

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Minutes of the committee meeting 27th February 2014 @ Deeside Leisure Centre starting at 7.30pm

Present

Mike Cross, Peter Williams, Lowri Evans, Brian Lowe, Alan Oldfield, Vicky Payne, Janet Gregory, Sue Booth, Martin Brooks, John Ferguson & Colin Bell.

1. **Apologies:** Ifor Jones, Doreen Lindsey, Brian Joyce, Welna Bowden, Gwenda Owen & Dave Matthews.
2. **Minutes from 5th December 2013**
Addition to Section 4 matters arising - add '*who opined that they should be posted at a draft stage to avoid delay*'
The amended minutes were proposed by Colin Bell, seconded by Peter Williams and agreed.
3. **Matters arising:**
10.4 Gordon Seabright will not be attending C&NW CTC celebrations as he will be leaving CTC to take up a new job.
15. Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair D.C has been provisionally booked for the AGM in November. The venue was discussed with some suggesting that it would be too far for riders from the Wirral, however it was also suggested that as the Presidents Ride would be in England the AGM should be held in Wales.
Proposed Brian Lowe, seconded Mike Cross, all agreed.
Action Secretary to confirm the booking and inform the Scouts that the hall in Kinnerton will not be needed this year.
4. **Secretary's Report** (circulated)
2. Dorothy Clift. Dorothy's funeral was very well attended; many local members were there.
8. Sue Booth was congratulated on reaching the final of the 'Total Women's Cycling Awards'.
7. Tourist Competition since writing the report the draft results have been released; there is a 3 week period for appeals before they are finalised. Currently Peter Dilworth is in 1st place, Andy Polakowski is 3rd and the C&NW CTC team has won. Dave Statham is the 4th member of the team and Lowri Evans is 2nd.
3. Website Cafe List. Brian Lowe has kindly agreed to continue to check and update the list.
9. Brian Lowe thanked people for the kind messages; he reported that he was recovering and had managed to complete a 12 mile ride.
10. Details of the 1st Aid evening have been circulated; please will those attending contact the secretary
Local Rules – the amended local rules have been submitted to NO. C&NW CTC were informed that they would be on the agenda at the next Council meeting; they were not.
Action – Secretary to contact NO readopting the new local rules.
5. **Treasurers Report** (circulated) & **The Link**
The report was accepted together with the detailed list of income & expenditure. The Treasurer explained that the change of accounting period for the Link affected the way it was showing in the accounts – on the 1st of January the Link had no liabilities but there was still money from the Bob Clough bequest. Martin Brooks, the new Link editor, outlined his proposals for the future editions including a change of layout, font & style, and new sections such as technical tips. It is

important that members feel that it is their magazine and that they supply copy; all formats are now acceptable.

Recently £10 has been charged for 4 copies of the Link. Currently there 15 members who have paid £10 by standing order; no other subscribers have renewed their subscription. As Martin Brooks will be touring over the summer it was suggested that £5 should be charged for a spring & autumn/winter edition.

There were discussions on publicity of the new arrangements and the number of issues to be produced; agreed that C&NW CTC members should know asap how to subscribe. An item on the new editor and the continuation of the Link had been posted on the website. A draft subscription form was circulated and a few amendments were suggested. It was agreed that the editor should circulate the amended form to the committee.

Action Martin Brooks to circulate the amended form for comments. The agreed form then to be sent to Glennys Hammond for uploading to the website. Forms also to be posted or emailed to previous subscribers.

Action Group reps to circulate the final forms and encourage subscriptions and copy.

(Following the meeting the dates of the publications were considered with regard to the financial year and the final subscription form was agreed as £5.00 for the spring edition of the Link & a copy of The Chain)

5.1 The treasurer explained that The Bike Factory had been re-invoiced for the £50 advertisement.

5.2 The £60 loan was explained. Tops have been produced for the Fabulous Ladies group; someone who ordered 2 tops then said they hadn't ordered them so the £60 is to cover the costs incurred until the tops can be sold on.

6. Minutes of the AGM (circulated)

The revised minutes were discussed but the revisions in section 9B were not agreed. To enable the issue to move forward it was agreed that Janet Gregory and Brian Lowe should get together and agree the wording of paragraph 9B.

Action Brian Lowe & Janet Gregory to agreed the wording and forward it to the Secretary so the minutes can be amended and discussed at the next meeting.

7. The Chain (circulated)

The report was discussed – as yet there are no final costings- these could vary greatly with final number ordered.

Action Martin Brooks to discuss with David Ackerley regarding publicising The Chain in the Link **Cookery book**- some progress was reported – costing are needed from local publishers

8. Councillors Report (circulated)

Janet Gregory's written report was accepted. She confirmed that Gordon Seabright would be leaving at the end of May after 2 years. Janet gave an update on the 'rebranding'; it may be on hold until a new director is appointed.

