

**CTC Scotland Committee Meeting - Minutes**  
**Saturday 2008-09-27 at 12:00**  
**at 65 the Loan, Loanhead, Midlothian, EH20 9AG**

**1 Chairman's Introduction**

At the start of the meeting we were all aware that John Taylor had been called into hospital, and so we send him greetings and good wishes. Peter Hayman took the chair for the meeting.

Peter Hayman presented Peter Hawkins with the CTC Certificate of Merit.

**2 Attendance:**

**2.1 Present**

Peter Hayman [chair], Mike Harrison, George Di Ponio, Brian Curtis, Peter Hawkins

**2.2 Apologies**

John Taylor, Mark James, Edmund Stewart

**3 Minutes of meeting of 2008-04-12 (circulated)**

The originally circulated Minutes with minor clarifications were accepted [pr: GdP, sec: BC]

**4 Matters arising from minutes of 2008-04-12**

**5 Reports**

**5.1 Chair**

From his hospital bed, John Taylor had dictated some notes which cover various items in the agenda.

**5.2 Secretary**

Reported that there had been slightly more telephone enquiries than usual, some of which he had been able to deal with himself and others had been referred to National Office

**5.3 Treasurer (statement and report already circulated)**

- 5.3.1 Concern that we have generated no income during the period under review
- 5.3.2 Discussion as to whether we should make some form of request to National Office for running expenses, but in view of the fact that we do have a positive balance decided that we should take no action on this at the moment.
- 5.3.3 The Treasurer at reported that National office has still not corrected the error from the previous year's accounts and this year's form still repeats it. (NB: almost immediately after the meeting and e-mail was received from Peter Jackson, which appears to clear up the error).

**5.4 Councillor**

The councillor tabled his report for council for their meeting on October 4. This concisely covers both his own activity and work which is being done by others in Scotland.

**5.5 Reports from Representatives where appropriate:**

- 5.5.1 Transform Scotland  
The briefing on "walking and cycling" has been put on the backburner. There was some concern that Transform's need to deal with the government's obsession with road building meant that it never got round to taking any proactive part in developing walking and cycling projects.
- 5.5.2 Cycling Scotland  
With CAPS, Cycle Training and the Pedal for Scotland steering group we now have much more of a working contact with Cycling Scotland staff.

- 5.5.3 National Access Forum : proceedings on the web. Main subjects continue to be inappropriate behaviour, camping, large events and level crossings. There may soon be an LAF's website for inter-communication. User and manager group reps are under review this year. CTC is continuing to represent cycling. A new convenor is to be elected on Oct 8th.

## **6 Campaigning (RtR)**

### **6.1 Reports on-road & off-road/Outdoor Access**

- 6.1.1 PHk reported (see Councillor's report). We also discussed A9 dualling by stealth.
- 6.1.2 JT reported: The mechanism is still not there to judge the adequacy of Core Paths for cycling. I got next to no feedback from members, but have put an appeal in the October Cycle talk. CTC is active in England in mountain biking, but there is no news of any progress in Scotland. More in the Events item.
- 6.1.3 Some concern expressed that in some [most?] areas there is no representation of cycling in the Regional transport Partnerships.

## **7 Development matters**

### **7.1 CTC Charitable Trust in Scotland**

### **7.2 Progress of Development Projects**

Our Big Lottery Fund bid failed; another alternative may be at the Climate Challenge Fund.

The cycle training project is still being developed and there is another key meeting on October the 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **7.3 Communications**

- 7.3.1 Use of mailing list: need to be careful not to abuse it by using too often or for items which may make members want to withdraw from the list [now 880 members]
- 7.3.2 On-line Forum: virtually dead.

### **7.4 AGM preparation**

- 7.4.1 Representation / Constitution: we cannot tell how the new local groups system will affect representation and constitution. We're also not clear what status our constitution has now.
- 7.4.2 Availability of current officers for re-election: none have indicated that they would not be available. J. T. has indicated that he would not be available after 2011. We are concerned at the lack of new younger active members on the committee.

## **8 Events**

KM169 – telling people May 22-25 2009

JT: Cyclefest Dumfries – I now have it for sure that the IMBA world conference will be blown up into a full scale festival. I shall attend the planning meeting on Oct 14th, along with Helga. By that time we will be able to report on CTC's own MB Conference in England. Local volunteers cringe at the thought of making another big effort.

Oct 7<sup>th</sup>: Cycling Scotland [CAPS] Conference.

Oct 11<sup>th</sup>: Transform Scotland AGM.

Oct 22nd PFA AGM

Nov 5th. NAF Perth – preferably Jan (?) 17th and 24th.

## **9 Arrangements for next meeting**

Agreed at AGM in January that next AGM would be Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 2009 in Glasgow. The Committee Meeting would follow the AGM.