

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Minutes of the committee meeting 8th October 2015 @ Deeside Leisure Centre starting at
7.30pm

Present

Mike Cross, Lowri Evans, Colin Bell, David Matthews, Brian Lowe, Martin Brooks, Sue Booth, Peter Williams, Julia Rogers, John Ferguson & Alan Oldfield.

Apologies: Ifor Jones, Doreen Lindsey, Janet Gregory, Gwenda Owen, Brian Joyce, Vicky Payne & Welna Bowden.

1. Minutes from 3rd Sept 2015

Proposed by Mike Cross, Seconded by Dave Matthews. Agreed nem con.

2. Matters arising

12.aWinged Wheel. The Transport Museum in Coventry have also refused the offer of the winged wheel.

3.c In spite of several emails there are still no takers for the CTC Member Conference in October.

4a. The motion for the Charity donation had been included on the AGM draft Agenda. It was suggested that it could just come under the Treasurer's Report but it was agreed to keep it as a motion for the AGM.

3. Secretary's Report (circulated)

The report was accepted

2. Ride Leader Training. Doreen Lindsay had been in touch with the Secretary pointing out that none of the new courses for Rides Leaders were scheduled for N.Wales . Sue Booth & Welna Bowden will be trying for places in Lancaster whilst Martin Brooks & Sarah Hamill will attend a course in Birkenhead. Brian Lowe had joined a group of 20 in Blackpool.

Action: Secretary to send a request for a course in N Wales to NO and copy to Gwenda Owen (National Councillor for Wales)

8. The overlap of post code with the new St Helen's and Warrington CTC groups was raised. All agreed this should not pose a problem.

Action: The Secretary is to inform the new group that there are no objections from the Committee and to send kind regards to the for the future.

9. John Ferguson (Publicity Officer) confirmed that he was now trying to get the main CTC website updated to show the C&NW CTC group locations.

4. Treasurer's Report (circulated)

There had been little change in the accounts since the last meeting; the Treasurer reported that the accounts were now up to date and he was arranging for them to be audited prior to the AGM. He confirmed that all accounts now balanced to the bank statement.

Colin Bell confirmed that he had received the Annual Return pack from National Office about a month previously (the Secretary's Annual Return pack had still not arrived).

a. **The Link** The Committee were reminded that a rolling subscription system was now being used, with a maximum advance payment of £10 for 4 issues (the subscription was for the number of issues not an exact calendar year)

Action : Colin Bell and Martin Brooks (Link Editor) to get together to check the Link account and ensure that all of the figures were appearing in the correct columns.

Action: Martin Brooks will check the wording of the Link subscription form

Action: Colin Bell will send out the detail breakdown of accounts to the Committee

- b. **Expenses** It was noted that many of the Committee have not been claiming expenses and several have forgotten where on their computers they have saved the blank expenses claim form.

Action: Colin Bell to circulate the Committee with a copy of the expenses form

c. Financial Procedures

The financial procedures were discussed and it was noted that there were already several procedures in place. It was agreed that after the AGM the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer would review the current procedures and report back to the Committee.

5. National Councillors Report

Janet Gregory had sent an update to the Secretary. Janet would be attending the Member Group Conference on 10th October and would also be attending Council on 24th October (her last meeting in London before the end of her term of office). Janet confirmed that she would be sharing attendance at North West Region AGM's with Welna Bowden.

It was confirmed that Gwenda Owen had sent an email newsletter update to members in Wales.

6. Events

- **President's Ride & Presentation.** This was enjoyed by all & there was excellent weather. Mike Cross said that if he was re-elected he would arrange the event in England in 2016. A letter had been received from John Pegum; he apologised for not being able to attend the lunch. Mike Cross was trying to arrange a date to make the presentation to John Pegum at his house.
- **Hill Climb & Freewheel** events went well with good attendance, food and weather. The coughing indicated that many of the riders had tried hard!
- **Momma Audax events.** Again these were well attended with good weather. There was some discussion about the advertising of events to ensure that riders realised how challenging a ride would be particularly as many riders use GPX files so would not see warnings/information on a route sheet.
Action: David Matthews to discuss the issue with Audax UK
- **Corwen Audax Events.** Vicky Payne has reported good entry figures. A request has been received from Denbighshire Council Social Services with regard to an elderly gentleman in Corwen who is interested in bikes. He may be coming to the event finish to chat with riders about cycling.

