

**CTC Scotland Committee Meeting
January 21st 2006,
St Columba's Church, Park Terrace, Stirling**

1. Attendance:

1.1 Present:

Mike Bonar, Ron Harrow, Mike Harrison, Peter Martin, Nick Haworth, John Taylor, Isobel Fletcher, Billy Dickson, George Di Ponio, Brian Curtis, Neil Robertson.

1.2 Apologies:

Claire Little, Gerard Vlaar, John Tuckwood, George Berwick, Tom Ward.

2. Minutes of meeting of September 17th 2005 (Glasgow, circulated)

The new CTC building will be opened in 2006 not 2007. Minutes approved, proposed JT, seconded PM.

SSA is not the same organisation as Sports Scotland. IF therefore still has to write to Sports Scotland regarding CTC's policy on race/gender/disability etc discrimination. The CTC constitution fails to mention discrimination therefore it was suggested sending a copy of Vision 2000 as well.

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3. Co-Optees to Committee

Brian Curtis was co-opted to the committee, proposed MH, seconded MB. Peter Hawkins was also co-opted, proposed MH, seconded IF.

4. Nomination of reps/liaison personnel to external bodies.

Access Forum/Paths for All : John Taylor

Cycling Scotland : Mike Harrison and Peter Hawkins (if agreeable)

TRANSform Scotland : Mike Harrison

Cross Party Group (Sustainable Transport) and parliamentary liaison: Brian Curtis.

5. Reports

5.1 Secretary/Chair/Treasurer – already reported at AGM.

5.2 Councillor

There will be a SNH and NGOs meeting on access at Stirling University on January 23rd. The setting up of coastal/marine national parks has been proposed. These would include a substantial amount of land inland from the coast.

5.3 Sub Committee – Futures Group (draft report circulated)

JT circulated a copy of the Good Practice Advice Leaflet. Some committee members considered the cover too extreme for some target audiences. JT was not happy at the CTC not being consulted about the leaflet earlier and will complain to Bridget Dales. The front cover is too verbose and the committee is unsure about the helmet compulsion sentence. Any further comments regarding the leaflet to JT.

RH urged each DA to organise one DATC event. These must be open to the public and to families. RH will ask Bridget Dales if SNH would pay for publicity for these events.

The Futures sub-committee for 2006 will be JT, RH, MH, Claire Little (non-voting) and MB.

5.4 Reports from Representatives

5.4.1 RtR

The Forestry Commission are giving CTC branding to an off-road route in Galloway. Most local access fora are now set up and core paths plans being formulated for most local authorities. Some difficulty in defining wild camping and some concern over excessive exclusion during deer stalking and pheasant shooting.

5.4.2 Cycling Scotland/ TRANSform Scotland (circulated)

5.4.3 SYHA

The next meeting will be held in February. A new hostel will open in 2006 to replace the two existing hostels.

5.4.4 Cross-Party Group (circulated)

A sustainable transport group has been formed in conjunction with the rail users group.

6. Events

6.1 Birthday Rides 2006

MH has produced an excellent draft publicity leaflet. More volunteers are required, particularly a campsite manager.

7. Publicity and Cycle Talk

More contributions for Cycle Talk are required and need to be submitted roughly a month before publication. Only three DAs replied to the request for funding. The general feeling is that it is too expensive for DAs to fund on an ongoing annual basis. Therefore when funding runs out, Cycle Talk will be only published on the CTC Scotland website.

8. AOCB

TRANSform Scotland and the CTC hosted a joint conference on the National Transport Strategy. There is a report on the CTC Scotland website.

There are not many DATC events in Scotland, more are required. The Crawford family made a clean sweep of all the top Scottish positions in each category.

Pedal for Scotland will be held on August 27th and run from George Square Glasgow to Rosemount Park in Edinburgh. More CTC involvement is requested.

The National Access Forum meeting will be held on March 1st. The half yearly Paths for All meeting will be held on April 11th. Ayrshire Section has booked Minigaff Youth Hostel for the weekend of February 18th and 19th, contact Stuart Todd for details.

9. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held in Edinburgh on April 8th 2006. BC agreed to book St Mark's Unitarian church hall.

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