

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Minutes of the Committee meeting 6th December 2018 (7.30pm) @ Deeside Leisure Centre

Present

Terry Davies, Colin Bell, Lowri Evans, Dave Matthews, John Violet, Brian Joyce & Tracy Johnson
(Martin Johnson)

Apologies: Mike Cross, Janet Jones, Ifor Jones, Doreen Lindsey, & Allan Samuel.

1. Election of Chairman

Dave Matthews nominated by Lowri Evans, seconded by Terry Davies elected nem con

2. Minutes from 4th October 2018

Agreed nem con

3. Matters arising

11 AOB. The order for the winter kit was submitted with 83 items ordered.

4. Secretary's Report (circulated)

The report was read.

- a. Tributes were paid to David Ackerley a long-standing C&NW CTC volunteer who sadly passed away on the 4th November
- b. The data management tool had been used and comments given to Cycling UK– some improvements had been made. There had been a useful discussion with the Cycling UK IT officer. The facility for sending group emails was explained; this can only be done by the registration officer, secretary and communications officer at the moment. Currently informal groups can continue to hold lists and send out emails BCC; there is a possibility that in the future this may change. The secretary and registration officer can check if riders are current members of Cycling UK but no longer have access to address information. As yet the system doesn't list rider leaders and volunteer roles. Information had been sent to National Office to get the Wednesday Riders start location marked on the map on the Cycling UK website. It was suggested that other informal groups might like to do the same (the Chester Riders & Wrexham Reivers had set up their pages last time it was offered).

Action: Secretary to offer the facility to have a map point and section on the Cycling UK website to informal groups again.

Action: Registration Officer & Secretary to check contacts listed on the welcome letter/ email so that welcome messages can be sent to new members using the new data management system.

- c. Tourist competition. It was reported that several rides which had appeared to be part of the competition weren't listed in the results (which had happened in previous years as well). C&NW CTC had been thanked for showing Cycling UK staff so how they could check for missing the Audax results more quickly using the AUK website.
- d. The Secretary's Annual Return had been sent in. Thanks were expressed to all of the groups who had sent in information.

5. Treasurer's Report (circulated)

- a. The Treasurer confirmed that the Accounts had been audited and sent to National Office. Full information had been sent as if the group had been selected for a full audit.
- b. It was confirmed that the group wanted the Treasurer to claim the subscription allocation
- c. The Treasurer asked for regular screenshots of the Entry Central data to facilitate the allocation of entry fees to the Vets 100 and Bob Clift events during the year.
- d. It was confirmed that Graham Arnold would be helping Janet Jones with the subscriptions for the Link. It was suggested that a drop-box system could be used.

- e. Charity donation were to be made. There was an issue with the donation to Sustrans as sponsoring sections of cycle path had to be done in £30 increments. It was agreed to sponsor sections and give the remaining £10 as a donation.
- f. It was confirmed that a cheque for the clothing order was cashed after the last statement which was why it didn't appear in the accounts yet.
- g. New committee members were told about the system for claiming expenses and the fact that expenditure needed two signatures. (A blank expenses claim form had been circulated prior to the meeting).

6. Minutes of the AGM (circulated)

A typing error was note in point 2. Subject to correction of the typo the minutes were accepted nem con.

It was noted that Welna Bowden would be standing down from Cycling UK National Council on the 31st of December after serving for 9 years as trustee and then Councillor. It was suggested that there should be a vote of thanks at the Chairman's meet on the 1st of January 2019.

7. The Link (circulated)

The Link report was accepted. Thanks to the editor were recorded for another interesting copy. Printing costs of the most recent copy were £379 for a 36page edition. It was agreed that the cost of the free copies sent to 6 recipients should be considered as a general Club expense and not specifically allocated to Link expenses.

It was noted that the deadline for copy for the next edition was the 22nd of February 2019.

8. Publicity & Website

- a. There had been several changes of officer at the AGM. John Violet was the new Right to Ride rep on the C&NW CTC Committee, Graham Hines the Publicity Officer, Chris Smith Secretary of the Wednesday Riders and Allan Samuel the representative for Watson's Wanderers. Also, Mold Informals had decided to suspend rides and had asked for their details to be taken down.
Action: Secretary to check with the website editor to ensure that the contacts listed are up to date & to request that the Mold Informal information is amended/removed.
- b. 2019 events have been listed on the C&NW CTC website & in the Link; details will be added during the year when they are available.
Action: Secretary to setup the 2019 events on the Cycling UK events list.
- c. Due to the new IT systems set up by Cycling UK there will be facility to email members. This can be done by a communications officer. It was suggested that the Publicity Officer might want to be able to send out event publicity to members.

9. Rights Officer's Report

John Violet the new right to ride rep on the committee was introduced to the group and his experience in Civil Engineering was outlined. The role was discussed with the new officer outlining possible actions.

There were reports of the last 2 Chester Cycling Campaign meetings, with the group being very active. It was also suggested that some action could be taken regarding more global issues; specifically, the dangers posed by HGVs. Due to stricter rules in London non-compliant vehicles are being moved out to other areas. It was suggested to campaign to introduce the same standards across the country.

It was noted that Merseyside & Cheshire police are now accepting camera footage.

In the Chester /Cheshire area it was noted that there was now an Active Travel Forum, however in spite of a national recommendation that 15% of transport funding should be spent on active travel there was no funding from CWaC.

