

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Minutes of the Committee meeting 23rd February 2017 (7.30pm) @ Deeside Leisure Centre

Present

Mark Jones, Terry Davies, Mike Cross, Lowri Evans, Brian Joyce, & Colin Bell

Apologies: Ifor Jones, Doreen Lindsey, Peter Williams, Sue Booth, David Matthews, Brian Lowe, Martin Brooks, Julia Rogers & Janet Gregory.

1. Election of Chair

As David Matthews had given his apologies Mike Cross was proposed as chair for the meeting by Brian Joyce, 2nd by Lowri Evans. Agreed nem con.

Best wishes were sent from the committee to Dave Matthews who hoped to be fit to return as chair later in the spring.

2. Minutes from 1st December 2017

That minutes of the meeting should be accepted was proposed by Terry Davies, seconded by Mark Jones (subject to the correct of minor typing errors). Agreed nem con.

3. Matters arising

9.0 Sue Booth and Mark Jones had attended the Space for Cycling Workshop and tried to clarify the position regarding Right to Ride Reps and support from NO. It appeared that the aim was still to have a rep for each county (although this has not been the case for several years) - it was noted that a volunteer was needed to take over the work carried out by Peter Williams.

7.0 Mike Cross confirmed that he had written to David Cox and Gwenda Owen to thank them for their work as Chair of Council and Councillor for Wales.

8.0 Mark Jones confirmed that he had taken over the C&NW CTC Facebook page.

3.0 Ride Leader Training. The emails relating to costing had been circulated. Brian Lowe (who had been working on the project) had given his apologies that he would not be able to continue – he was thanked for his work so far.

After discussion it was agreed that C&NW CTC should try to organise one course for 7 riders (including a place for a Two Mills rider). It was agreed that the course would cost over £800 by the time venue costs had been included. Venues were discussed, but as the level of interest was not known the following was agreed:

Action: Secretary to contact the groups so that the level of interest in each area could be ascertained. An instructor & suitable venue could then be organised.

(If possible an organiser for the course to be found).

4. Secretary's Report (circulated)

The report was noted and the secretary was thanked for the report.

7.0 Since writing the report the presentation of the Cafe of the Year Certificate to Pantri Bach Pensarn had been made by Mike Cross. The Cafe proprietor and staff were delighted by the award with the framed certificate being hung on the wall straight away. In spite of the wet & windy weather several members rode out to the event, with others driving out to support the occasion.

12. Congratulations to Emily Larwood one of the C&NW CTC junior members on her recent success at the Welsh Track Cycling Championships. Emily became the Welsh Junior Champion in the Sprint and the Keirin as well gaining 3rd place in the Scratch Race and the 500m Time Trial and 4th in the Points Race.

5. Treasurer's Report (circulated)

The report was discussed & it was explained that the charity donation of £47.30 was the tea/coffee/meals donations collected at the AGM in aid of the Cyclists Defence Fund. It was also explained that the £18 from the President's Ride was money received after the end of the previous financial year.

The Link subscriptions were being handled by Tony Swannick and the current Link liability was calculated from the sheet assuming a cost of £3.30 per copy including postage.

5.1 Website honorarium was discussed and the background to the payment explained to new committee members. Lowri Evans proposed that an honorarium should be paid to John Hammond at the same rate as last year, seconded by Brian Joyce agreed nem con.

Action: Colin Bell to arrange the payment.

5.2 Charity donations from C&NW CTC. It was reconfirmed that the committee wished the treasurer to make the same donations to the Cyclists Defence Fund and Sustrans as the previous year.

Action: Colin Bell to arrange the payments.

5.3 Chester Cycling Campaign. Information had been circulated with regard to taking an advert in the CCC news letter to support the publication. The suggestion had also been made to Two Mills CTC and after discussion it was agreed that a joint advert should be placed.

Action: Mark Jones (publicity officer) to liaise with Janet Gregory and Sue Booth with regard to the 1st advert promoting the Bicycle Belles and Fab Ladies groups.

