National Councillors to ask them to if they would be prepared to take this forward.

The issue of affiliate members was raised again; they don't receive a copy of Cycle so may feel less involved in CTC. The change in emphasis of the club away from member groups was discussed; some member only join for insurance, some just to show general support for cycling. The Link font size has been increased for the current copy; if there were sufficient subscribers the Link could go up to A4. Some spare copies will be available; people will be able to buy these as individual copies & those who want to can subscribe for the remained of the Link year.

Martin Brooks was thanked for his work

9. Councillors Report

Councillors indicated that there was little to report since the AGM in November. Thanks were recorded for the Councillors that attended the AGM; Janet Gregory & Gwenda Owen.

10. Right to Ride Report (*circulated*)

Peter Williams' report and the letter from Cheshire West & Chester Council (CW&CC) had been circulated. All were disappointed by the letter and wished to commend Peter for his persistence. It was noted that although Chester was a cycling demonstration town it seems that cycling no longer features on the agenda.

The state of the A41 Blackford road surface was commented on; following recent work it as rough as it would be if no top surface had been applied.

The death of Jane Greaves of Trefnant was raised; it was noted there was an online petition to improve the junction.

As mentioned in the report several C&NW CTC members attended the campaigning training meeting in Llandudno in early November. Dates for consultation events on the local transport plans for Wales were circulated in the CTC Cymru report.

11. CTC Cymru Report (*circulated*)

The issue of the constitution was briefly explained; the quorum is large so meetings tend to be non- quorate and changes of group structure has resulted in the constitution becoming outdated.

12. Events

The last Audax events of the season were very successful; the event report was circulated. Vicky Payne was thanked for organising the events.

2015 Events

- Vets 100 – still waiting for a new organiser to come forward. David Ackelerly would be willing to act as mentor. (Unfortunately Roy Bunnell who had volunteered at the AGM had to withdraw). **Action** all committee members to try to find a volunteer/ volunteers)
- Dates were confirmed for events. **Action** Lowri Evans to produce events list
- Cheshire Cycleways Events. Alan Oldfield will organise the events next year; there will be a 50 mile and a 100 mile event (there were very low numbers for the 26 mile event last year). The option of changing the name of the event to include Dorothy & Bob Clift were discussed
- AGM. The venue for 2015 was discussed; it was agreed to be in the Kinnerton area but the facilities in the Scout HQ would have to be checked to see if beans on toast, tea & cakes could be produced and served. Dodleston might provide a suitable venue. **Action** Lowri Evans to enquire of Lesley Holden to find the numbers of plates etc in Kinnerton.
- Wild Wales. Lowri Evans to inform Glennys Hammond once the code is available so that a news item can be posted on the website.
- Vicky Payne has confirmed that she will run both sets of Corwen Audaxes in 2016

13. Website Report (*circulated*)

Thanks were noted for Glennys Hammond for the report and all of her work on the website. An article on designing new club kit has been posted after the suggestion at the AGM

14. Dates for next year's committee meetings

- 12th February
- 21st May
- 3rd September
- 8th October
- AGM 1st November
- 3rd December

15. AOB

- a. Trophies. Following a request from the Awards Committee the unused trophies were discussed. It was agreed to reinstate the trophy for the oldest Lady rider in the Vets 100 and suggested that it be engraved to include the names from the last few years. The other trophies to be discontinued. **Action** Award Committee to look into engraving the trophy.
- b. Trophy valuation; the accounts assumes 25% depreciation. **Action** Colin Bell to contact CTC to find out if this affects insurance value.
- c. Publicity Report. (*circulated*)The business cards were discussed. Although they are popular and useful to hand out they give far less information than the British Cycling cards.

Meeting ended at 9.36pm

Date of the next meeting Thursday 12th February 2015