

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Minutes of the Committee meeting 1st June 2017 (7.30pm) @ Deeside Leisure Centre

Present

Mark Jones, Terry Davies, Mike Cross, Lowri Evans, Brian Joyce, Sue Booth, Dave Matthews, Peter Williams & Colin Bell

Apologies: Ifor Jones, Doreen Lindsey, Brian Lowe, Martin Brooks, Julia Rogers & Janet Gregory.

1. Minutes from 23rd February 2017

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

2. Matters arising

5.3 Chester Cycling Campaign adverts. It has been agreed to have 2 adverts for Two Mills and 2 for C&NW CTC during the year at an overall cost of £100. It was clarified that Two Mills had paid £50 directly to Chester Cycling campaign; it was then arranged that C&NW CTC would raise a cheque for the remaining £50.

Action: Colin Bell to draw up a cheque, Peter Williams to deliver it.

Thanks to Mark Jones, Sue Booth and Janet Gregory for drafting the adverts.

5.4 Financial Objectives the secretary apologised that she had not had time to draw up a list of the financial objectives as outlined in Cycling UK documents.

3. Secretary's Report (circulated)

3.1 Legacy from Raymond Jackson. Mike Cross informed the committee that Mr Jackson was generally known as 'Jake' and that he had been a regular rider with the Wednesday Section and Two Mills; he gained much pleasure from being out with his cycling friends. Jake died on the 11th November 2013 and Mike Cross had written an obituary which was published on the Link. Jake had no living relatives and several of his cycling friends visited him and became 'stand in relatives' when he went into a care home, particularly George Houldin and Elsa Kemp.

There was some discussion regarding what the legacy could be used for.

Action: the Awards Committee should consider the use of the legacy; suggestions for consideration should be sent by email to Mike Cross

3.2 C&NW CTC Treasure Hunt. The route was well planned and enjoyed by those who rode but unfortunately there was a low turnout (7 in all with 4 riding as individuals). Congratulations to Sue Booth 1st, Paul Mills 2nd and Terry Davies 3rd. Mike Cross attended the event to make the presentations. Liz Conway will send a report and photos to the Link and the website. Thanks to Liz and Peter Conway for organising the event.

Bob Clift Memorial Cheshire Cycleways. Sue Booth reported 104 entries for the 50 mile event and 97 entries for the 100 mile event (in total about 20 less than the previous year). Entries for juniors are free; this has led to a few other entries not being paid for at the time of booking.

Action; Sue Booth and Colin to sort the entry fees that will be paid later.

3.8 Telephone conference about the future of the Tourist Competition. The Competition was discussed and it was agreed that it wasn't working in the current format; delays with results, not sufficiently inclusive, too many events not sending results in leading to people getting disillusioned. It was proposed that changes must take place for 2018 e.g. returning to sending out certificates for taking part in a set number of events. In the mean time it was agreed that there would be monthly updates of results on line together with a list showing which event results had been submitted so riders could check their results. Mark Slater was to draw up a full set of notes from the conference.

3.9 Ride Leaders Course. Riders had been nominated by groups and a date (1st July) agreed with National Office. Research into possible venues had been undertaken e.g. the Village Hall at Mickle Trafford. Mark Jones agreed to take over the organisation of the course.

Action: Lowri Evans to send the information and documents to Mark Jones so he can complete the course arrangements.

3.11 Tandem Pilots. Requests have been received By C&NW CTC for riders to pilot tandems for blind/ partially sighted riders. Two messages have been left with the charity that made the request but they have not returned the calls.

4. Treasurer's Report (circulated)

4.1 The Treasurer requested permission to make 6 specific payments by online banking during the year; these payments would be for amount large than usually paid by this method. The payments would be for

- printing the Link (in the region of £400 per edition)
- reimbursing the postage costs & stationery costs of the Link (about £200 per edition)

This would be a total of 6 payments a year. This would enable the printer to be paid quickly and Janet Jones to be reimbursed in a timely manner. The Treasure explained that he would still seek agreement form an account signatory prior to making the transfer (as is the case for expenses claims).

Proposed by Mike Cross, seconded by Terry Davies Agreed nem con.

4.2 Petty cash. Colin Bell explained that several of the cheques for the Link were being made out to Colin Bell instead of C&NW CTC; the cheques had been cashed then the money paid into petty cash.

Action: The renewal slips to be amended to make it clear to whom the cheques should be written. So far 7 copies of the Link ordered in tandem with the Bob Clift online entry system.

5. The Link

People had once again enjoyed the most recent edition. Thanks to the editor and the Link team.

Copy need for the next edition. There was some discussion regarding encouraging people to produce copy.

Action: email reminder to be sent out to groups. Asking for reports, photos and articles.

6. National Trustees

An email has been sent to members inviting them to stand as Cycling UK Trustees.

