

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Minutes of the Committee meeting 13th June 2019 (7.30pm) @ Deeside Leisure Centre

Present

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

Apologies: Allan Samuel, Janet Jones, Sue Booth, Ifor Jones & Doreen Lindsey.

1. Minutes from 7th March 2019

Correction required to 7h – change ‘consultant’ to ‘Cycling UK stakeholder’.

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2. Matters arising

7i. Mike Cross & Peter Williams attended a meeting regarding the Cheshire Ridge (Mike attended an additional meeting). There will be a Cheshire Ridge Festival 29th Sept to early October; Mike Cross has commented on some of their suggested plans for cycle routes & will suggest some venues that they may wish to link on rides.

7e. No progress with Hill Lane, Peckforton.

11. Due to other commitments Graham Hines has resigned as publicity officer & will not be able to take over the website.

13c. The Café of the Year Trophy was presented to Cleopatra’s by Mike Cross. There was a good turnout with riders from several groups attending. The proprietors were very pleased to receive the award.

3. Secretary’s Report (circulated)

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

a. 80th Anniversary People should be encouraged to attend - including those who had been active in the past but who no longer rode regularly with groups.

b. There was a good attendance at Charlie Evans’ funeral with many Club members there. Money raised in his memory was to go towards the Millennium Greenway.

c. It was reported that Barry Seago had passed away; he had been a regular ride with the Club in past years. The funeral would be 19th June at 11.20 at Blacon.

Action information to be sent out to the committee and letter of condolence to be sent.

4. Treasurer’s Report (circulated)

a. The entry fees to the Vets 100 and Bob Clift Events had largely been allocated – the weekly reports from Entry Central Reports had helped with this but early entries still to be checked.

Dave Matthews will be meeting with Laurie Mason this week so can look at the entries.

b. The Honorarium money has not yet left the account. There was an error with the first cheque, the second was stopped as it appeared to have been lost in the post. A new cheque has been drafted and signed.

c. There is money owed for a new plaque and the engraving of the Vets 100 Gil Tirell trophy. The trophy was returned to Two Mils with an engraving receipt – currently efforts are being made to get in touch with the rider so that the engraving cost can be refunded.

d. Cheques for the Bob Clift Cheshire Cycleways events to be drawn up immediately after the meeting to be ready for the 16th June.

5. Link (circulated)

The recent edition was well received – thanks to the editor once again.

It was reported that copy was slow coming in for the next edition. The deadline for articles has been moved to 19th July to allow time for a write up of the Vets 100 (and possibly the Corwen Audax & the Treasure Hunt).

6. Publicity

- a. Due to other commitments Graham Hines has stepped down. He had been contacted to make arrangements to pass on any publicity materials that he held following the previous meeting. It was agreed there should be another appeal for a new publicity officer & for webmaster.
- b. Arrangements had been made to get banners etc to the organiser for the Bob Clift Memorial rides. The Tee shirts & notice boards still hadn't been located. Dave Matthews would discuss arrangements for getting materials to Laurie Mason for the Veterans 100
- c. Cycling UK had been contacted by the Secretary to arrange for Watson's Wanderers to be added to the Cycling UK group map and to give Allan Samuel access to the new Watsons Wanderers section.
- d. Thanks were expressed to the Web editor and webmaster for their continued work.

7. Rights Officer's Report (circulated)

John Violet went through the report which contained lots of positive news. He was thanked for the report & his work. Points arising from the report:

1. There were good links with active travel in the plans for Shotton industrial area.
- 6 & 7. Early input into new schemes appears to be working well with the new road near the River Dee and also in Chester. The positive is that developers are starting to think about cycle facilities.
8. The high costing for reinstatement of the cycle path/footpath by the A540 (30 to 40% of the total cost) would be due to traffic management requirements as the work would be alongside a 60mph road.

- a. Darren Cash will be acting as the Cycling UK rep for continuing work relating to the Caernarfon Bypass.
- b. Local Cycling and walking infrastructure plan – Cheshire West Council. The aim is to increase walking and cycling in the area – aiming for a doubling of cycling by 2025. And a reduction in the number of cyclists killed or seriously injured per mile cycled. By 2040 they want a significant reduction in traffic speed and also better communities for walking/cycling. The plan will produce a network plan for the whole area, concentrating on cyclists travelling about 10k; to school or education, work, or for leisure (but not long-distance cycling). It will also look at cross border issue to other authorities. The plans should be completed by the end of 2019 with a prioritised plan based on cost benefit analysis.

The stakeholders are Sustrans, Cycling UK. North Cheshire Cycling, the Ramblers, Living Streets & Chester Cycling Campaign. Stakeholders have looked at tender documents which have gone to 4 consultants. They will be looking for local knowledge of paths which are currently used by cyclists in the area – they are hoping that Cycling UK members will be able to assist with identifying current routes.

Action: John Violet will attend the next stakeholders meeting with the consultants. He will inform the C&NW CTC secretary of the action required so members can be contacted to help with routes etc.