Janet Gregory & Lowri Evans attended the Groups & Events meeting in London on the 25th of February:

- Workshop sessions at the AGM weekend in Glasgow – each discussion will be allocated a 45 minute time slot. Suggestions for topics needed.
Currently Mike Cross & Lowri Evans is planning to go to Glasgow so they intend to go to the workshops. Peter Williams asked that there could be a specific workshop on dealing C&CW.
- There was an update on the Tourist Competition and improvements of event listing

- Local member groups up take of their home pages was discussed & the fact that member groups were not easily distinguished from affiliate groups. There was a suggestion that the map should use different colours for member groups and affiliate groups. Informal groups don't get their own spot on a map; comments were raised that some of the clubs mentioned on the website give a link that then goes to British Cycling. Clubs are indicated by a spot on the map.

C&NW CTC is not coming up in several of the areas where it is very active so the club page is not as easy to find as it should be. There was discussion regarding these points at the C&NW meeting as well as at the steering group. It was reported that currently the C&NW CTC page on the NO website provided links to the main C&NW CTC website and lists all of the Informal groups and most of the forthcoming events.

9. Right to Ride (circulated)

The report from Peter Williams was accepted.

- 9.1** On January 24th Mike Cross attended a meeting with C&CW, Sustrans, and Chester Cycling Campaign to discuss 'Share with Care'. It was suggested that there should be a day on the Burton Marshes when cyclist go & ask other cyclists who are going too fast to slow down. There will be another meeting on the 20th March.
- 9.2** A540. Peter Williams gave more explanation. Currently he is waiting for the results of consultations with the public to be released the consultation ended on the 31st January). Local residents are objecting to the plan.
- 9.3** Cuckoo Lane – Peter Williams gave an update regarding the changes that had been made in Cuckoo lane.
- 9.4** The details of the meeting of the Beicio Bangor campaign group (that is affiliated to CTC) were circulated.

10. Two Mills Report (circulated)

The report was accepted. The donation to Eastham Cycle Hub was met with enthusiasm- it was reported that there should be some photographs available soon.

11. CTC Cymru Report (circulated)

Clarification was given regarding some of the problems with the constitution; for example a quorum of 25 is required for the AGM, and there should be a large number of committee meetings per year – requirements that are not being met.

12. Events 2014

There have been about 150 entries so far with a mix of 50 and 50miles entries. Local groups to be remind members to get their entries in asap.

The Ladies Weekend will be at Dufton Hostel from 30th May.

Action Lowri Evans to contact Sue Booth with the details of CTC insurers; they must be notified of events of over 200 riders & those with overnight stays.

The 2014 Tourist Competition events are now on the website and most have been checked and corrected.

Steve Clift wants to be involved with the Bob Clift Cycle rides again this year.

Action Brian Lowe or Alan Oldfield to contact Steve Clift.

The quotes that Glennys Hammond had obtained in for 75 anniversary tee-shirts were discussed. It was decided not to order shirts.

13. Publicity Officer's Report (circulated)

John Ferguson outlined his idea for a business card. It was suggested that the card should have the CTC logo. Publicity materials were discussed, and it was agreed that if there were no similar materials available from NO by June C&NW should look to produce some local materials. Membership leaflets, Leaders leaflets etc are still available. Sue Booth volunteered that she could place publicity leaflets in GP surgeries.

The possibility of a led ride from Nets Cafe was discussed but it was decided not to go ahead with it this year.

It was agreed in principle that John Ferguson should look into registering a ride for Heritage Week from Port Sunlight to Birkenhead. The pre-retirement course was also agreed.

Action John Ferguson to look into a suitable route for the Heritage ride.

With regard to the event in Anglesey it was agreed that the Secretary should see if volunteers could be found.

Action Lowri Evans to contact more members in the area

Consent forms for non-members were discussed. Rider leaders should carry the forms and there is usually a stock at the Eureka. The cost of copying can be claimed as an expense.

The idea of a Facebook page was discussed. As there was limited knowledge of Facebook pages and groups it was suggested that John Ferguson should discuss the issue with Sue Booth (who has experience of Facebook) before setting up Facebook.

14. Website Report (circulated)

The report was accepted with thanks to for the work done on the site.

The rate of the Honorarium was discussed; previously the rate of £400 had been paid for several years. After some discussion Peter Williams proposed £450, this was seconded by Colin Bell.

This was agreed with one voting against and one abstention.

Action Treasurer to organise the payment as soon as practical.

15. AOB

Mike Cross updated the meeting on his recent activities he had;

- Presented the Tourist trophies at the Carden Arms on 1st January
- Presented the Cafe of the Year Certificate to Tilly's Coffee Shop in Bunbury
- Attended a protest meeting in Lache lane
- Attended the Share with Care meeting in January
- Attended the Chester Cycling Campaign AGM

Meeting ended at 9.50pm

Date of the next meeting 22nd May 2014