7. Publicity

Mark Jones the publicity officer reported that C&NW CTC Facebook has 339 people in the group; people use it to communicate about rides and as a chat forum. The Cycling UK page is apparently a holding page. There was some discussion about Facebook

Action: Mark Jones to check there is a disclaimer on the page

8. Right to Ride (circulated)

8.1 Peter Williams was thanked for the report and his continued work. All were glad to learn of the success regarding the junction on the A540 after all of Peter's persistent campaigning.

There was considerable discussion regarding new housing development which don't have plans for cycle paths; and it was noted that Frodsham and the Weaver Valley have become very active in campaigning. It appears that the Council departments have been restructured again making it difficult to maintain contact with the relevant officers.

Peter also reported that he had been to a Mersey Rail meeting with regard to the new bespoke trains that are to be commissioned for 2020. The trains will have bike spaces and are based on a Dutch design.

- a. Report from the January meeting with Cheshire Police had been circulated. It was noted that helmet and dash cam evidence will now be accepted. The issue of close overtaking was discussed; in the report Cheshire Police apparently felt there was no road where it was a particular problem and 1.5 m was legally unenforceable.
- b. New traffic lights at the Golden Nook Bridge near Waverton. Sue Booth had been in contact with the authorities with regard to the positioning of the lights and the difficulty for cyclist of restarting on a steep hill (it is a humpback bridge on a corner). Sue Booth had checked that the bridge would still be open to pedestrians & cyclist during the traffic light installation work.
- c. Roy Spilsbury and a campaigning team are very active in working for a safe crossing at the Goat Roundabout (part of the A487 Caernarfon Bypass). The enquiry will be starting soon; as part of the campaign Roy has put together a video to show the wide range of people who use the cycle path.

9. CTC Cymru

The Welsh Festival is now event listed on the Cycling UK site. Volunteers including Paul Mills and Terry Davies have been checking some of the route sheets. The Rugby club is booked, booking forms are on line (although there are some issues with downloading the forms- Cycling UK have been informed).

It is hoped to have some ladies rides as part of the Cycling UK Women's Festival on the Monday. It was confirmed that local riders could come for just one day and pay a reduced registration fee.

Action: Lowri Evans to send ride info and forms to local groups

10. Registration Officer's Report

Terry Davies reported that he had updated the welcome email to reflect the fact that Chris Smith was now the Wednesday Riders contact for rides information.

Action: Terry Davies to update the welcome letter once he has confirmed that Chris Smith will allow his phone number to be published.

Action: Wednesday Riders to check that the contact information on the website is up to date for their group and notify Glennys Hammond if any changes are needed.

It was reported that latest the rides leaders list appeared to be complete.

Action: Request from Chester CTC to check if Martin Gooch could be listed as a ride leader.

11. Events up date

11.1 Bob Clift Memorial Rides. Sue Booth reported that arrangements were going well; volunteers included Mike Cross (see also 3.2 for numbers and more info)

11.2 Presidents Ride. Mike Cross confirmed all arrangements had been made; start at the Nova Centre, Prestatyn with lunch at the hall in Cefn Meiriadog. Parking is no longer free at Talacre (£4 for the day)

11.3 July Corwen Audax events. Vicky Payne has the events in hand. She has placed a very attractive advert in Arrivé e (the Audax magazine)

11.4 New Years Day 2018. The suggestion was made that the event should be called 'the Chairman's Meet'. This was discussed; proposed by Mike Cross, seconded by Terry Davies agree nem con. It was noted that the Carden Arms in Tilston would have reopened; however the White Horse in Churton had been a popular venue for the last few years so the event would remain there for 2018.

12. Welfare

No issues raised.

13. AOB

13.1 Reports from AGM. Mike Cross had attended the Cycling UK AGM in London; he reported that attendance was sparse, which might have been partly due to a 10am start in London.

Paul Tuohy was enthusiastic and positive in his address; he outlined successes such as gaining sponsorship from Halfords. It appears that there is an intention to provide more help and support for local groups as well as initiatives to get more people on bikes (e.g. continuing with the Big Bike Revival). Currently of the £6 million turn less than 1/3 is from membership subscriptions. Under the new structure there are now Trustees rather than Councillors; both of the trustees who live in the CH&NW CTC area were at the meeting.

As 2019 will be the 80th anniversary of C&NW CTC Mike Cross made the suggestion that the Club could host either the AGM or the Awards presentation that year.

13.2 Article for Cycling World. Following a request from Cycling World Mike Cross produced a 100word word article about cycling in North Wales. In the article he managed to include C&CW CTC and the Welsh Cycling Festival; he has been informed that his article will appear in the next edition. Mark Jones also submitted an article; so far he has not heard from the publishers (he may forward the document to Martin Brooks for the Link). Both were thanked for their work producing the articles.

13.3 Congratulations to Sue Booth. Sue was congratulated for the article about her and her work for the club in Cycle magazine in the Local Hero section.

13.4 John Redman. The meeting was informed of the sad death of John Redman who had been a regular rider with the Mold Informals Group. Mold Group members had been informed and some would be attending the funeral.

Those at the meeting were thanked for their attendance.

Meeting ended at 9.20pm

Date of the next meeting Thursday 7th September 2017