

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Minutes of the committee meeting 12th February 2015 @ Deeside Leisure Centre starting at
7.30pm

Present

Mike Cross, Lowri Evans, David Matthews, Martin Brooks, Brian Lowe (instead of Alan Oldfield who was away), John Ferguson, Vicky Payne, Sue Booth, Welna Bowden & Colin Bell.

1. **Apologies:** Ifor Jones, Doreen Lindsey, Peter Williams, Alan Oldfield, Janet Gregory, Gwenda Owen, Julia Rogers & Brian Joyce.
2. **Minutes from December 2014**
8.0 amend so it reads ‘..receive an *individual* copy...The minutes were agreed with the above amendment.
3. **Matters arising**
All dealt with under other agenda items
4. **Secretary’s Report** (circulated)
 - 4.1 **Tourist Competition** interim results now available for checking. Currently Peter Dilworth equal 1st (awaiting the results of the tie-breaker). C&NW CTC currently the winning team; Peter Dilworth, Dave Statham, Ifor Jones and Lowri Evans. All C&NW CTC riders in the top 20 have been contacted so they can check their results.
 - 4.2 **National Website.** The Secretary confirmed that the issue of having only one location indicator on the map for all groups was still being pursued, but the current webmaster seems unable to add more points. Following a request for a webpage from the Wednesday Riders she confirmed that she had checked with NO and ‘child pages’ could be set up for the local groups.
Action: Contact the local groups to inform them of the possibility of a page on the website & ask for draft information to be up loaded.
 - 4.3 **National AGM.** Confirmed that the deadline for motions has passed.
Welna Bowden confirmed that the structure of the day was still being worked on. It is hoped it will appeal to more people and be a member celebration day with Volunteer of the Year Awards being presented at the AGM (there will no longer be an annual dinner). Postal voting and the low numbers attending the AGM were discussed. The change of date was questioned why move from May to July? Will cyclists want to spend a summer day at a meeting in London? **Action** Welna Bowden to find out why the date has been changed
 - 4.4 **Inclusive Cycling Conference**
Action; Secretary to send apologies on behalf of the group
 - 4.5 **Changes at NO** Welna Bowden gave an update relating to the staffing changes.
5. **Treasurer’s Report** (circulated)
It was reported that it is fairly quiet time of year; some income for the Vets 100 and for Link subscriptions. It was explained that the website fees paid were for the site name & hosting, but the honorarium to the webmaster had not yet been paid but was due shortly. Sue Booth questioned whether the club could afford the website. It was agreed that there is a large amount of information on the website and it is used by many members to find ride & event details, and can bring in new members to the club. The offered £200 contribution from Two Mills was discussed.
Action; Secretary to contact Two Mills CTC to confirm the arrangements for the contribution.

It was also suggested that the footfall for the C&NW CTC site and the C&NW CTC pages for the national site be compared in the future.

Surplus Funds Although the Awards Committee had met on the 18th January and looked into the issue of surplus funds, it was raised that this was outside the remit of the Awards Committee; therefore the matter returned to the C&NW CTC Committee.

The calculations and principles behind the proposals for surplus funds drawn up by the Surplus Funds Subcommittee were outlined by Brian Lowe. A figure of £4357 had been suggested as a base level (the cash held by NO) with any moneys in excess being regarded as 'surplus'. Some of the 'surplus' would be needed for running the club, and might be used for training or items that are needed, the rest could be considered for donations (e.g. 60% national charities, 40% local charities).

Action; Surplus funds to be an agenda item at the next meeting

Action; Brian Lowe and Colin Bell will use the actual figures from the 2014 accounts to produce the calculations which will be circulated with notes prior to the next meeting.

6. The Link

Martin Brooks, the editor, explained that he had copied the layout of 'Cycle' the CTC magazine. Since the last meeting David Matthews had contacted National Office to discuss an article in Cycle about local magazines. Martin Brooks had then followed this up and there will be an article in the March/April edition. It is hoped that this will result in more subscribers. Currently there are 120 subscribers (the maximum ever was 228). Martin has been working on arrangements to email everyone in the C&NW CTC area with regard to subscribing to the Link. It was agreed that the message should contain information about the Link and links to the C&NW CTC website.

