

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Minutes of the committee meeting 1st December 2016 (7.30pm) @ Deeside Leisure Centre

Present

Sue Booth, David Matthews, Mark Jones, Terry Davies, Mike Cross, Lowri Evans, Brian Lowe, Peter Williams, Julia Rogers.

Apologies: Ifor Jones, Doreen Lindsey, Peter Williams, Brian Joyce, Colin Bell, Martin Brooks, Gwenda Owen, Welna Bowden & Janet Gregory.

1. Election of Chair

David Matthews was proposed by Lowri Evans, seconded by Terry Davies. Agreed nem con.

2. Minutes from 6th October 2016

That minutes of the meeting should be accepted was proposed by Mike Cross, seconded by Dave Matthews. Agreed nem con.

3. Matters arising

3.1 matters arising. Glennys Hammond provided a photograph of Reg Waud being presented with the President's Cup. Mike Cross has sent the photo on to Iris Mills (who donated the trophy **to the Club**).

4.3 On line entries. Sue Booth had tried to email Laurie Mason with regard to online entries for the Vets 100.

Action: Sue Booth and David Matthews to contact Laurie Mason in the New Year to look at the possibility of on-line entries.

9. C Ride Leader Training. Brian Lowe had been in touch with Matthew Woodcock at National Office regarding the cost of courses. The best offer was £714 to have a course to train 7 ride leaders; the course is usually held for groups of 6. It was noted that on the Cycling UK website the course was advertised at £125 per person with a 12% discount for members). Cycling UK said it was their best offer as they would need to pay extra mileage to the instructor.

There was discussion regarding the costs; it was difficult to see how the figure of £714 had been arrived at, and there was uncertainty whether Cycling UK or C&NW CTC would be paying for the cost of hall hire. The difference between the workshops and training was discussed; in the free workshops the event is theory based whereas in a training day there is a practical riding session.

Action: Brian Lowe to ask Cycling UK to give the costings and clarify if the £714 was with C&NW CTC providing the venue if it was included in the quote.

It was agreed that a course should be arranged once the weather was more favourable.

Sue Booth noted that she was arranging a get together for the Chester rides leaders so they could share their experience & knowledge. It was noted that Glennys Hammond had up dated the links on the C&NW CTC website so people could go straight to the new Cycling UK ride leader resources.

4. Secretary's Report (circulated)

The Secretary confirmed that the Annual Return had been submitted by the deadline.

Information had been sent regarding the starting pints fro informal group rides; a note had been added to the return asking NO to contact the secretary if any clarification was needed for the mapping.

Rides leaders and event organiser's names had been checked and submitted. There was a request that Steve Bowden's name could be added to the rides leaders list.

Action: Secretary to submit Steve Bowden's name to NO as a ride leader

4. Treasurer's Report (circulated)

Apologies had been tabled from Colin Bell; the report which had been circulated prior to the meeting was accepted.

The PDF format for the figures was discussed; all had been able to view the document without difficulties.

4.1 Website it was proposed to pay the honorarium again to John Hammond at the same rate. To be confirmed at the next meeting

4.2 Charity donations from C&NW CTC. At the AGM the Treasurer's report, with the proposal to give the same donations to the Cyclists Defence Fund and Sustrans was accepted. It was proposed, and agreed that the treasurer should be asked to arrange the donations.

Action: Colin Bell to arrange the payments.

5. AGM Draft Minutes (circulated)

- Several typos were pointed out (8 title, 11.2 brackets, need a capital P)
- Section 7d was discussed. It was agreed that an addition should be made to the section to note that there had been suggestions that objectives should be developed for the use of C&NW CTC funds

The minutes were agreed apart from the items mentioned above.

Action: Secretary to correct the typos and amend section 7d to include the development of objectives for the use of Club funds.

6. The Link

It was noted that the next edition should be coming out soon – all were reminded about the need for copy. It was noted that the last edition had been very well received. Thanks were given to the Link team.

7. National Trustees

Mike Cross informed the meeting that he was writing to David Cox (Chair of CTC Council) and Gwenda Owen (CTC Councillor for Wales) to thank them for their work as both will be stepping down from the posts at the end of the year. Mike was thanked for this.

Trustees will not be representing areas as Councillors used to, however both Welna Bowden and the newly elected Trustee Janet Atherton ride with C&NW CTC groups. It was agreed that both should be invited to C&NW CTC Committee meetings.

Action: Secretary to continue to invite Welna Bowden to meetings and to contact Janet Atherton in the New Year once her term of office has commenced.