2016 Events

- **New Year** David Matthews confirmed that he had arranged a meal of hotpot cabbage and a baguette at Churton for £6.00 per head.
- **Ladies Weekend** As the insurance information from CTC appeared to have changed it was suggested that cover for the weekend should be checked.
Action Lowri Evans/Sue Booth to contact Julie Rand regarding the issue of insurance for CTC weekends away.
- **Cheshire Cycleways** Sue Booth took the information file with the intention of finding a team of Chester CTC members to organise the 2106 event.

7. Nomination of Officers

Posts for 2015/16 were discussed and the following nominations were recorded for taking forward to the AGM:

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	Mike Cross	Lowri Evans	David Matthews
Vice President*	Glennys Hammond	Mike Cross	Brian Lowe
Secretary	Lowri Evans	David Matthews	Sue Booth
Treasurer	Colin Bell	Mike Cross	John Ferguson
Registration Officer (membership records)	Brian Lowe	Lowri Evans	John Ferguson
Welfare Officer	Julia Rogers	Lowri Evans	Alan Oldfield
Publicity Officer	John Ferguson	Sue Booth	Mike Cross
Rights Officer	Peter Williams	Lowri Evans	David Matthews
CTC Cymru Rep	Lowri Evans	David Matthews	John Ferguson

Other Posts

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Webmaster	John Hammond	Colin Bell	Peter Williams
Web editor	Glennys Hammond	Mike Cross	Colin Bell
Link editor	Martin Brooks	Colin Bell	Alan Oldfield

Also representatives from Two Mills and all informal groups to be notified to the secretary after the AGM

Terry Nichols was agreed as the nomination for Auditor and it was agreed that Glennys Hammond should be nominated for the Awards Committee.

8. Link

Once again the editor made an appeal for support – encouraging members to subscribe, and to send in copy. Martin Brooks was thanked for his work.

9. Local Rules

The rules had been circulated in the new format they were agreed by the Committee.

Action: Secretary to send a copy to CTC National Office.

10. AGM

The location and catering arrangements were discussed; some kitchen equipment will be needed. Lowri Evans will collect the keys and open the hall before 11am for volunteers. Aim to have food ready from 11.30am.

11. AOB

a. **Annual Returns.** The problem of getting accurate statistics for the Annual Returns was discussed. It was agreed that the Secretary could only estimate figures at best and that information requested by NO should be reasonable.

b. **Publication of political articles in the Link & on the website.**

Following complaints about the political content of an article about a sponsored ride there was considerable discussion regarding the publication of articles with political content. Complainants had been contacted by the Link editor; he had discussed the matter with them. He also suggested that letters could be sent to the editor for publication.

It was agreed that cycling could be a political topic, so there couldn't be a blanket ban on political articles. It was considered that the article in question had too much emphasis on the politics, compared to the cycling content of the article.

After considerable debate it was agreed that both the Link and the website should have a disclaimer to reflect the fact that articles are submitted by members but do not necessarily reflect CTC or C&NWCTC policy.

It was also agreed that the Link and Web editors have to make the editorial decisions and the John Ferguson should continue to decide what was acceptable on the C&NW CTC Facebook page.

Action

Disclaimers to be added to the Link and to the C&NW CTC website

- c. **Cycle Nation Conference Liverpool 24th October** Peter Williams will be attending the Conference. It was confirmed that his expenses would be reimbursed.

Meeting ended at 9.25pm

Provisional date of the next meeting 3rd Thursday December 2015