Action: once advert placed Colin Bell to arrange the payment of £100 for the year to CCC and C&NW CTC to be reimbursed £50 by Two Mills.

5.4 Financial Objectives of the Club. These were discussed in the light of the money held. It was agreed that if the ride leader course went ahead the club funds would be reduced in the current financial year.

Action: Secretary to look at the new Policy Handbook to note the guidance on financial objective that existed for member groups.

6. AGM Draft Minutes (circulated)

The amended minutes had been circulated. Agreed nem con

7. The Link

It was noted that copy for the next edition was needed by 6th March and that the Link team seemed to be working well.

Best wishes were sent to Martin Brooks the editor who was remaining positive during his chemotherapy treatment.

8. National Trustees

Both Welna Bowden and Janet Atherton had been copied into the emails about the meeting using the Cycling UK email addresses.

9. Publicity

Mark Jones reported that he had taken over the face book page and found there were 2 sites.

Although he had originally intended to delete one he had been advised not to as they were probably linked in some way. Mark reported that he had been adding more information and the traffic to the sites had increased.

Mark was thanked for his work.

10. Right to Ride (*circulated*)

The Right to Ride Report that Peter Williams had prepared was accepted and thanks expressed for Peter's work.

Peckforton Hills. It was noted that the issue could yet go on for several years and unfortunately John Pegum the expert witness who could remember riding Hill Lane in the 1930's had passed away earlier in the month. The figures for use of the Burton Marshes were discussed with the area being very popular with cyclists. The issue of residents in Church Lane, Neston interfering cycling with signs was raised once again.

Some of the campaigning issues currently underway in N.Wales were include in the Secretary's report (point 6).

11. CTC Cymru

There was still no date agreed for the AGM. Work was on going with the Welsh Festival but there were problems with getting the event listed on the Cycling UK site.

12. Registration Officer's Report

Terry Davies reported that he had so far sent 25 emails to welcome new members and 18 letters. The emails included web/email contact details and the welcome letter included phone numbers as it was assumed some would not have access to computers.

Terry was thanked for his work. He was reminded to send in a claim for expenses for cost (e.g. stamps, paper). The rest of the committee were also reminded about claiming expenses.

13. Events up date

Presidents Ride. Mike cross confirmed that arrangements had been made. Start at the Nova Centre, Prestatyn with lunch at the hall in Cefn Meiriadog.

Secretary confirmed that all of the C&NW CTC events had been registered with Cycling UK apart from the proposed Treasure hunt. Still waiting for details from the organiser.

Action: organiser to give details for registration to the secretary if the event is to go ahead.

After further information was obtained from NO Momma's Mountain Views was registered as a Challenge Ride. Order from for badges etc has just be sent out by NO.

Action: Dave Matthews to order materials as required.

Vets 100 Certificates. The issue of ages and the Chief Exec signing the certificates has been raised by phone and by email with national office ready for the 2019 events.

2018 New Years Day. Dave Matthews intended to arrange the event at the White Horse in Churton with costs up to £8 per head (as it is very early to agree prices). Due to the popularity of the event it has been suggested they should cater for up to 40 meat stew and 20 veggie. All agreed.

Charity Ride. David Ackerley's suggest ion of charity rides was discussed – the document had been circulated. It was felt that the suggestion of a non- cycling charity (such as Air Ambulance or a hospice) might be considered.

Action David Ackerley's offer of organising the event in 2018 should be accepted with thanks. As yet it was not certain were it would fit in the calendar of events.

2019 it was noted that this would be the 80th anniversary of C&NW CTC

14. Welfare

No issues raised

15. AOB

1. **Two Mills Club Shirts.** Brian Joyce showed the committee an illustration of the new Two Mills Shirts which were being produced by Impsport. A good deal had been agreed with the manufacture by arranging a bulk order and the Two Mills were going to subsidise £10 of the costs of each shirt.

Those at the meeting were thanked for their attendance.

Meeting ended at 9.15pm

Date of the next meeting Thursday 1st June 2017