8. Publicity

Mark Jones (new publicity officer) has been trying to contact John Ferguson (retiring officer).

There was discussion about the role of the publicity officer not being limited to attracting more people on group rides (it was noted that some groups already had as many riders as they could cope with). There was flexibility in the role with officers working to their strengths e.g. publicity at events, business card distribution, Facebook, newspaper articles.

Action Mark Jones to try again to contact John Ferguson regarding taking over the Facebook page and Lowri Evans to pass the publicity materials which she had to Mark Jones.

During the discussion the importance of maintaining slower paced rides so all riders were included was raised; the Wednesday Rides maintained a slow option led by Brian Lowe (although there might only be 3 in the group) and the Fab Ladies/ Chester Riders who were finding an increase in faster riders also ensured they had suitable rides.

9. **Right to Ride** (*circulated*)

The Annual Right to Ride Report that Peter Williams had prepared for the AGM was discussed. **Point 5** relating to the A41 at Upton, Chester was raised by Sue Booth as there was an issue with the road furniture. There was a possibility that the Chester Cycling Campaign might pick up on the issue.

Peckforton Hills. It was noted that after several years the proposal regarding cycling access could get to the top of the list and then evidence would be needed to defend the proposal i.e. showing previous use by cyclists. Mike Cross suggested collecting evidence from John Pegum who could vouch for the use over many years.

As Peter Williams was intending to step down from his role as Right to Ride rep it was agreed that all should work to try to find someone to take over the role. However it was noted that Right to Ride reps were appointed by National Office after a telephone interview; with the Space for Cycling Campaign there was no clarity if the Right to Ride Officer system was going to continue in the present form. Both Sue Booth and Mark Jones would be attending the Space for Cycling conference at the weekend.

Action: All to look for a successor to Peter Williams

Action: Sue Booth and Mark Jones to raise the issue of Right to Ride Officers to find out how Cycling UK intends the system to work in the future.

Thanks were given to Peter Williams, Roy Spilsbury and Richard Keating for their work as Right to ride officers.

It was noted that the Secretary had sent objections to the plans for changes to the cycle path at the Goat Roundabout on behalf of C&NW CTC. Objections had also been sent in by several members, the R2R officers and Sustrans.

10. **CTC Cymru**

There was still no date agreed for the AGM

11. **Events up date**

2016 Vicky Payne was thanked for organising another series of successful Audax events from Corwen. (Details in the secretary's report)

2017 Events list. The list was circulated – audax date to be corrected from 21st to Saturday 20th May.

An email from Cycling UK had been circulated with the suggestion that rides and events could be promoted as 'Challenge Rides'. There was little/ no indication of what this would involve.

Action : Lowri Evans to contact Julie Rand for clarification

New Year's Day. Dave Matthews confirmed that he had organised the meal at the White Horse in Churton; hotpot or veggie option for £6 (price to be confirmed).

12. **Website Report** (*circulated*)

The report was read and accepted. Thanks were given to the webmaster & web editor.

There was a brief discussion about whether the C&NW CTC Expenses form should be on the website. In the end it was decided not to request this.

Action: Secretary to circulate the blank form to the committee again.

13. Welfare

There had been an enquiry to Julia Rogers from a lady with an electric recumbent tricycle who, due to ill health, wanted help to maintain the tricycle. The Secretary together with a local member visited to discuss what was needed and arrangements are now in place.

14. Dates for 2017 Committee meetings

The following list of dates was agreed:

Thursday 23rd February 2017
Thursday 1st June 2017
Thursday 7th September 2017
Thursday 5th October 2017
Thursday 30th November 2017
AGM Sunday November 5th

15. AOB

1. **Registration.** The November list had been received and passed on to Terry Davies the new registration officer. Ride leaders listings were included but corrections had been sent to NO in the return since the November list was produced.
2. **Chester Club Shirts.** Sue Booth confirmed that the Chester riders would be having new club tops which included the Winged Wheel logo; they had used a font to match Cycle UK style. Sponsorship had been obtained from the Bike Factory.
3. **Ladies Cycling.** Sue booth confirmed that she had had significant input to the Cycling UK women's cycling strategy. She was thanked for this.
4. **Finance.** It was hoped that the treasurer could attend the next meeting to facilitate discussions regarding finance and planning of future expenditure.

Those at the meeting were thanked for their attendance.

Meeting ended at 9.20pm

Date of the next meeting Thursday 23rd February 2017