

CTC Scotland Committee Meeting Minutes [draft]

Saturday, March 26, 2009 in Loanhead

Attendance

Present: John Taylor, Peter Hayman, Peter Hawkins, George di Ponio, Mike Harrison, Neil Robertson, Darren Mirfield.

Apologies: Kay Lynch, Brian Curtis.

Minutes of meeting of 2009-01-24: approved without modification.

Matters are advising therefrom

4.1.4 John Taylor submitted an application to this meeting. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that this should be a one-off grant of up to £200 per year for three years. It was felt that this was a fair recompense to our recompense the Galloway group for the work that they had put into the birthday rides in 2006. **AP:GdP**

7.1.2 content and layout for the new leaflet should be in hand in time for publication **AP: PHy & MH**

Reports

Chair

John indicated to the meeting that due to failing health he is no longer easily able to travel, and that therefore he would be resigning from several of the bodies on which he represents cycling.

National Access Forum: we wondered whether Drew Moyes, who had occasionally been a deputy for John, would be able to take over. John to find out. (Subsequent to the meeting John has found that Drew does not have the time for this, John has circulated the right to ride group to ask if any members would be prepared to do this).

Paths for All: (approximately 2 meetings per year) Peter Hayman volunteered.

Scottish Natural Heritage NGO: (approximately 2 meetings per year) Peter Hawkins volunteered.

Secretary

Treasurer

A current statement had been circulated. The continued lack of income was noted.

Councillor

A draft of the councillor's report to CTC Council for April had been circulated.

Reports from representatives

Transform Scotland: MH reported on the recent conference organised by Transform Scotland to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Edinburgh Car Club. One of the workshops had been on "free bikes", and on the place of bikes as part of commuters' journeys.

Cycling Scotland: correspondence from Brian Curtis and response by Peter Hayman was noted by the committee. The appointment of Ian Aitken as the new chief executive was also noted with approval, and we look forward to developing the relationship with Cycling Scotland.

Campaigning

Peter Hawkins has been circulating to the committee copies of his responses to various issues. The content, style and the general tenor of these is appreciated and was approved.

John mentioned the Scottish regional development project scheme might provide money for some off-road developments. We should get more information on this and pass it on to other groups. **AP: who?**¹

Development matters

Since the last meeting Peter Hayman has been progressing our proposal for some research, and we have a proposal almost ready to put to Kevin Mayne. This would initially be for both Marion Gourlay and Darren Mirfield to share a research project. Darren had come to this meeting and gave us a brief and very enthusiastic summary of the kind of work he has recently been involved with. This appears to tie in very well with some of the schemes which are being developed in England by CTC and could be extended into Scotland. Kevin Mayne is to come to Glasgow second week in April and meet with Peter and Darren (and others) to see if this can be finalised.

Mountain bike training: the MBA has produced a training scheme very similar to our schools scheme; there may be scope for some collaboration here.

Right to Ride: decided that it was too late now to plan a right to ride meeting for May; agreed that we should go for a meeting in the autumn (3 October suggested). This would be to years since they last "November gathering", and will be close to the time of the launch of CAPS. **AP:PHy/JT/PHk**

Events

13th May - Paths For All conference in Perth. The previous one had been useful, and it was suggested that we should try to open this up and that we should encourage a right to ride depths to attend and claim this from their right to ride expenses, but also that we should offer to pay 50% of the entrance free to other people who were interested in going. **AP:MH**

The Original Bike Festival: John outlined the plans for this, and Peter has bookings for the KM in hand. At present there is some doubt about the viability of the mountain bike conference, and we're not sure whether this would have any effect on the OBF.

AOCB

MH has still to consult NO about our Constitution.

Next meeting: schedule this for Glasgow **AP:PHY**

¹ I've been trying to find out which scheme John was referring to - all I can find seem to be big government schemes not open to wee impecunious bodies. Any help appreciated.