

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Minutes of the Committee meeting 29th August 2019 (7.30pm) @ Deeside Leisure Centre

Present

Terry Davies, Mike Cross, Colin Bell, Lowri Evans, Paul Mills, Dave Matthews, John Violet, Sue Booth, Allan Samuel & Simon Tiplady

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

1. Minutes from 13th June 2019

Correction required – add 'June' to title

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2. Matters arising

All to be covered under agenda items

3. Secretary's Report (circulated)

3.2 Club Kit the short-sleeved shirt order was sent in; a late addition of 11 shirts was added to the order. A cheque for the main order had been given to John Ferguson; an additional cheque to cover the remaining shirts was signed just prior to the meeting.

The winter kit order was almost ready to go in. Thanks to John Ferguson for his work sorting & negotiating the orders.

It was noted that purchasing kit as bulk orders was considerably cheaper than going via the Impsport 'Club Shop'

3.3. Reports of events were discussed (as listed in the Secretary's report) and thanks expressed all to the organisers and volunteers.

3.3a It was Tracy Johnson's first year as organiser of the Bob Clift events & she & her team of volunteers did a great job.

Action – ask Tracy if she is prepared to be the organiser again next year

One person commented they didn't like the certificates. It was pointed out that they were Cycling UK Challenge Ride Certificates; all of those present who rode the event were happy with the certificates. This year for the first time Cycling UK provided medals for all of the distances.

The issue of the Jim Skelding Trophy for the Youngest Rider was discussed - often the 'youngest rider' isn't particularly young; this year they didn't want to be presented with the trophy.

The problem of faster riders who didn't want to stop at controls was also discussed; there was a worry that it could upset those running controls if people arrived early then didn't stop for refreshments (it had been noted that the first to arrive at Bollington arrived at 11.20 & were very reluctant to stop).

The new venue for the start and finish worked well and the checking in went smoothly thanks to Tracy & Martyn setting up numbered fobs in advance.

The crossing of the dual carriageway at the far end of the 10 mile route was discussed - there was a suggestion that there was a new under pass nearby which could be a safer option.

3.3b Many thanks to Laurie Mason for another hugely successful Vets 100 event. The address of last year's trophy winner (who returned the cup & receipt for engraving but gave no contact details) has now been obtained so the engraving costs can be refunded.

3.3c Thanks to John Ferguson for the challenging & enjoyable Treasure Hunt from the Eureka

3.3d Thanks to Graham & Vicky Payne for the Corwen Audax events that went well – comments were also made regarding their excellent adverts in Arrivé (the Audax magazine).

3.8 Access had been obtained to the new software tool 'Assemble' which might make it easier to contact volunteers. There was a facility to allow volunteers to log their hours; there was no enthusiasm for this.

Action: Secretary to look at the system and report to Cycling UK as part of the trial.

4. **Treasurer's Report** (circulated)

The treasurer explained that he had experienced computer problems so hadn't been able to produce all of the usual documents.

- a. **The Vets 100 and Bob Clift Events** monies still to be finalised. Some payments still being made regarding the Bob Clift Memorial Rides.

Action: Colin Bell will try to meet up with the organisers of both events to finalise the accounts.

- b. **Donations** It was noted that there were donations of £783.35 in the account. These were donations in memory of Charlie Evans (a Club member who passed away in the summer). The family wanted donations & collections at the funeral to go to 'something cycling related'; the money is to go towards the upkeep of the Millennium Greenway and a display board there. There were discussions regarding who to contact with regard to the Greenway.

Action: Colin Bell & John Ferguson to liaise with each other and the family so that the money can be used according to their wishes.

- c. **Payments to be made/ income to be finalised** Income & expenses for the treasure hunt have yet to be entered, there are also significant cheques to pay out for the last edition of the Link and for Club Kit.

Action: Treasurer to ensure that payments are made (some cheques to be countersigned at the end of the meeting)

5. **Link** (circulated)

Thanks were expressed to the editor for the latest issue – it was noted that an enormous amount of work had gone into producing it.

The 80th Anniversary edition of the magazine was discussed – it was agreed the editor should have the discretion to add some extra pages and that the cost could be covered by the Club

The committee were reminded that it had been previously agreed to increase the subscription. **Action:** Treasurer and Graham Arnold (who is in charge of subscriptions) to get together to look at the costs & numbers of subscribers.

6. **Publicity**

The post of Publicity Officer is still vacant. Thanks were noted to John & Glennys Hammond for their continued work on the website.

A member who had expressed an interest in taking over as webmaster attended the meeting. Information was given about the Club and how the website was used (although no one was able to offer technical information). He had been on touch with the webmaster & web editor

Action: meeting to take place between the current & prospective webmasters at a time to suit them.

7. **Rights Officer's Report** (circulated)

John Violet was thanked for his report & the work he had been doing.

- a. **Local Cycling and walking infrastructure plan – Cheshire West Council.** Things are moving on fast with several meetings. There were only verbal responses to the request for information for the submission from local members; a detailed response has been submitted although there is less detail on the eastern side (which is out of the C&NW CTC area). Peter Williams has been looking at the Ellesmere Port area.

Desire lines will be established early next week, mainly looking at short distances; consideration is being given to the rapid growth in the popularity of electric bikes. It is a huge exercise to look at the whole

of Cheshire (including the potential impact of new developments). The aim is to have the plan completed by the end of November 2019.

