

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru

Minutes of the committee meeting 21st May 2015 @ Deeside Leisure Centre starting at 7.30pm

Present

Mike Cross, Lowri Evans, David Matthews, Brian Lowe, Vicky Payne, Julia Rogers, Peter Williams & Alan Oldfield.

Apologies: Ifor Jones, Doreen Lindsey, Janet Gregory, Gwenda Owen, Brian Joyce, Martin Brooks. John Ferguson, Sue Booth, Welna Bowden & Colin Bell.

1. Minutes from February 2015

Proposed by Vicky Payne, Seconded by Alan Oldfield. Agreed nem con.

2. Matters arising

13. a Confirmed that the Rose Bowl had been collected and David Ackerley has arranged for the engraving to be carried out.

5. Two Mills have been contacted with regard to the website payment; however this action was taken too late to expect a response prior to the meeting. The Lowri Evans apologised for the delay.

5. Surplus Funds. As the Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting it was agreed this should be carried over until the September meeting (see Treasurer's Report)

4.2 The issue of mapping on the national CTC website had been followed up. As the webmaster post is vacant, discussions have been had with Ian Taylor (head of IT) who has agreed it should be possible to have several markers for C&NW CTC linking to the main page.

13. c. Ride Leader Training. Welna Bowden had contacted NO; ride leader training would be available through the 'Big Bike revival Scheme' and placed to be booked via Ian Richardson (Development Officer). It was questioned whether members from Wales would be eligible as the project is funded by the DfT which is England only. Brian Lowe volunteered to coordinate the training and this was agreed.

Action: Brian Lowe to seek clarification regarding the members covered by the training offer and liaise between CTC NO & groups with regard to the training

3. Secretary's Report (circulated)

a. The report was accepted. Since the report had been written there had been a request from National Office for groups to express interest member group workshops (topics suggested included using social media, marketing & promotion, ride leading).

Action: Secretary to confirm interest from C&NW CTC

b. Doreen Lindsay. The meeting was delighted to hear that Doreen Lindsay had been recognised as CTC Volunteer of the Year 2014 for Wales. Doreen had sent a message to say she was honoured to gain the award.

c. Location of AGM. It was agreed that the village hall in Pulford should be looked at before going ahead with the booking.

Action: Secretary to provide Mike Cross with the contact details so that he could arrange to go to look at the hall

d. Tour of Britain finish in Wrexham. It was confirmed that this is the day after the Momma series of Audax rides. The possibility of a CTC stand was discussed.

e. Maurice Clarke. Sadness was expressed at the death of Maurice Clark. No funeral details were available.

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

The report was accepted.

A request was made by the Secretary that expenses claims should be made on the claim forms as this made it easier to arrange for money to be reimbursed.

Action: Committee members to use the claim form when requesting expenses

5. **The Link**

An A4 sample and the comparative costing for the Link in A4 & A5 format, which had been produced by the editor and circulated prior to the meeting, were discussed. The rationale for considering A4 was to allow for a larger font, and that when the printer produced an A4 edition in error it was very well received. There were queries about 150 being the minimum number of A4 copies that could be produced. It was noted that advertising had been considered previously but there is already a large amount of work producing the Link and this would increase if more advertising was to be secured. The reaction of current advertisers was also raised.

Brian Lowe circulated a document he had prepared which calculated the costs of A4 and A5 versions to the Club over a year (excluding the current income from advertising); this indicated a subsidy from the club of £218 for A4 or £104 for the A5 version.

Action: Brian Lowe to send the Secretary an electronic copy of his calculations so that it could be circulated and sent onto the editor for consideration.

There was some discussion over the possibility of hand delivering the magazine to save postage costs. The reliability of the hand deliveries was an issue.

The issue of electronic copies being charged for was raised; the majority of subscribers ask for hard copy but it was questioned whether it was 'fair' to charge the same amount for the different versions. It was pointed out that even if the subscribers all asked for digital copies, there would still be a need to print some copies for archives.

It was noted that since the last meeting Martin Brooks had sent out an email shot to C&NW CTC members and this had resulted in a small increase in the number of subscribers.

6. **National Councillors Report** (circulated)

The report from Gwenda Owen had been circulated. It was discussed and thanks were expressed for the report.

