

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Minutes of the committee meeting 19th May 2016 (7.30pm) @ Deeside Leisure Centre

Present

Lowri Evans, Colin Bell, David Matthews, Martin Brooks, Peter Williams & Sue Booth.

Apologies: Mike Cross, Ifor Jones, Doreen Lindsey, John Ferguson Gwenda Owen, Brian Lowe, Brian Joyce, & Julia Rogers.

1. Minutes from 18th February 2016

Minutes were read, propose by Colin Bell, seconded David Matthews. Agreed nem con.

2. Matters arising

Action Colin Bell to circulate costing spreadsheet to event organisers.

All other items to come up under agenda items.

3. Secretary's Report (circulated)

Discussed and accepted.

- a. **Bike Factory.** Following the success of the First Aid evening Dave Parry of the Bike Factory asked whether C&NW CTC would be interested in another evening with a speaker. It was agreed to pursue the option.

Action – Secretary to contact the Bike Factory

- b. **Tourist Competition.** Congratulations to the team & individuals.

The problems relating to getting individual numbers for riders on Audax events was raised. Dave Matthews had written to Audax UK to suggest that membership numbers should be included on the form (as this could also help with issues reacting to rider insurance on events). It was confirmed that this had also been raised with CTC national office and there had been contact with Mike Wigley (membership officer Audax UK) to try to resolve the issue.

- c. **SG Fleet Badge.** The lack of progress was reported.

Action Dave Matthews to contact John Pardoe as it was suggested that he had a vast knowledge of local cycling history.

4. Treasurer's Report (circulated)

The report was accepted.

- a. It was noted that the £620 from the Link legacy was shown separately on the accounts.
- b. Colin Bell reported that £370 had been received from NO as the annual payment. The payment system was due to be reviewed in 2016, so payment wasn't expected until after the review.
- c. A problem had arisen with changing the bank signatories; however a new set of forms were available for completion.

Action Dave Matthews (new signatory) to complete the forms and take them to the bank.

- d. Colin Bell requested that event organisers needing cheques should contact him in good time so that he could ensure timely payment.
- e. Online entries. Sue Booth reported that the Entry Central system that was being used for the Cheshire Cycleways rides was working well with a good level of support and

weekly reports. (This system was also used by Two Mills for the Spring 50). After discussion relation to the system & the costs it was agreed that using a commercial system was better than trying to develop an in-house system for the club.

5. The Link (*report circulated*)

There was praise for the most recent issue of the magazine which had been enjoyed by all.

Martin Brooks was thanked for his work.

Martin Brooks said he needed a cross section of article to maintain interest & inspire the readers. It was estimated that the next 2016 edition would be out in September (depending on commitments).

The change of printers had been a success with fliers produced in 3 days and a turn a round of 10 days for the Link.

It was reported that there were 134 subscribers for the last issue.

Arrangements had been made to set up a Link team for when Martin Brooks moved to Spain (after recovery from his hip operation on 16th June):

- Tony Swanick & Colin Bell – Link finances & subscriptions
- Janet Jones (Wrexham)- Liaison with printer & Wales

The advertising fliers and spare copies were discussed. Dave Matthews had copy for Tilly's and the Tour of the Berwyns, Peter Williams had copy for Nett's. The balance was with Lowri Evans and available for events e.g. Cheshire Cycleways and distribution to groups and cafes.

6. National Councillors Report

None received

7. Right to Ride (*circulated*)

a. A report was received from Peter Williams & thanks were given for his work. He also reported that he had attended a DfT Cycling & Walking investment road show earlier in the week (about 60 attended). Several blind/ partially sighted people raised the difficulties they encountered with cyclists on shared paths. Investment was announced for Bikeability (in England); almost 2 million had undergone Bikeability training since 2008. It was suggested this might mean the resumption of free cycle training for adults Cheshire West.

A written document should be available by the summer a 'Walking and cycling strategy', however there may not be any funding to implement the strategy. There was discussion in the C&NW CTC committee about passing distances & the importance of cyclists feeling safe if more people were to take it up. It was noted that the biggest killer of cyclist was lorries turning left.

b. Chester Cycling Campaign. Peter had attended a meeting discussing the promotion of cycling in Blaenau; amongst other things it was suggested that they would need some volunteers to lead some family cycle rides later this year. There had also been suggestions of a critical mass ride –there was discussion whether this type of event did more to antagonise other road users than encourage cycling. Peter will attend the next meeting on 1st June.

c. Active Travel Forum in Cheshire West. It was reported that there were attempts to get an active travel forum to keep people informed of issues & developments so that there would be joined up thinking in cycling provision.

Peter was thanked for all of his work on behalf of the club & cyclists in the area.

8. CTC Cymru (*circulated*)

The report was accepted.

9. **Publicity (circulated)**

The report was discussed. It was agreed that option 'c' was the best way forward regarding the name of the Facebook page (change the name to Chester and north Wales CTC part of Cycling UK)

It was also agreed to keep the club name as Chester and North Wales CTC /CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru at least for the time being.

10. **C&NW CTC Website (circulated)**

The report was read and accepted.

Thanks were given for the work carried out by Glennys & John Hammond.

11. **Events**

- a. Eureka Audax events (report circulated). A success once again. Thanks to Dave Matthews.
- b. Ladies weekend. Sue Booth had organised the weekend and was set to go the following day.
- c. Tour of the Berwyns & Panorama Audaxes. Dave Matthews reported good entries of 75 for the 200k and 25 for the 135K. For next year the logo on the AUK website would be changed (the Seamons CC logo was still featured). The date of 20th May was suggested for next year's event.
- d. Bob Clift Memorial Cheshire Cycleways. Sue Booth reported the online system was working well 40 to 50 signed up for each event (50 miles and 100 miles). The regular volunteers have agreed to help and there will also be some new volunteers this year.
- e. Triennial Veterans 100. 67 entries so far. There was a request form the organiser for more ride leaders for the event.

Action Lowri Evans to try to get more ride leaders.

The other events for the year were listed:

- Corwen Audax events – July Vicky Payne
- CTC Cymru Welsh Festival- July
- Momma Audax Events - September Dave Matthews
- President's Ride – September Mike Cross
- Llysfasi Hill Climb/ Freewheel October Lowri Evans
- Corwen Audax events October Vicky Payne
- AGM November

12. **Welfare**

No report

13. **AOB**

a. **Hadlow Road Station**

The position regarding the up keep of Hadlow Road station was outlined in the Secretary's report. All were agreed that if the Friends of Hadlow Road were willing to maintain the memorials (bench & plaque) a donation should be made. An annual sum of £25 was agreed.

Those at the meeting were thanked for their attendance.

Meeting ended at 9.20pm

Date of the next meeting Thursday 1st September 2016