

CTC Scotland Committee Meeting – Minutes
Saturday 2008-04-12 at 12:00
in offices of Mowat Hall Dick, 63 Carlton Pl., Glasgow G5 9TW

1 Chairman's Introduction

The chairman welcomed us to this meeting which he reckoned could be one of the most significant meetings in CTC Scotland's history. A welcome was extended to Edmund Stewart, a representative for the Glasgow local group. Congratulations were offered to Peter Hawkins, who has been nominated and accepted as the volunteer of the year for the Scottish region. Thanks were extended to Peter Hayman and his wife for their use of the facilities of the officers for our Meeting.

2 Attendance:

Present: John Taylor, Peter Hayman, George Di Ponio, Brian Curtis, Mike Harrison, Edmund Stewart, Peter Hawkins.

Apologies: Alex Pattison, (Mark James-late apology)

3 Minutes of meeting of 2008-01-19 (attached)

there were some difficulties with the format of the minutes from the last meeting, for which the secretary apologised and it will be sorted for these minutes. In item 2.2 SNH should read SNH/NGO, and the representative is JT. In item 7 the date given for the KM rally was before it was changed; note it is now September 19-22. Acceptance proposed George Di Ponio, seconded John Taylor.

4 Matters arising from minutes of 2008-01-19

item 2: J. T. has not done anything with SSA, but M. H. has received a newsletter, which was circulated to the committee; links to other organisations - deferred.

item 4 : re bank account has been changed and we have deposited £3000 in a deposit account.

5 Development matters

5.2 Premises

PHy

work at the Pollokshaws West station is now in the hands of architects. There was extensive discussion about the relative values of desk space with cycling Scotland or desk space with other cycling organisations at the station. Each has advantages in providing us with connections with government agencies, and with cycling public. At the moment we do not wish to commit ourselves to following one line or the other.

5.3 CTC Charitable Trust in Scotland

PHy

PHy had made a good case at the Council meeting on Apr 5th. Suggestion that a further meeting of involved parties could produce enough for a proposal to the July Council. GdP said we had to be sure what unique features our scheme offered above ones which had been tried previously. Generally agreed that external circumstances now were propitious. There was considerable unease at Actions 9.3 & 9.4 in the proposal, but agreed that participation in refining the proposal would benefit from input from those with experience, without any implication that they were being considered as potential candidates. **With that condition it was proposed JT, seconded PHy and agreed that we should proceed.** There was discussion on possible problems in the relationship between professional staff and volunteers. BC proposed, and it was agreed, that there should be a meeting between BC, PHy and Erl Wilkie before May 15th. Question as to when the business plan should be drawn up; suggestion that experience from Cycling Scotland, e.g. that of Jim Riach on Training, would be useful and relevant.

5.4 Member Groups

5.4.1 The Glasgow group has now re-formed, and has a full complement of enthusiastic office bearers and leaders. It has begun a programme of runs.

5.4.2 The Dumfries and Galloway group has now formed itself as a local group rather

than a section of the Glasgow group.

- 5.4.3 The Ayrshire section appears to want to continue and so presumably will become itself a local group rather than a section of the Glasgow group, although that has not been formalised yet.
- 5.4.4 The Clyde North group has merged with the Glasgow group - although this also has not yet been formalised.
- 5.4.5 There are no reports of any other new local groups or changes with existing ones.
- 5.4.6 We considered, but have not yet made any decisions, Recognise problem of representation of these groups on the CTC Scotland Committee. In due course, we may have to completely rewrite the section on eligibility. There is obviously a need for groups to have a representation, but it must be a fair representation in accordance with the size and all geographical distribution of the groups. The secretary will consult with the national office to see if they have any advice on this matter.

MH

5.5 Communications

- 5.5.1 Use of mailing list – has not been supplied
- 5.5.2 Cycle Talk – plea for early copy [again]!
- 5.5.3 Regional Newsnet – NO still experimenting
- 5.5.4 On-line Forum – little support from members
- 5.5.5 D&G sending newsletter 3 p.a. + weekly email
- 5.5.6 Lothian mow has 660 on its email list

6 Reports

6.1 Treasurer

Report & Statement had been circulated. The need to generate income was again emphasised.

6.2 Cycling Scotland

Bike Week meetings have been held. 2008 is the 10th anniversary of PfS. It was agreed that PHk would replace Gerard Vlaar as CTCS member of CS.
Councillor
CAPS – launch in the Meadows by Transport Minister 13th May

MH

7 Campaigning (RtR)

7.1 Reports on-road & off-road

PHk tabled a brief report; JT mentioned the Dunragit success [notified by email]; MH has responded to the A9 Luncarty-Birnam consultation

The NAF is reconsidering its representation by 6 recreational bodies [currently JT is a rep.] Report from JT will be circulated.

7.2 Actions

- 7.2.1 Response to NPF2 – PHk will prepare one – and Climate Change

PHk

8 Events

- 8.1.1 KM168 – booking form by date of Grampian Rally
- 8.1.2 5 miles to fab
- 8.1.3 Bike Week events
- 8.1.4 Pedal for Scotland
- 8.1.5 NAF/LAF meeting Inverness Sept 17th
- 8.1.6 CS Conference with CAPS relevance – Oct 7th

9 AOCB

10 Arrangements for next meeting

Date fixed for Sat 27th September 2008 at 12:00 in Edinburgh
Meeting closed at 1557