During discussions several members mentioned how difficult it was to get in touch with Matt Mallinder & Mark Slater; this was noted by Welna Bowden CTC Councillor.

Action: Martin Brooks to email members.

The Committee was reminded that content for the March edition needed to reach Martin by the end of February. Due to Martin's travels it was agreed the Martin should adjust the timings of the next editions, postponing the June edition.

Action; Martin Brooks to contact Glennys Hammond to put a news item on the website with regard to the Link deadline, and Lowri Evans to remind the local groups.

Martin Brooks was thanked for his work

7. National Councillors Report

Welna Bowden explained that the number of technical enquiries had dropped greatly in recent years, which was why the post of technical officer had been made redundant. She explained that there were changes as the CTC tried to support all cyclists. She explained that there was more emphasis on communication & the use of social media.

8. Publicity Officer's Report

John Ferguson reported there are currently there are 143 followers on Facebook. A report of the Cafe of the Year Presentation at the Walk Mill has been sent in. John reported he had little support for in his role from National Office in the production of publicity materials.

9. Right to Ride Report (circulated)

Peter Williams' report was accepted. Once again the Committee expressed thanks to Peter for the report & his work.

10. CTC Cymru Report (circulated)

The report was accepted

11. Events

2016 New Year's Day

2015 started with meals at the Carden Arms, McLeans and Hildegard's. All went well although it had been previously agreed it would be the last year to meet at McLeans. As the Carden Arms is changing hands and to avoid problems of arrangements at several venues in 2016 Dave Matthews volunteered to make the arrangements for 'The Chairman's New Year's Meet'. This was agreed by all.

2015 Events

- It was explained that the Consolidated runs list had been produced by Vicky Payne, but the release had been delayed as there had been a change to the summer Audax events to avoid a new sportif.
- David Matthews explained that Saturdays appeared to be better than Sundays for events if trying to avoid clashes. It was agreed not to change the Corwen Audaxes on 18th July even though they clashed with the National AGM.
- Eureka Audaxes. Dave Matthews explained there was more interest than usual in the 200k event as it is a Paris Brest Paris qualifier. Extra car parking has been arranged for this year. He also explained that the entry fee covered fees to AUK for validation. All C&NW CTC registered Audax events are run by the organisers on a breakeven (if possible) basis.
- **2015 AGM** Currently waiting for information with regard to the amount of china etc at Higher Kinnerton Scout HQ. It was suggested the village hall in Doddleston might be better as it has a good kitchen.

12. Website Report (*circulated*)

Thanks were noted for Glennys Hammond for the report and all of her work on the website.

13. AOB

- Trophies.** It was agreed to engrave the missing names on the Ladies Rose Bowl for the Vets 100, and to add the name of the Club in Welsh on the back
Action Dave Matthews to take the Rose Bowl to David Ackerley to arrange for the engraving.
- New Club Kit for C&NW CTC.** There had been little/no response to the link article & the information posted on the website. It was agreed to put a note in the following editions of the Link and raise the issue again at the next AGM
- Ride Leader Training.** Information from Brian Lowe had been circulated prior to the meeting although the CTC Training officer had changed since the information was sent out. Cost £600 to train 6 rides leaders. Several groups showed an interest in training, particularly for new rides leaders. It was suggested that leaders from each group could be trained then cascade the information. The issue of a suitable venue for such widely spread groups was discussed. The possibility of a subsidy from NO was discussed, as was the fact that free training was available with British Cycling (although riders then had to commit to leading a given number of weekend rides). Information from group reps suggested that there would be at least 24 people interested in the training.
Action Welna Bowden to raise the issue with NO particularly in the light of the large numbers who might want to be trained.
- Letter to New C&NW CTC Members.** Vicky Payne had circulated a draft of the letter to be used. It was noted that some of the contact information needed updating. **Action** Vicky to update the letter before contacting the new members on the latest list.

Meeting ended at 9.30pm

Date of the next meeting Thursday 21st May 2015