

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Minutes of the Committee meeting 7th March 2019 (7.30pm) @ Deeside Leisure Centre

Present

Terry Davies, Mike Cross, Sue Booth Colin Bell, Lowri Evans, Dave Matthews, Allan Samuel, John Violet, & Tracy Johnson (Martin Johnson)

Apologies: Brian Joyce, Janet Jones, Ifor Jones & Doreen Lindsey.

1. Minutes from 6th December 2018

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2. Matters arising

Agreed that all would be covered under later agenda items.

3. Secretary's Report (circulated)

The report was read. Agreed that items would mostly come up under other agenda items.

It was noted that the Tourist Competition trophies would be presented in London on the 15th June. Terry Davies was congratulated on retaining his title.

4. Treasurer's Report (circulated)

- a. The cost of the winter club kit order has come to £625.
- b. Charity donations had not yet been made. To facilitate the payments cheque had been drawn up so they could be signed at the end of the meeting.
- c. Once again it was proving difficult to allocate the entry fees to the Vets 100 and Bob Clift Events. There was discussion regarding the Entry Central Reports.

Action: Tracy Johnston to email the Entry Central weekly statements to the Treasurer

5. Link (circulated)

The link editors report was read. Sadly, Mike Cross had had to write 3 obituaries about members who had recently passed away: Ron Davies, David Ackerley and Noel Blundell.

The next copy is nearly ready for publication.

Colin Bell was in touch with Graham Arnold (who was now keeping track of subscriptions & sending out copies) so that costings could be set against income and the Link Liability could be calculated.

6. Publicity

The role of the publicity officer and the location of publicity materials was discussed. It was agreed to pass some Cycling UK publicity materials to Tracy Johnston ready for the Bob Clift events, some to the Publicity Officer at the end of the meeting. Two banners & the pullup banner were going to Two Mills ready for the Spring 50.

Action: need to check who has the Cycling UK Tee shirts and the C&NW CTC notice boards.

The new facility for sending emails via the Cycling UK website was discussed.

Action: the publicity officer to be set up with access to the site

The group map on the Cycling UK website was discussed. Watson's Wanderer to be added to the map.

Action: Cycling UK to be contacted by the Secretary to add the group to the map and give Allan Samuel access to the new Watsons Wanderers section.

7. Rights Officer's Report (circulated)

The report was discussed.

- a. Barmouth Bridge – it is hoped that the £30,000 to keep it open can be resourced

- b. Shotton cycleways seem to be very effective with traffic giving way where cyclists have priority across the junctions.
- c. A540 Concerns were raised that the issue may be side-lined to the Active Travel Forum; with the number of signatures collected there would be entitlement to speak at full council. The letter/email received by Peter Williams had been circulated and it was noted that there was no reference of the Highways Department being involved.
- d. Thanks to the work of Chester Cycling Campaign members work would be starting on the closed section of the Chester canal cycle towpath, although due to the complexity of the work the path is not expected to reopen until summer 2019 at the earliest.
- e. Hill Lane Peckforton was discussed. It is thought that 3 out of the 12 original objectors may have died; Peter Williams & Mike Cross are listed objectors. Currently it was not certain the Council would agree to the Estates request to remove the public access from the route nor if an appeal would be necessary. It was suggested that if it went to appeal then it might be worth looking for legal expertise amongst the membership as it was likely that Peckforton estates might employ specialist lawyers.
Action: Peter Williams & Mike Cross to liaise with John Violet.
- f. It was noted that the board walk at River Dee Cycle way Sealand road was only 9 or 10 years old; currently there is no information on when it will re-open.
- g. NCR5 closure and diversion. Roy Spilsbury and John Mather have been actively campaigning for the closure period to be as short as possible and for there to be a suitable diversion. Terry Davies had ridden the route the previous week and confirmed it was well sign posted but the gradient was so steep very few would be able to cycle up it; fears had been raised about an increase in cyclist riding on the A55. There had been a site meeting last week.
- h. John Violet offered to contact Cheshire West to offer to act as one of the Cycling UK stakeholders for their new Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure plan. This was unanimously agreed by the committee.
- i. Mike Cross & Peter Williams will be attending a meeting on the 28th March relating to plans for walking and cycling in the Cheshire Ridge area. Currently most proposals relate to walking.

8. Registration Officer's Report (circulated)

The report was read. Terry Davies was glad that he had at last been able to send out welcome messages to new members after a gap of almost a year; he was getting to grips with the new Cycling UK system on the website.

Action liaise with the Link Editor so that a Link Subscription form can be added to the Welcome message.

9. CTC Cymru

As yet the venue for the Welsh Festival 2019 hasn't been decided (although likely to be either Bala or Ruthin); no date yet for the AGM.

10. Events

- a. **1st January Chairman's Meet.** A congratulatory letter had been received from Cycling UK to mark the 80th Anniversary of C&NW CTC; it was read by Mike Cross. The meet at the Carden Arms was discussed; opinions varied about the meal; some thought the food was better than it had been when the meet was at Churton; others found the portions small considering the cost. The layout of the building meant that people were rather spread out and audibility was an issue. Alternatives were discussed.

