

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Minutes of the Committee meeting 15th February 2018 (7.30pm) @ Deeside Leisure Centre

Present

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

Apologies: Ifor Jones, Sue Booth, Doreen Lindsey, Julia Rogers, John Ferguson & Janet Gregory.

1. Minutes from 30th November 2017

Typing corrections noted - section 9 change 10 to 100, section 15 amend date of AGM

Agreed nem con

2. Matters arising

16. AOB It was reported that the joint ride leaders meeting between the Wednesday Riders and Two Mills took place with valuable discussions. Chris Donnelly will be setting up an online route library for GPS. There are plans to have another meeting.

It was agreed that all other items would be covered under agenda items.

3. Secretary's Report (circulated)

The report was read – correction to the report should read A540 not A470.

- a. National Office has confirmed that the Bob Clift Rides can be part of the Challenge Ride series for 2018 (rides needed to attract 100 riders).
- b. Arthur Miller has send documents to the archives in Chester. Minutes & Secretary's report have been archived up to but not including the 2017 AGM. As these documents are open to the public other committee documents are not stored there however Arthur has an electronic copy of the files.
- c. David Ackerley had sent a letter to David Matthews after the committee's decision not to hold a charity ride in 2018. The letter was read out to the meeting; David Ackerley expressed his disappointment that the ride to support a non-cycling charity would not be going ahead and said the matter was closed.
- d. Data Protection. Information had been circulated from National Office to notify groups of changes in the regulations; Cycling UK is looking into the impact of the changes and will provide guidance in due course.

Action: Secretary to contact Cycling UK to ask if they will take over the messages sent to new members as C&NW CTC will no longer be getting membership lists.

Any guidance will be circulated to groups a.s.a.p. once it arrives

4. Treasurer's Report (circulated)

As the Club account is not a business account the facility to check the account online is not available (even though some of the bank staff had been informing Colin Bell that it was). Colin will continue to scan the statements and send copies to Janet Jones (Link), John Ferguson (Club Kit) and Laurie Mason & Sue Booth (event organisers using the online entry system) so that payments can be checked and correctly allocated. The accounts show considerable income due to club kit shirt orders and Link subscriptions

5. The Link (circulated)

- a. Janet Jones (Link editor) reported that all was going well & that there was enough copy for the next edition. The aim was to send the information to the printers by the end of the month.

- b. There have been some new subscribers, but there was also discussion about publicising the Link as there are probably 1500 Cycling UK members in the Club area

Actions: Reminder to be sent to C&NW CTC informal groups about the Link (secretary).

Dave Matthews to look at information re local clubs who might be suitable to contact

- c. Janet Jones requested that emails should be sent to the Link email address rather than her personal email address due to the volume of emails.
- d. Link Advertisers; it was agreed that if a cycle shop hadn't paid for their adverts when payment had been requested then no advert would be put in the next edition.

6. Club Shirts (circulated)

At the time of the meeting orders for 108 shirts had been received (with only one 'mystery buyer'). The questions raised in John Ferguson's report were discussed and agreement reached.

- a. Extra shirts. After suggestions of a total of 150, or 10 extras the committee agreed on ordering an extra 20 of the most popular sizes. These would be available for exchange if shirts were the wrong size or for sale. If people want to buy the shirts for stock it was agreed that the cost would still be £20 but postage would be charged if the shirts had to be posted out. During discussions the financial commitment of the Club and the costings were raised by the treasurer. The extra shirts would also give some leeway in the event of shirts being lost in the post.
- b. It was agreed not to encourage members to buy 2 shirts
- c. It was agreed that payment could be made by credit card and arrangement would be made by the Chairman & Treasurer to reimburse the money by cheque asap it was agreed that if this caused cash flow issues (when payments for the Link Printing and Cycleways Rides were due) then the treasurer could call in up to £1000 from the 'CTC Loan Account'.
- d. There was some discussion about producing winter kit later in the year; long sleeved shirts, jackets etc.
- e. Thanks were given to John Ferguson & Glennys Hammond for their work on the new kit.

7. Publicity

- a. Numbers on Facebook are increasing. Both Chris Smith & John Ferguson regularly post information relating to groups, Mark has been trying to 'pin' specific information to the top of the page. Fewer people look at the open facing site than the group site

Action: Mark Jones to check that the link from the C&NW CTC site goes to the open site.

- b. Publicity material. Unfortunately those with the materials were unable to attend (it had been suggested that materials should be taken to the meeting to be either given to Mark Jones or passed on for the Spring 50)

Action: Sue Booth and Two Mills to liaise to pass on publicity materials

In future materials to be held by the publicity officer so an inventory can be produced.

- c. Publicity for the Vets 100

Several suggestions were made including advertising in Cycle magazine, contacting the Joyful Bellas and Fellas Cycling UK group who had expressed an interest at the Big Bike Celebration, posters, sending information to local clubs (as had been done in the past with the Bob Clift rides).

Action Dave Matthews to contact Carol Pardoe to publicise the event and will pass on details of other publicity leads to Janet Jones (for the Link) and to Mark Jones for event publicity.

8. Website Report (circulated).

The report was read and people were reminded that information for updating the site needed to be sent ASAP as Glennys & John Hammond would be unable to update the site during most of March.

The honorarium was discussed and it was agreed that the payment should be made at the same rate as the previous year.

Action: Treasurer to arrange the payment of the honorarium

Thanks were noted for the report & for the running and editing of the site.

9. Right to Ride (circulated)

A540 Two Mills (see also R2R report). £540,000 was spent by Highways England on the Two Mills junction improvements & the launch event went well. Peter Williams clarified that 50 years ago there was a footpath beside the road between Leahurst and Woodbank he was campaigning for a similar facility for walkers and cyclists to be reinstated. Sadly one of the riders on the way to the Eureka was injured just before reaching the new infrastructure; the injured rider has asked that the Peter Williams doesn't use this as part of his campaigning (a solicitor is currently pursuing a claim against the driver of the car). Although the rider had been making a good recovery he had been readmitted to hospital due to a blood clot.