Positives:

- The board walk by Chester race course (which had become slippery) is to have an improved surface in the New Year.
- The cycle lane near the bus station in Chester which puts cyclist in conflict with traffic is to be improved.
- Information was provided for a radio item about the issues between the Canal trust & CWaC at Northgate.
- Improvements are to be made; the Boardwalk at Sealand Road connects to the cycle path by the River Dee, currently riders have to go onto the pavement, but a new connection is to be designed soon.
- The Cycling Festival in Chester in October had poor weather but overall it was a good event.
- CWaC have £1.7 million from 106 money (money passed to the Council by developers for infrastructure) to spend on projects including the A5117 to Thornton and the Ellesmere Port to Chester canal tow path.

Negatives:

- Ellesmere Port town centre is to be altered but there appears to be very little improvement for cyclists.

Plans for the road alterations around Queens Ferry Bridge are out for consultation; responses to be submitted by the 4th February 2019. Several members are actively looking at the issues.

In the light of there being a new train operator in N Wales the issue of a recent European directive stating that all new trains should have facilities for transporting 8 bicycles was raised.

10. CTC Cymru

As yet the venue for the Welsh Festival 2019 hasn't been decided and there is no date for the AGM.

11. Events

2018

The last events of 2018 were Vicky Payne's Audax rides from Corwen. The weather was extremely wet and windy. Only 14 riders started the events. All those on the longer events completed. No one was validated on the shortest event (one missed the controls, the others turned back due to flooded roads). Many thanks to Vicky and Graham for all of their work setting up the events (and a day spent worrying about those out on the road), and the intrepid riders who turned up.

2019

- a. **1st January Chairman's Meet.** It was agreed that the time to arrive for the meal should be 12 - 12.30 it was estimated that there would be about 40 people of whom 15 might want vegetarian meals.
- b. **14th April Two Mills Spring 50.** It was agreed that publicity materials for the event could be transferred to Two Mills at the next committee meeting.
- c. **27th April Eureka Audax Events.** Arrangements have been made and the events registered with AUK.
- d. **Treasure Hunt/ Map Reading Competition.** As the 2019 Welsh Festival will be in N Wales there won't be a CTC Cymru Treasure Hunt & Map Reading event in May. Last year's organisers don't want to organise an event in 2019. It was suggested that John Ferguson might be interested in organising a treasure hunt.

- e. **1st June Tour of the Berwyns & Panorama Prospect** Arrangements have been made and the events registered with AUK.
- f. **16th June Bob Clift Memorial Cheshire Cycleways Rides.** Tracy Johnson, the new event organiser attended the meeting. Following the pre-event problems with parking the event start was being moved to the Cheshire View. The organiser confirmed that all of the halls had already been booked and quotes obtained for refreshments.

Actions: Secretary to register Tracy Johnson as an event organiser and set up the event on the Cycling website. Also, to put the organiser in touch with a local member who had volunteered to help with spreadsheets.

Check if the Cycling UK will accept the event as a Challenge Ride for 2019

It was intended to open the entries on entry Central in the New Year with places for 100 on the 10mile event & 150 on the 50mile event. The organisers suggested reviving the 25mile option for those who wanted a shorter ride. This was agreed and it was suggested that previous organisers should be contacted to get the old 25mile route. Risk assessments were discussed.

- g. **7th July Triennial Veterans 100** It was confirmed that the event was live on Entry Central and that entries had started to come in.
- h. **Corwen Audax Events** Vicky Payne had confirmed the dates for the summer & autumn events.
- i. **80th Anniversary Celebrations** (document from Mike Cross had been circulated)
- Andy Polkowski would be judging the photo competition
 - Glennys Hammond would update the 75th Anniversary logo and look at adding the dates to the new logo (used on the Club kit)
 - Certificates it had been suggested that they should be standardised, however as it was a triennial year the Vets 100 certificates would be provided by National Office and if the Bob Clift rides were part of the Challenge Rides Series, they would also have certificates from Cycling UK.
 - It was decided not to produce badges, and there was little interest in producing mugs.
 - It was agreed that a relay ride from Holyhead to the Eureka (of between 100-120 miles) could be a good way to celebrate. It was suggested that it could be do as a one-day event on the weekend of the 18th May. **Action** Terry Davies to look into the possibility.
 - It was agreed that having the President's Ride as the main 80th Celebration on the 8th of September would be appropriate. It was note that Chris Smith had suggested a ride from Bala as part of the celebrations; this led to considerable discussion it was agreed that as groups ride almost every day of the week Informal Groups should be asked to have a ride in the first week in September and invite riders from other groups to come along to join the ride.
 - There was some concern that a conference type event as suggested by National Office might have limited appeal (people would prefer to be out riding).

12. Welfare

No issues reported

13. Meeting dates for 2019

- 7th March
- 13th June
- 29th August
- 3rd October
- AGM 3rd November
- 28th November (TBC by new committee)

14. AOB

- a. Club kit. The use of the Impsport on-line club kit shop was discussed & there was useful input from the experiences Two Mills had had with supplying their kit. For a discount on items an ordering window could be set up, however the kit would still be more expensive than for previous bulk orders.

It was agreed that the facility should be set up with members requesting the Club code from the Secretary or John Ferguson (if he was willing).

Action: contact John Ferguson to discuss setting up the facility.

- b. The issue of cut off dates for refunds on event entries was discussed. With Audax events & those with low entry fees no refunds are being made. The refund policy for the Vets 100 in 2019 allows for a £16 refund up to a cut-off date if a refund is requested.
- c. The 5year rule on the Café of the Year competition was discussed (as there is no similar rule for the new Cycling UK National Competition). It was decided not to change the rule.

Meeting finished at 9.35pm

Date of the next meeting 7th March 2018