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# CYCLETALK

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## Volunteers needed!

Too few people are doing too much of the work. Some things are not being done at all. We don't have money to pay more staff. We do need more help from members.

Office-Bearers: At the AGM we failed to find a **Chairman**. We need to keep up the flow of Vice-Chair to Chair.

**Press/Publicity/Media** - someone who can push out press releases with punch to the right people at the right time, and preferably can also act as a spokesperson for CTC when the media want to know our stance on issues.

**Secretariat** - To coordinate liaison between one DA and another, and between DAs and RtR.

## Any offers?

## Telling you what we are doing

Cycle Talk is a big drain on our reserves. Although it costs only 15p to get a copy to each Scottish household, with 6 issues a year that comes to almost £2000 a year.

Now that Cycle is expanded we hope that we might get some more local news in it, but that will not completely meet the need. About 170 people are now on the list to be notified that Cycle Talk is posted on the web. Most people need a jog to say it's there - just knowing that it will be there every two months does not drive people to the site to look for it. What we are proposing is that by the autumn of this year we will stop producing a paper copy inserted into every copy of Cycle going to a Scottish household. Notice of publication on the web to all who ask for it will be available (and newcomers will be able to sign up for notice on the web). For those who do not use the web, a paper copy can be mailed regularly for a small charge (it is likely to be about 35p a copy). We think that this will encourage a mass shift to reading it electronically, and that very few will require a paper copy. This will save us about £1700 a year.

## More of what we are up to

There has been criticism that we are not open about our affairs. There has been a reluctance to simply post minutes of meetings on the web - much of what's in them is either tedious or uninteresting, and there may be things which are not for the whole world to read which it would be quite appropriate for members to read. As a compromise, since the AGM in January we have been putting up a summary of the proceedings on the web. If any member want to see specific minutes, they can either ask their own rep. or the Secretary. We do expect reps. to report on meetings to their DA committees, but we recognise that that might not then percolate down to members who are not on local committees.

## Right to Ride

In the last issue there was a piece about what RtR is all about and roughly how it works. What is important for members is knowing who their local RtR people are. After the Conference in February, we are trying to fill in the gaps so that there is at least one RtR person linked to each Council (and preferably a 1-to-1 relationship so that that no RtR reps are having to deal with several Councils). We have gaps for 9 Councils, especially around Glasgow where there are no reps for Inverclyde, Renfrewshire, Dumfries & Clydebanks and Drew Moyes covers 3 councils - East, North and South Ayrshire. Any volunteers from those areas, please contact Peter Hawkins or John Taylor.

## Summary of Committee Meeting 2005-01-22 (Dundee)

The meeting which followed the AGM was attended by 13 delegates, 2 co-opted members and 1 observer.

The first task was to agree on who would represent CTC at external organisations. The table is listed overleaf. We are considering the position about SSA, as their subscription has recently been increased, and the Outdoor Pursuits Division does not seem to be very active at present, so it may not be valuable for us to continue in membership.

### RtR

With the Scottish Right-to-Ride Conference on the following Saturday some arrangements to cover vacant areas should be put in place, and work done to improve liaison between the DAs and RtR.

### Cycling Scotland

CTCS and CTC were both represented at the Cycling Scotland AGM in October and the most recent report has been circulated to our Committee members.

### SYHA

Edinburgh is to have a new hostel to replace both Bruntsfield and Eglinton.

### TRANSform Scotland

Has been working with Living Streets on a street audit.

### Cross-Party Group on Cycling

Very few MSPs attend meetings, though many more present apologies and take an interest. The aim of the Group is for MSPs to discuss and work together on cycling matters. It is NOT an opportunity for cycling groups to lobby MSPs. Cyclists are there to provide technical support and additional information. Due to pressure of parliamentary time and the number of Cross-Party Groups, there is a proposal to form a Sustainable Transport Group which would include cycling and rail.

### Birthday Rides 2006

A series of meetings at the end of January set out the parameters for the event, we are now waiting to hear if the organisations can provide what we want at a sensible price. Once that is agreed, then further work can proceed.

### Events

John listed a number of events, mainly connected with Paths for All and Access. Members were reminded of the standard CTC events - Birthday Rides, Bike Week, and the new one - the Ladies' Weekend. The KM rally will be the last weekend in May.

### Scottish Futures

Once again we are navel-gazing and looking at our future and development - what we do, how we do it, and how we fund it. A group of four is to prime to process with a meeting in mid-February.

### Publicity & CycleTalk

We need to communicate with members and DA committees, but can't afford to just go on as we have been doing. We are investigating alternative options.

The next meeting is on April 9<sup>th</sup>. If any member or DA Committee has issues they want raising at that meeting, they should contact their local rep. to the Committee (list overleaf).

## RtR conference

A lot of discussion, and we could have done with more time. A lot of issues explored and some actions to follow. To begin with - not enough people (could you volunteer?), not enough communication between RtR and the bodies we deal with (and that's about 20 not counting all the Councils) and RtR and the ordinary CTC member and DA active member. Too many lists already in this issue so I won't put any more in here.