Action: Dave Mathews to look at both the Carden Arms and the Ring of Bells for 2020

- b. **27th April Eureka Audax Events.** Arrangements have been made and the events registered with AUK. They will carry on even if the Eureka has been sold.
- c. **Ladies weekend in Caernarfon** being organised by Sue Booth – almost fully booked. May try to meet up with Holyhead/Eureka ride.
- d. **Holyhead to Eureka Ride.** Terry Davies had ridden the route the previous week in one day 95.5 miles- (including very hilly diversion). Currently planning to repeat the ride in the next couple of weeks over 2 days to check out café stops etc. Hoping to have a stop at Pantri Bach, Pensarn. Route & plans were discussed -with Anglesey Outdoors being suggested as a possible place for people to stay the night before the ride (people would be responsible for their own accommodation and transport to the start and from the finish).
It was suggested that it would be suitable for up to about 20 people to take part in the ride rather than advertise it as an open event which might attract very large numbers.
Action: Groups to be contacted to ask potential riders to contact Terry Davies.
Action: Dave Matthew to arrange assistance with getting GPX route set up
Action: Terry Davies to recheck the route and contact the cafes (including the Eureka to check if they would be willing to stay open) and continue to look at the logistics & risk assessment.
It was suggested that others may like to do the ride in stages over the summer so some form of Brevet card could be produced so that evidence could be collected for the ride & certificates produced & sent out.
- e. **Treasure Hunt** John Ferguson will be organising a treasure hunt from the Eureka on Sunday 14th July.
- f. **1st June Tour of the Berwyns & Panorama Prospect** Arrangements have been made and the events registered with AUK – Dave Matthews confirmed everything has been organised.
- g. **16th June Bob Clift Memorial Cheshire Cycleways Rides.** Tracy Johnson, the new event organiser attended the meeting. Number of entries were confirmed (see Secretary's Report). The organiser had drawn up some posters & leaflets and distributed them to Specialised, The Bike Factory, Old Ma's, & Nets. Cycling UK had confirmed that for the first time all of the distances would be part of the Challenge Ride Series.
It was suggested that the 25mile event & possibly the 50mile event might be registered for Bike Week (as the 100mile event was already full it wouldn't need additional publicity)
Several members had already volunteered to check routes or help on the day, however more volunteer would be needed.
Action: request for volunteers to be sent out nearer the time.
Risk assessments were discussed particularly with regard to the 25-mile route which was likely to attract inexperienced cyclists.
- h. **7th July Triennial Veterans 100.** Event was showing in Cycling UK publicity and there were 45 entries so far.
- i. **Corwen Audax Events** Vicky Payne had confirmed the dates for the summer & autumn events.
- j. **Momma Audax Events** it was confirmed that all of the arrangements had been made.
- k. **80th Anniversary Celebrations September.** Mike Cross went through the background of the discussions that had taken place with Cycling UK National Office starting in February 2018. Progress had been very slow.
Following discussions with Alex Cuppleditch price had been obtained from the Queens Hotel in Chester, and questions asked as to what C&NW CTC would be expected to fund & what would be funded by National Office. The programme suggested by National Office would include:
- Ride/Rides possible loop in Chester or groups riding to the event.
 - Start at Queens HTL at 11am
 - There would be displays in the HTL including a photo competition
 - Speakers including Paul Tuohy & other Cycling UK speakers

- Presentation of Awards and Certificates
- Buffet lunch
- National promotion of Cycling UK pre and post event.

Some funding had been agreed sanctioned by Cycling UK Trustees - that Cycling UK National Office would pay for speakers etc but C&NW CTC would be responsible for paying for the venue and refreshments (quoted by the Hotel at £32 per head).

It was agreed that this was going to be too expensive.

It was noted that the tour of Britain was going to start on Sunday 8th of September. As yet the course hadn't been released but there was a strong possibility of a stage starting/or finishing on the Wirral so it was felt that no C&NW CTC event should be organised on that day in case of a clash.

Alternatives to the event at the Queens Hotel were explored; it was suggested that it should be kept to a local rather than National Event. It was raised that the President's Ride had been in England last year so if following the usual system, it would be held in Wales; possibly Cefn Meiriadog. Unfortunately, the Hall in Cefn Meiriadog was quite small. Northop was suggested but many roads in the area were very busy. Terry Davies suggested the Village Hall in Llanfair DC for a special Presidents Ride, Lunch & 80th Celebration. It was suggested that there should be a buffet lunch in the region of £10 to £12. This was agreed.

Mike Cross was thanked for all of the work he had out in over the last year in trying to make arrangements with National Office.

Action: Secretary to try to book Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair DC for Saturday 7th September

Action: Mike Cross to contact Alex Cuppleditch to inform her of the decision. Paul Touhy would still be invited to attend the event.

11. Website (*circulated*)

Glennys had indicated that she & John would be willing to continue to run the site for the rest of the year but that then a successor would be needed. Graham Hines kindly volunteered.

Action: Graham Hines to Contact Glennys Hammond to discuss what running the website entails

12. Welfare

No issues reported

13. AOB

a. **Club kit summer shirt order** (see also Secretary's Report). Limited numbers had shown interest in a summer shirt order (about 8) but several informal groups hadn't responded yet).

Action: Secretary to remind groups again then contact John Ferguson with possible numbers.

b. **First Aid Kits & emergency blankets & emergency access to cycle paths** (see also Secretary's Report). Following a reported incident there was discussion on these topics. Some advice had been sought following the circulation of the report it was suggested that carrying rubber gloves, wipes plasters and no3 or no4 bandage rather than a commercial 1st aid kit. The merits of space blankets were discussed. It was decided that sufficient space blankets should be ordered so that each ride leader could be issued with one.

Action: Secretary to order sufficient space blankets for rides leaders

It was noted that road numbers were better the grid ref when contacting emergency services.

c. **Café of the Year Presentation** People were reminded about the presentation to Cleopatra's in Holt that was due to take place on Tuesday 12th March.

Meeting finished at 9.35pm

Date of the next meeting 13th June 2019