

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Minutes of the committee meeting 3rd December 2015 @ Deeside Leisure Centre starting at
7.30pm

Present

Mike Cross, Lowri Evans, Colin Bell, David Matthews, Brian Lowe, John Ferguson, Janet Gregory & Brian Joyce.

Apologies: Ifor Jones, Doreen Lindsey, Gwenda Owen, Martin Brooks, Sue Booth, Peter Williams & Julia Rogers.

1. Election of Chair

David Matthews was proposed by Lowri Evans, seconded by Mike Cross agreed by all.

2. Minutes from 8th October Sept 2015

Agreed nem con.

3. Matters arising

2. Ride Leader Workshop in N Wales. The Secretary received a phone call from CTC national Office after raising the issue at the Cymru AGM. At short notice training has been arranged at Bangor on the 13th December. The information has been circulated.

9. There has been a request from the new St Helen's & Warrington CTC group to have a link from the C&NW CTC website. The new group has invited C&NW CTC members to join them on their YHA weekends.

Action: John Ferguson to contact Glennys Hammond to request the link and information to be added.

11. Brian Lowe suggested that the committee reconsider the decision regarding the editing of the Link and the C&NW CTC website as there were inconsistencies which hadn't been addressed. The Secretary had circulated the CTC Media Tool Kit with guidance for moderating social media such as Facebook. Brian offered to produce simple guidelines. After discussion the following action was agreed:

Action; Brian Lowe to contact National Office to ask if they had guidelines for website editors and magazine editors:

6. Mike Cross reported that the President's Trophy had been presented to John Pegum on the 29th October. John was delighted with the award.

4. Secretary's Report (circulated)

The report was accepted.

4. The C&NW CTC Annual return had been submitted and acknowledged.

7. Gwenda Owen had confirmed that the Local Rules had been passed subject to one item being checked by National Office. (*Note: Immediately following the meeting a message was received from NO confirming that all of the rules had been accepted*).

There was a suggestion that the relationship with Two Mills CTC should be reviewed with respect to reciprocal representation on Committees; it was also suggested that as the Local Rules had only just been agreed they should be left for a while before alteration. There was discussion. It was agreed that C&NW CTC would like to continue working with Two Mills CTC.

Lowri Evans was congratulated on being awarded the CTC Certificate of Merit.

4. Treasurer's Report (circulated)

There had been little change in the accounts since the last meeting; the Treasurer reported that the accounts Treasurer's Annual Return had been submitted to NO.

- a. A question was asked regarding the costs of the President's Lunch. It was explained that the £450 had gone out of the bank after the 1st of October so showed on the bank statement; however the invoice had been included correctly in the previous year's accounts. It was also explained that the payments for the production and posting of the next edition of the Link would be seen on the next detailed breakdown of income & expenses that the treasurer produced (there hadn't been an edition since the start of the current financial year).
- b. Charity Donation. Concerns had been raised by David Ackerley with regard to the validity of the decision of the AGM to give a donation to charity (the document had been circulated prior to the meeting).

Brian Lowe had researched some options including sponsoring Sustrans routes, the Cyclists Defence Fund and charities in recycling bicycles for children in Africa. There was considerable discussion. It was proposed:

- Sponsor 4 miles of Sustrans cycle paths £120
 - Donation to the Cyclists Defence Fund £200
- Agreed:** 6 votes for one against
Brian Lowe will pass the charity details on to Colin Bell so that payments can be arranged.
- c. Financial Regulations group terms of reference were discussed.
Action: Agreed that the current regulations should be drawn together and if possible the Treasurer, Chairman & Secretary should try to get together before the next meeting.

5. **Minutes of the AGM** (*circulated*)

It was noted that the post of Archivist was not included in the minutes. The post is held by Arthur Miller, but there was no election for the post.

The minutes were agreed nem con.

6. **Audax events** (*document from Stan Thomas circulated*)

The issue that Stan Thomas had raised at the AGM of the C&NW CTC audax event organisers arrangements was raised again following his request and discussed.

- Dave Matthews explained that both he and Vicky Payne organised the events and set the price so that they should roughly break even and intended to continue in this.
- It was felt that the events gave good publicity for the Club and attracted new members.
- It provided events for people to enjoy in the local area and also the events were part of the Tourist Competition in which C&NW CTC has had success for several years
- Thanks were proposed by the Committee to David Matthews & Vicky Payne for all of their work in running the events for the Club.

Proposal " C&NW CTC were happy to continue running audax events under their name with the current arrangements" Proposed by John Ferguson, seconded, Mike Cross, 7 voted for, 1 abstention.

7. **The Link**

The editor had sent a message that he hoped to get the Link ready to send to the printers by the weekend, and that it would be delivered before Christmas.

Best wishes were to be sent to Martin Brooks the editor.

8. **Publicity** (*report circulated*).

John Ferguson the publicity officer made it clear that he was very willing to help any group or event that needed promotion or publicity, but he felt that some groups didn't want publicity at

the moment as they could not cope with an influx of new members. This led to some interesting discussion as the National Office message was to attract new members and to try to increase diversity away from a profile of older/white/ middle aged men. It was suggested that publicity events gave an opportunity to recruit members who might be interested in campaigning, but not in riding with local groups.