- b. **Chester Northgate Development.** The benefit of being involved early in the planning was shown – planners are now looking at locations that are more suitable than the location of the old bus station.
- c. **Inclusive Cycling.** Further enquires were made and the individual interested in setting up a group for having led rides for physically & mentally disabled riders on the Greenway has been given the contact detail of the appropriate Cycling UK Officer.

Vision support has been looking for tandem pilots for partially sighted/ blind riders and so far 6 have been put in touch with the scheme thanks to the Right to Ride officer.

- d. **Too Close for Comfort.** Head Office had been contacted, they confirmed that resources had been sent to Cheshire police and that some forces were not doing much to promote the campaign. The issue of Cheshire Police requiring much more (camera footage front & back and points of reference in the footage) than N Wales police before following up complaints from cyclists was also discussed. Sue Booth had been in touch regarding close pass evidence that was refused; she had also been in touch with Kerry Christmas the Cheshire Police Education Officer.

Action; John Violet to draft a letter to Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner, draft to be read by secretary and sent from the President.

Depending on response possible invite Kerry Christmas to speak to a meeting of members later in the year

- e. **A540** A letter has been sent by Mike Cross to Louise Gittins (CWaC head of Highways) regarding the proposal to drop the speed limit from 60mph to 50mph for only 138metres. It has been suggested that the speed should be reduced for a much longer stretch of road – there will now be an analysis of speeds on the stretch of road towards West Kirby from the Two Mills junction.
- f. **New name for Right to Ride Officers** Consultation has taken place on a new name for Right to Ride. Cycling UK is also looking at ways to improve support for campaigning.
- g. **A51 consultation (Chester to Tavin).** The council have put a proposal to the DfT – in the report they said they had consulted local cycling groups. This will be taken up with the council as it doesn't appear to have been circulated to local groups. The contract has already been awarded. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Active Travel Forum.
- h. **N Wales.** Work is ongoing with regard to the A483 (Wrexham). A 55 Junctions 15 & 16, road developments at Queensferry.
- i. **Sandstone Ridge.** May eventually have the area registered as an AONB. There will be an Autumn Festival from the 5th October. If anyone would be interested in leading a ride in the area please contact mike Cross.
- j. **Hill Lane, Peckforton.** No progress to report – still number one on the list.

8. **Registration Officer's Report** (circulated)

The registration officer was thanked for his work & for his report. He explained to the Committee how he was able to make use of the facility on the Cycling UK site to send out welcome messages to new members without having to have direct access to their email addresses (so there would be no danger of a breach of GDPR rules).

9. **CTC Cymru** (see also Secretaries Report)

The 2019 Festival went well. Locations are being considered for 2020. It is hoped that there will be details of the AGM this year (although it is likely to be held in Cardiff).

10. **Events**

- a. **80th Anniversary Celebrations**

7th September 80th Anniversary Rides & Lunch. It was confirmed that the Village Hall in Llanfair had been booked for the Saturday and there was a chance that there could be access on the Friday evening to set up tables etc. There had been a change of caterer to Leonardo's of Ruthin; they had agreed to supply a selection of salads & cold meats (plus vegetarian option) and sweet (trifle, fruit salad, cheese cake). They would only be providing the food, not serving & clearing up Club would be providing tea, coffee, milk etc for hot drinks. There is cutlery, plates cups etc at the hall.

Current bookings were 46 (including about 15 senior members who no longer rode regularly with the Club). In addition, there would be Cycling UK staff (possibly 3 or 4). Paul Tuohy would be attending, not yet confirmed if his wife would also attend.

Arthur Miller had kindly agreed to organise a display of Club photos and memorabilia.

Action: Numbers to be finalised with the caterer

Mike Cross to liaise with Andy Polakowski regarding the judging of the photo competition

Come & Join us Rides – 1st week in September Wednesday Riders have submitted a great selection of rides. Likely that Watson's Wanders will also get in touch so their rides can be publicised.

b. Remaining events for 2019

Momma Audax rides 15th September. All arrangements have been made & new date advertised. Dave Matthews suggested there would be a small group of C&NW CTC riders (including the organiser) setting off for the 60K at 9.15am.

Hill Climb & Freewheel event 28th September. Unfortunately there had been a fire in the kitchen at the 3 Pigeons Inn so they are not producing meals; the organiser was looking at alternative arrangements if the pub kitchen will still be out of action at the end of the month.

Corwen Audax events 12th October. Arrangements appear to be in hand.

C&NW CTC AGM 3rd November. Hall not yet booked.

Action: secretary to try to book the Hall in Pulford

11. Welfare

Member of the public had contacted the welfare officer after witnessing a car knocking a cyclist off their bike near the Ice Cream Farm thinking that it might have been a C&NW CTC member (although this didn't appear to be the case). They were thanked for their concern and it was suggested that they contact the police with the information; they did then report what they had witnessed.

12. AOB

Dave Matthews reported that he would be changing his email address after the Momma Rides had taken place due to the large amount of spam he was receiving.

In 2020 he intended to organise:

- Eureka Audaxes on 25th April (arrangements had been made with the Eureka even if a sale would have taken place)
- Tour of the Berwyns would take place from Duddon in early June
- Momma rides in September

Meeting finished at 9.30pm

Date of the next meeting 3rd October 2019