- c. Contact has been made by a disabled person who has an adapted bike who wants to organise a cycling group in Chester.. She is a member of Cycling UK and is looking for support on how to take the project forward.

Action-Secretary to discuss with HQ and liaise with John Violet.

- d. Too close for comfort campaign. It appears that although close pass mats have been given to almost all of the police forces in the UK Cheshire Police are not taking up the scheme (a traffic management officer said he was not aware of the scheme) it was suggested that

National Office should be contacted to see if Cheshire Police had been given Close Pass resources.

Action: Secretary to contact Duncan Dollimore at National Office and pass the information to John Violet

8. Registration Officer's Report (circulated)

The last welcome message was sent out on the in Mid-May to 13 new members. The registration officer is now intending to send out the messages on the 1st of the month.

9. CTC Cymru

The venue for the Welsh Festival 2019 will be Ruthin Rugby Club. Information is on the Cycling UK website. Local riders will be welcome to attend for a day for a discounted price (rather than registering for the whole event).

10. Events

- a. **27th April Eureka Audax Events.** Report circulated. 105 people entered, but due to horrendous weather only 17 turned up to ride! Thanks to Dave Matthews the organiser & the team of volunteers (and the riders).
- b. **Holyhead to Eureka Ride.** See Secretaries report. Many thanks to Terry Davies for all of the work he put into designing the route and leading the ride.
- c. **1st June Tour of the Berwyns & Panorama Prospect.** Report circulated. Although the start has to be moved at fairly short notice the events were very successful. Dave Matthews will be raising the fact with Audax that as more people rely on GPS they are missing controls. There was one serious injury when a rider suffered a broken hip; Dave Matthews & the marshals dealt with the incident. Thanks were expressed by the injured rider for all of the help. Thanks to Dave & the volunteers for the event.
- d. **16th June Bob Clift Memorial Cheshire Cycleways Rides.** The 100 & the 50 miles events had filled up rapidly; there were 10 entries for the 25-mile event. Medals have not yet arrived from Cycling UK (were due to arrive on the 13th June). Challenge Ride Certificates have been printed as A5 (there had been some issues but these had been resolved).
Action: Cheques for the catering, halls etc to be drawn up and signed at the end of the meeting (if amounts not known these could be completed and countersigned on the morning of the event)
To make the start quicker the organiser had already labelled and pre-scanned the fobs so that riders would only need to check in once on the morning.
The error with BCC of emails had been reported and sorted. 'Fasthosts' was causing problems with sending out batches of emails – it was suggested that there might be a facility on Entry Central which would facilitate sending out the emails with information to the riders.
It was reported that there was a road closure in place at Swallow lane (near the Congleton/Holme Chapel road).
Action: Organiser agreed to look at an alternative route. Thanks were given to the organiser for all of her work
- e. **7th July Triennial Veterans 100.** There are 90 entries; there will be some refunds to sort for riders unable to ride the event. It was agreed that groups should be limited to 10 riders.
Action: Dave Matthews to meet with Laurie Mason so that groups can be drawn up and information sent out to riders.
- f. **14th July Treasure Hunt** John Ferguson has set the route and made arrangements with the Eureka.
- g. **13th July Corwen Audax Events** Vicky Payne had been making the arrangements and advertising the events.

- h. **15th September Momma Audax Events.** Due to a clash with the Tour of Britain the date of the event had been changed from Saturday 14th to Sunday 15th. This had been agreed with AUK and the date had been changed on the Cycling UK website, C&NWCTC website and circulated to groups.
- i. **80th Anniversary Ride & Lunch 7th September** Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair DC had been booked for the event. Rides would start from St Asaph (although riders could also drive or ride directly to the lunch). Caterers had been arranged and the cost to take part was agreed at £10 per head. Paul Touhy had agreed to attend the event & there would be other staff from National Office.
Actions: Routes to be checked
Entry form to be drawn up & circulated
On-line payments were discussed. The treasurer suggested that as the cost would be the same as a Link subscription it would be easier if riders paid by cheque.

11. Welfare

No issues reported

12. Club kit

About 12 people appeared to be interested in ordering short sleeved shirts (although several informal groups hadn't come back with numbers). The possibility of using the Club Shop facility & bulk orders was discussed. It was agreed that a bulk order of 20 should be made for with a subsidy of £4.50 per shirt (by setting the number & buying some if needed spares a price could be calculated).

It was also agreed that the Club Shop facility should be used to allow people to order other items and if possible, a £4.50 subsidy should be arranged for those items.

Action: Secretary to liaise with John Ferguson & the Treasurer to make the arrangements.

13. AOB

- a. **Emergency blankets.** These had been ordered and given out to ride leaders for some of the groups.

Action: Secretary to try to get the rest of the emergency blankets to the groups who still hadn't been in touch about arrangements to deliver them.

Meeting finished at 9.20pm

Date of the next meeting 29th August 2019