Peter reported:

- He had been in contact with Julie Rand asking for advice on how to progress with the campaign; he put had been in touch with Duncan Dolimore who had been going to phone back however Peter was still waiting for the call.
- He had contacted Kirsty Littler Transport manager for Cheshire West but she thought that the A540 wouldn't meet the criteria for funding (although there was no clarification from her relating to this). It was possibly because some of the funding criteria are related to providing transport in areas of high unemployment; however there is money to encourage cycling for health reasons.
- There is an argument that cyclists can avoid using the A540 – however the alternatives are not necessarily good routes for commuting.
- The A41 on the Wirral has had £3 million for shared paths – these are in an area with high unemployment which- this may have helped to attract the funding.
- Two years ago Cheshire West put in a bid for funding following the Times Blackspot campaign. This was turned down as it was suggested the route wasn't safe enough as it was too narrow.
- Chris Boardman had been approached at the Big Bike Revival in the autumn– he had said he would help if the campaign went through a cycling champion.

Risk Assessments for the Eureka Audax events have been amended following the recent accident& the route sheets amended to warn of low sun.

There was considerable discussion relating to the way forward. It was suggested that Sarah Merrington in National Office should be contacted as she has responsibility for coordinating support for volunteers.

Peter was thanked for his report and his tenacity in campaigning.

It was also noted that there are several campaigns being pursued in N Wales including a possible threat to the Lon Las cycle path from developers. Thanks to the campaigners were thanked were recorded.

10. CTC Cymru Report (circulated)

Report was read and agreed.

11. Registration Officer's Report

It was noted that although membership lists were no longer being produced the volunteer lists were being sent out (although with limited information).

A question was raised regarding volunteer registration as the form states that new volunteers should normally be proposed and seconded by committee members. Most C&NW CTC volunteers are proposed and seconded by the informal groups they ride with; often they are they are proposed by a committee member but seconded by another ride leader who knows them. The majority of new volunteers are registered at the time when the annual report is sent in together with a list of committee members and the nominations have always been accepted. For a number of years the ride leader registrations have been sent in by email without the need to complete the template on the Cycling UK site.

12. Events

2018 Events

- a. Two Mill Spring 50 event now full – it is registered as Cycling UK Challenge ride again
- b. President's Ride 23rd September 2018 the hall & catering have now been booked
- c. Audax events reported that all of the arrangements are going well
- d. Vets 100 – the online entry system has been set up and is working well. More publicity needed (see 7.c)
- e. Bob Clift Memorial Rides - National Office have confirmed they will be challenge rides (but not yet clear if it will be one or both distances)

2019 Events

- a. New Year's Day Chairman's meet. There was discussion regarding the venue for the events as pub in Tilston which had been used previously had now reopened. Those who attended the event at the White Horse in Churton felt that it had gone well this year and that the catering had been good (better than in some previous years). It was also noted that the road to Churton was gritted if the weather was bad.
A vote was taken and the venue was agreed as the White Horse in Churton (no votes against, 3 abstained).
- b. Suggestions for celebrating C&NW CTC 80th Anniversary were discussed (see also section 8 of the Secretary's report). 29th August 1939 was the date when C&NW CTC was formed.
 - Invite Cycling UK to hold the Big Bike Celebration in the C&NW CTC area) for the 70th Anniversary the CTC CGM & Dinner had been held in Chester. The invitation was agreed.
Action: Mike Cross to write to Cycling UK with the invitation
 - Photography Competition. This was agreed in principle.
Action: Lowri Evans to contact Andy Polakowski to invite him to judge
The use of the photographs to make a calendar was discussed briefly but nothing definite agreed.
 - Holyhead Chester Ride. This was discussed together with the possible logistics; it was thought that it might give an opportunity for groups to come together.
Action: all to give some consideration to the event.
 - Coffee, tea and cakes rides (where groups have refreshments somewhere different) as in the 70th anniversary were also considered.
- c. Additional Audax rides. Brandon Edgeley (a Cycling UK Member) has been in touch with Dave Matthews as he hope to become an Audax organiser and run several events in 2019 (160K & 200K on the 8th June from Nantwich and a 200K in August Nantwich to Newtown with the

possibility of changing it to 400k in 2020). Brandon will be shadowing Dave Matthews at the Eureka Rides as he will need a mentor to become an Audax organiser.

Brandon has been informed of a possible clash with the Bob Clift rides; dates would have to be sorted by late summer / early autumn. It is not yet clear if Brandon would want to register the rides as C&NW CTC.

13. Welfare

No issues reported

14. AOB

- a. Request for £50 to celebrate 35 years of the Wednesday Riders (circulated). The request was for a donation to the Friends of Hadlow Road which would be used towards up keep. There is a plaque at Hadlow Road Station in memory of C&NW CTC stalwart Laurie McCabe & the Club has made donations in the past. The remaining funds were to be put towards a cake to celebrate the event. Agreed nem con. John Ferguson to be asked to make the payments and reclaim the expenditure.
- b. Brian Joyce reported an incident when a rider came off and fractured her pelvis. The group were praised by the ambulance service for the care they gave including having an emergency 'space blanket'. Two Mills provides all ride leaders with first aid kits to carry on rides.
- c. Ride leader training. The issue of another course was raised.
Action: groups to be contacted to gauge the level of interest (secretary).

Those at the meeting were thanked for their attendance.

Meeting ended at 9.35pm

Date of the next meeting Thursday 31st May 2018