It was suggested that the use of social media, such as Facebook appealed to younger riders.

9. National Councillors Report

Janet Gregory attended the meeting and reported:

- She had been busy attending AGNs in the North West area
- She had been unable to attend the latest Strategy & Policy meeting due to work commitments, but the C&NW CTC Local Rules had been discussed
- A certificate had been presented at the last Council meeting in recognition of her work; her term as Councillor would finish at the end of December.
- The National CTC AGM would be on the 7th May; motions to be in by 1st February. Venues other than London were being considered.
- Member Conference was well attended. It was to partly replace the old format of AGM and dinner as it was thought to include more members.
- There has been a survey about governance of CTC. There was little background information but a sub group was aiming to report to Council in January 2016. There was consideration being given to not having regional representation on Council. Any changes would have to go to the AGM.

Formal thanks were given to Janet Gregory for her work during her term of office.

A question was asked regarding the future funding of ride leader training courses and workshops. This year they had been funded under the £1 million 'Big Bike Revival' scheme. Currently there was uncertainty about future provision. The new workshops were not the same as the training courses as they were run with larger numbers and were to some extent a taster for the full courses. It was felt that groups needed support if they were to cope with larger numbers. It was suggested that consideration be given to the funding of courses.

10. Right to Ride (*circulated*)

A report was received from Peter Williams & thanks were given for his work.

It was explained that there was going to be a neighbourhood plan for Oscroft looking at cycle paths with regard to the council strategy.

Action: David Matthews agreed to look at and comment on the plans.

The Active Travel Plan maps for Denbighshire were available for comment.

Action: Lowri Evans to look at the maps and send in a response.

11. CTC Cymru (*circulated*)

The report was accepted.

12. C&NW CTC Website (*documents circulated*)

The offer from Stan Thomas (which had been deferred by the AGM) to run the website on an 'at cost' basis was discussed. The current arrangement was that John Hammond was webmaster undertaking the technical aspects (& paid an honorarium) and Glennys Hammond was the website editor. Stan Thomas would be well qualified to carry out the technical aspects of the website; however there would also be a large amount of editorial work required. The options were discussed and consideration was given to the feedback to the proposals from club members.

Consideration given to systems for online entries; enquiries had been made by Janet Gregory with commercial systems charging £1.20 per entry. It was uncertain whether the previous arrangement using the Merseyside online system would be available in future. John Hammond had given consideration to the issue; a link to an online payment system could be set up from the C&NW CTC site, but the current site was not secure to take payments in its own right; it might be possible if the site was converted to a CMS site but this would require a large amount of input.

The discussion also considered the future of websites as other forms of social media were becoming increasingly popular.

A vote was taken and all were in favour of retaining Glennys & John Hammond as web editor & webmaster.

Action: Secretary to contact Stan Thomas to thank him for the offer and to inform him of the decision. Also to contact John & Glennys Hammond to inform them of the decision & thank them for being prepared to continue with their work on the website.

13. Events

- **Corwen Audax Events.** Vicky Payne ran a successful series of events. She was thanked for her work.

2016 Events

- **New Year** David Matthews the arrangements at Churton. He made a request that groups would give him an estimate of numbers attending.
- **Ladies Weekend** the insurance cover had been checked by Sue Booth & it had been confirmed that such events would be covered.
- The updated events list had been circulated; dates were checked and amended where necessary.
- The email regarding the proposed Chester Cathedral Ride was discussed and it was noted that the group proposing the ride seemed to be unaware of what was already available in the area. Mike Cross agreed to keep the meeting informed if there was any further information.
- **AGM Action:** the Secretary to try to book Llanfair DC Village Hall

14. **Winged Wheel** (*circulated*)

Large amount of work had been carried out by the working group and their report was discussed. Hadlow Road Station was no longer considered as a viable option. The motor museum which was proposed by the group had about 90,000 visitors a year and would have agreements in place to safeguard the plaque. However some were disappointed that the plaque would be going out of the area, and felt that many cyclists would not go to a motor museum. It was noted that the original location of the plaque was not known. The museum considered in Warrington was run by an amateur and therefore not open as often as the proposed motor museum.

It was suggested that the Eureka Cafe should be contacted due to their long association with the Club, and the possibility of them erecting the plaque indoors could be explored.

Currently the Winged Wheel was at Alf Jones Cycles.

Action: Mike Cross to report back to the working group.

15. **AOB**

It was reported that Harry Watson was intending to stop leading events in 2016 (he would be 87).

The intention is for Watson's Wanderers to keep going; they will keep the name and rides will be led by a number of leaders.

Action: Mike Cross will liaise with the Awards Committee to prepare a Certificate for Harry.

16. Dates for meetings:

- 18th February
- 19th May
- 1st September
- 6th October
- AGM 6th November
- 1st December

Meeting ended at 9.30pm

Date of the next meeting Thursday 18th February 2016