## CTC Scotland

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## Web Sites

CTC Scotland: [www.ctcscotland.org.uk](http://www.ctcscotland.org.uk)  
Cycling Scotland: [www.cyclingscotland.org](http://www.cyclingscotland.org)

## CTC Scotland Reference Sheet - keep this!

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**Use: [www.CTCScotland.org.uk](http://www.CTCScotland.org.uk)**

### The Committee

<b>DA Reps</b>	
Falkirk	Nicholas Haworth
Fife	Euan Porter
Glasgow 1	Isobel Fletcher
Glasgow 2	Billy Dickson
Glasgow 3	John Taylor
Grampian 1	John Tuckwood
Grampian 2	Gerard Vlaar
Highland	Steve Carrol
Lothian 1	Peter Hawkins
Lothian 2	Peter Martin
Lothian 3	Anne Carter
Tayside	Ron Harrow
Councillor	Mike Harrison
<b>Affiliated Organisations Nominees</b>	
Spokes	George Di Ponio
ESCA	Ted Radford
Angus CC	Tom Ward
<b>Co-opted</b>	
George Berwick	
Brian Curtis	

### Liaison with External Organisations

Access Forum (off-road) - RtR	John Taylor
On-road issues - RtR	Peter Hawkins
Paths for All	John Taylor
Right to Ride Co-ordinator	John Taylor
Cycling Scotland	Mike Harrison (as Councillor); Peter Hawkins (for CTCS)
Scottish Sports Association	[left open for the moment]
TRANSform Scotland	Mike Harrison
Cross-Party Cycling Group	Brian Curtis
SYHA	Billy Dickson

Please contact these through your DA contacts list or other organisation list. Essential CTCS Contacts are noted above. These are given for the benefit of members. Please do not circulate or distribute or they get junk mail.

### KM Rally

The Annual Kirkpatrick Macmillan Rally at Barnsoul, near Shawhead, Dumfries continues to attract many English as well as Scottish cyclists. There are rides Friday 27th May-Monday 30th May INCLUSIVE. Come for the whole 4 days, or just for part of it. More details on the web or from Peter Hawkins (see top of page)

### For Sale on web

Despite the fact that some advertisers have since been 'invited' to join in a selling scam, it's proved to be more useful than adverts in Cycle Talk for shifting goods. There are now additional measures to prevent email addresses being lifted from the web, and advertisers can always ask to have only phone numbers posted.

### Cycle Talk on the web

Sign up now to get on the e-notice list. The magazine will not be directly emailed to you, but you will get a link so you can either read it on-line or download to print it.

There are plans to add some new sections to the CTCS web. It has been deliberately kept low-key so far, providing only links to DAs and sections and to national events. We have recently started to post notes of our meetings to help you keep informed and set up the Exchange page for you to get rid of those unwanted parts. Other sections will follow soon –

- projects
- Right to Ride
- events
- more links & information sources

### Access

#### **Not sure where you are allowed to go, what you are allowed to do?**

If you have seen the TV adverts, you might want to go further and pick up a leaflet. If that doesn't answer your questions SNH has produced a guidance manual - too big and expensive to hand out to everyone, but several people do have a copy (Peter Hawkins & Mike Harrison, and almost certainly John Taylor). Ask if you want anything explaining.

**Angus Cycling Club/Tayside DA:**  
**Wellbank Waller : 10-12 June**  
**Socials** Friday & Saturday evenings  
**Audax/DATC** (from 65k to 200k) Sat & Sun  
**Family Rides** 20/40/60 miles Sat & Sun  
 Contact Alan.Ferrier@tesco.net  
 or 01307 462984

### Right-to-Ride Reps

<b>Nestrans</b>	
Aberdeen City Council	David Lindsey, Derek Williams
Aberdeenshire Council	Mark Haggart, Albert Brydon, Bill Sinclair
<b>Westrans</b>	
City of Glasgow Council	Dave Holladay, Peter Hayman
Dumbarton and Clydebank Council	-
East Ayrshire Council	Drew Moyes, Janet Miller
East Dunbartonshire Council	Richard McKinlay, Mark Ziervogel
East Renfrewshire Council	Peter Hayman
Inverclyde Council	-
North Ayrshire Council (less Arran & Cumbraes)	Drew Moyes
North Lanarkshire Council	-
Renfrewshire Council	-
South Ayrshire Council	Drew Moyes
West Dunbartonshire Council	Alison Colvin
Dumfries and Galloway Council	John Taylor, Peter Bray
Argyll & Bute (Helensburgh)	Alison Colvin
<b>Hitrans</b>	
Argyll and Bute Council (less Helensburgh)	Duncan McDonald
Highland Council	Roger Humphrey, Ron Stewart, Steve Carroll, Peter Robertson, Adam Gordon
Moray Council	Peter Robertson
North Ayrshire Council (Arran & Cumbraes)	Drew Moyes
Orkney Island Council	-
Shetland Islands Council	-
Western Islands Council	-
<b>Sestran</b>	
Clackmannanshire Council	Crispin Bennett
City of Edinburgh Council	Peter Hawkins, Mike Harrison, Brian Curtis, David Marsh
Falkirk Council	Brian Curtis
Fife Council	Ian Nicholls, Trevor Keer, George Berwick, Robin Austin, Stuart Sutherland
Midlothian Council	Mike Harrison, Peter Hawkins
East Lothian Council	Mark James, Keith Burns
West Lothian Council	Peter Hawkins
Stirling Council	Crispin Bennett
Scottish Borders Council	-
<b>Taytrans</b>	
Angus Council	Ian McConnell
Dundee City Council	-
Perth and Kinross Council	-