

CTC Scotland Committee Meeting
2007-01-20
St Mark's, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh



Approved amended Minutes

1. Attendance

- 1 Apologies: Billy Dickson, Pat Harrow.
- 2 Present: John Taylor, Mike Harrison, Gerard Vlaar, Peter Hayman, Peter Hawkins, John Foster, George di Ponio, George Berwick, Brian Curtis
- 3 Agreed that PHy would chair the meeting.

2. Appointments

Paths for All	JT
National Access Forum	JT
TRANSform Scotland	MH
Cross Party Group (Environmental Transport)	BC
Cycling Scotland [CTC UK]	PHy
Cycling Scotland [CTCS]	GV
SYHA ¹	WD
Try Cycling Tayside	GV (now on its steering committee)

- 1 Discussion about SSA – decision not to reaffiliate.
- 2 Amid discussion about representation of cycling on RTPs, suggested that CTCS should ask for a place on Transport Scotland [action: MH draft letter, consult with PHy]
- 3 Question on representation in Parliament – no obvious routes!

3. Adoption of minutes of meeting of 2006-09-16 (already circulated)

- 1 Item 7.9 – “MB agreed to be CTCS rep and PHy the CTCUK rep.”
- 2 Item 12 – “Mike Harrison...”
- 3 With these 2 corrections, minutes approved, proposed JT, seconded GdP.
- 4 No matters arising.

4. Finance

- 1 The Treasurer presented a draft budget. A slightly amended version was accepted (& will be circulated) proposed GB, seconded BC.
- 2 A question was raised about the accumulated funds of the KM Rally. JT outlined three phases of expenditure on signage which have already started. It was also pointed out that the apparently large total represented an average surplus of only about £300 p.a.
- 3 The Treasurer stated: “KM Rally. CTC Main Office considers that the KM accounts (and TCT accounts) are part of CTC Scotland's accounts. This being so I will require that locally audited figures are passed to me in good time for the annual MO submission. On each alternate year it may be possible to include the KM accounts with the Tayside DA accounts but this to-ing and fro-ing will be cumbersome. I ask the committee to make a decision on this and if the present arrangements are changed I will approach MO to seek their agreement.”

5. Reports

- 1 Reports were pre-circulated or tabled from Try Cycling Tayside, RtR on-road, RtR off-road, Cross Party Group. Brief verbal comments were made on SYHA and TRANSform Scotland.
- 2 Some comments arising from the reports:
 - The act for the Airdrie-Bathgate line can only deal with the actual railway, connections to the communities must be done by the RTPs – we must push them for integration
 - CTC National Office is taking an interest in the Paths for All **Cycling Interests Group**.
 - GB pointed out that while we might not like the new look of the Youth Hostel movement (either YHA or SYHA) there are now many bunk-houses replacing the simple hostels.
 - TRANSform Scotland currently has little actual action planned on walking and cycling.

¹ We mentioned Billy in connection with SYHA and reports, but omitted it from this list.

- With the next XPG(ET) on cycle training, a question was asked about the value of training when the infrastructure is so deficient. Answer that training is about riding competently and safely first; then using that to make a journey, e.g. to Primary School, and by Secondary School to be able to plan and execute own journeys.
- With Cycling Scotland having staff with engineering experience and Councils often displaying engineering incompetence, a question as to how CTC RtR reps could get assistance from CS. Suggested that if they knew who the CS staff member was covering their area they might be able to find out if the Council had consulted the experts.

6. Progress Monitoring

- 1 Website & Yahoo Groups
Draft Minutes will be circulated using the Yahoo Group. A draft summary will be posted on the web.
- 2 Cycle Talk
Even with the Birthday Rides profits, expenditure on CycleTalk is not sustainable long-term. Many may not read it, but for those that do, it must be seen to be of value – in both range of content and presentation. There are currently 342 [as of 2007-01-21] signed up on the e-mail notice list.
- 3 Strategy
At this point the meeting went off into a generalised discussion on strategy, returning to pick up in the few remaining minutes on some of the agenda items. We pointed out that the 'futures' group had deliberated for a year, and come up with no specific actions, and that we should concentrate on making a good job of doing what we do already, and look for opportunities for us to develop as they arise. The cycling world is now covered by a plethora of organisations, some of them professional, and to make an impact on outside bodies (eg to try and get the media to come to us when there's a story) will not be easy. A strategy will give a sense of purpose as well as a monitoring tool.

7. Misc. Points

- 1 CTCS meetings frequency – the e-meeting had not been a great success. Decision to stick with the 4 meetings.
April 14th (Glasgow)
Sept 22nd (Edinburgh)²
Jan 19th 2008 (Edinburgh)
- 2 Birthday Rides surplus – request from D&G Section that they might have a share. Committee asked that they might wish to propose a use they would have for the money, and we would then consider it.
- 3 Pedal for Scotland: this gives CTC an opportunity to promote itself [one of the aims in the Constitution is to build up the membership base in Scotland]
- 4 CTCS needs to have a **product**
- 5 The KM will run alternate years with the Grampian Rally

8. Events

- 1 arranged:

Feb 2	Bike Week Seminar	CS	
Apr 14	CTCS Committee		
Apr 22-23	Galloway Gathering	Minnigaff	
Apr 27-May 8	Scottish Outdoor Access Festival		
Apr 28	CTC AGM	Guildford	
May 4-7	KM Rally	Dumfries	
June 10	Tri-Vets	Stirling	[PHk]
Sep 16	Pedal for Scotland		
Jun 12-15	Velo-City	Munchen	
Jun 16-24	BIKE WEEK		
Sep 22	CTCS Committee		
Jan 19	CTCS AGM		

² We know that's the Glasgow holiday weekend, but there seemed to be no choice.