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

Agreed that the C&NW CTC website was good for attracting and recruiting new members. The issue of the balance between the numbers of rides leaders & new members was raised, as was the standard of riding. Articles by Brian Lowe had been produced in the Link to try to improve the standard of riding; he had also produced an information sheet for the Wednesday riders.

It was noted that the CTC ride around Britain was due to arrive in Neston on the same day as the Liverpool to Chester event.

8. **Right to Ride Report** (circulated)

Peter Williams' report was accepted. Peter was pleased to have good news to report regarding the progress at the Countess of Chester Country Park (Route 70 & 71). It was noted that police have been stopping cyclists on the footpath at Liverpool Road; the new Countess of Chester Route could be a safer alternative.

The developments at the Post House Roundabout on the Chester/Wrexham route were discussed. There may be potential for a safer route to/ from the new bridge but it could depend on a new housing development being undertaken.

In June CWaC will be promoting cycling to work.

A5117. Peter Williams had checked it earlier in the day, and reported that it looked good.

There will be a consultation day regarding the new bus terminus in Chester on the 8th June.

Action: Peter Williams will circulate the information

The Committee expressed thanks to Peter for the report & his work.

Roy Spilsbury has been busy campaigning with regard to the Conwy Bridge.

The proposed cycle route for Denbigh was turned down; new alternatives are being considered.

9. CTC Cymru Report (*circulated*)

The report was accepted

10. Events

2015 Events

- Eureka Rides went well although road closure to a car park was a temporary problem. All finished in good time. Thanks to David Matthews & his volunteers.
- Two Mills Spring 50 had very wet & windy weather. Thanks to all who assisted at the event.
- Bob Clift Memorial Cheshire Cycleways. Volunteers have been organised and the venues are arranged. There have been some compatibility issues with computers but Alan Oldfield has arranged to check that documents can be opened easily using Microsoft as well as Apple software.
- Bert Bailey Memorial Veterans 100. It was reported that Laurie Mason was happy with progress so far.
- July 18th Corwen Audax events. It was noted these clash with the national AGM. Arrangements have been made with the controls.
- President's Ride 27th September. Start will be from Prestatyn with rides up to Cefn Meiriadog.

Action: Lowri Evans to enter the event on the NO website for it to be registered & publicised.

2016 Events

- **New Year's Day.** The Carden Arms will be shutting on the 24th July for refurbishment. However it is still likely that it will be a suitable venue for the New Year's Day meet.
- Dates for 2016 were discussed. David Matthews proposed the Eureka Rides Saturday 23rd April 2016. It was agreed that the Tour of the Berwyns Rides could become C&NW CTC Audax events as Seamons Road Club no longer wished to continue the events. Proposed dates were 14th or 21st May 2016.

As 2016 should be a triennial year for the Vets 100 the event may need to move earlier (as it should be in June but has gradually moved later in the year). This could affect the Cheshire Cycleways date. Vicky Payne also stated that she wanted to move the Corwen Audax events to an earlier spot in the calendar, but would also consider running the events in August.

11. Website Report (*circulated*)

Thanks were noted for Glennys Hammond for the report and all of her work on the website.

12. AOB

A. Winged Wheel

Mike Cross had been to see the restored Winged Wheel and reported that Reg Waud had done an excellent job. Photographs had been circulated to the Committee.

Action: Lowri Evans to send a letter of thanks

Action: Brian Lowe to liaise with Reg Waud to ensure that he is reimbursed for his expenses. There was discussion regarding best place to display the Winged Wheel and some of the factors to consider;

- The plaque is heavy so would need to be bolted through a wall. Fixing would need to be done by a professional & there may be issues of insurance
- How would be willing to have it on the building
- What happens if the building changes hands
- Planning permission might be required
- Sue Booth's suggestions for locations in Chester were read out

Mike Cross proposed that a committee should be set up to look into the issues. The committee would be based on the current awards committee with extra members. (Mike Cross, David Ackerley, Arthur Miller, Glennys Hammond, Peter Williams & Reg Waud). This was agreed.

Action: Mike Cross to contact the Winged Wheel sub -committee members to arrange to take the matter forward.

B. Julia Rogers (Welfare Officer) was welcomed to the meeting.

C. Brian Lowe raised the issue of riders who had potential health issues. The matter was discussed.

Meeting ended at 9.30pm

Date of the next meeting Thursday 3rd September 2015