CYCLING UK FIFE & KINROSS CTC COMMITTEE MEETING

19:15 Friday 12th October, 2018

Venue: Ian Nicol’s home, Kirkcaldy.

Present: Linda Body (LB), George Berwick (GB), George Budd (GB’d), David Gibson (DG), Dougie Latto (DL), Kaye Lynch (KL), George Shepherd (GS), Nan Shepherd (NS), Ian Nicol (IN).

Apologies: John King (JK).

Minutes of the previous Committee meeting:

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on Sunday 20th May, 2018 were proposed as being correct by LB and seconded by IN with amendments agreed by the Committee.

REPORTS

Secretary: GBd received the following correspondence
• from Julie Rand Cycling UK - re Secretary/ Club Contact email addresses (see Registration report for full explanation)
• from a member introducing themselves to the club on their return from living in New Zealand.
• from a member making inquiries about bike parts they were having difficulty sourcing.
• from Cycling UK HQ – requesting information about the 2018 AGM (venue/ date/ time).
• about the availability of a UK Disability training course.
• from Cycling UK – about a vacant position within Cycling UK for a Finance Adviser.

Treasurer: There has been little financial activity since the previous committee meeting other than a payment for the Graeme Obree DVD (£60) and contribution to Vane Farm cycle underpass (£200) per committee instruction.
The bank account currently stands at £1808.67 with £42.12 cash-in-hand, giving a total of £1850.79

Registration: DG explained that the main issue recently affecting the group had been the tightening up of the data protection rules, otherwise known as the GDPR. Guidelines were issued by HQ which were circulated to the Committee by LB on 25th May. A summary with DG’s interpretation of how the rules could affect our group’s activities was later circulated to the Committee on 9th June by DG.
The impact of these changes had not been felt yet as HQ has temporarily suspended the distribution of data to member groups.
DG was concerned that no further update had been received from HQ (re GDPR) so made inquiries. Julie Rand from Cycling UK HQ replied today (12th Oct.)
It was explained that there had been a mix up whereby all the Fife & Kinross Committee members contact email addresses had been changed to one generic email address. The generic address has now been removed from organisational records and DG’s address (and others affected by this error) should be restored. Apologies were made for the error.
Also in Julie Rand’s correspondence re GDPR- updates have been sent and a new system is being trialled to make it easy to communicate with members via a new online toolkit or collect and store data locally, subject to certain guidelines. There are also briefings on GDPR online.
DG acknowledged the generous contribution made to the RSPB Loch Leven Underpass Appeal by Fife & Kinross CTC. The construction will greatly improve access between the reserve and the Loch Leven Heritage trail for cyclists and other users, particularly the physically disabled. The donation also reaffirms the longstanding links between our group and the reserve.
The opening was delayed due to unforeseeable problems which means work on the water main that runs adjacent to the road can’t be carried out due to low water pressure, a consequence of the hot summer. Work was expected to recommence the next week and expected to take approximately 4 weeks to reach completion.
Runs: 396 members have attended the last 40 Saturday meets, approximately 10 per meet, which is an improvement on the numbers compared to the corresponding period last year. The Café at Blairhall has reopened and has been renamed ‘Devine’ cakes and tearoom. It was suggested that the meet there should be reintroduced to the runs list. A Runs Committee meeting is to be held to discuss future rendezvous meets, establish which members wish to host home meets, decide on café’s that should be retained on the list and possibly remove ones that were not well received or attended. Wednesday meets, and their regularity, would also be discussed. An invite had been received from Clayton Caravan Park, St. Andrews, to include their café on our runs list and a suggestion that the brewery at Dalmeny could be a suitable venue. Owing to the great success of the treasure hunt, arranged by DG and held in the Kinross area, it was proposed that we should hold another treasure hunt next year.

Right to Ride: The Fife Access Forum meetings are being held less frequently with the last one being held in June. GB reported that there seems to be no work being carried out by Fife Council due to financial constraints. GB had encountered an access problem on the core path from Tayport to Newport but reported that the problem has now been resolved. The refurbishment of the lift which forms part of the Tay Bridge cycle path is still in progress. There has been opposition to the application for expansion of a quarry in the Kincardine/ Devilla Forest area as the deforestation that is proposed will affect the Red Squirrel population.

Welfare: LB reported that it was good to see some of our members who have suffered health issues had attended the recent meet at Gateside. Unfortunately there has been no further contact from TR who hoped to start attending meets again.

Hut: GB reported that there had recently been 2 more bed nights. IN reported that there had been a further 13 bed nights since May. GB intends to visit the hut soon to prepare it for winter.

Newsletter: DL reported that although he had enough material to compile a newsletter he was still not in a position to carry out the work. DL informed the Committee that it was probably best that he should stand down as newsletter editor. An appeal for a newsletter editor would be made at the AGM.

Social: The Annual Lunch date was set as Saturday 12th. January, 2019. The venue was discussed at length. Whilst it was agreed that it would be hard to better the Upper Largo Hotel for its venue, menu, value, and service it was thought that, in the interests of fairness to the West of Fife and Kinross members, a more central location should be sought for the Annual Lunch. The suggestion to find a central location had been made for last year’s Annual Lunch but no suitable venue had been found. Lochore Meadows was suggested as a possibility for this year. GB to inquire. A 10 Pin Bowling night was to be arranged for Monday 29th October 2018. GB. As Graeme O’Bree is hosting an event/ talk at the Lochgelly Centre it was agreed that the Graeme O’Bree film purchased by the club should now be used at an evening where it could be screened informally along with other forms of entertainment such as a Quiz Night. GBd offered to compile and act as quizmaster. The venue is to be at Dysart bowling Green on the 2nd March, 2019, subject to availability of the venue. DL to make inquiries. Possible group holiday to Majorca. Nothing to report as the subcommittee had not met. DL to make further inquiries about the Hotel and bike hire that Leslie Bike Shop use on their club visits to Majorca.

AOCB: • JK tendered his resignation from the Committee by email. • The West Fife Cycling Hub (WFCH), who are based in Dunfermline’s Pittencrief Park, will soon be taking delivery of two electrically assisted rickshaws and is seeking volunteers to be trained in their use for transporting physically impaired passengers. Next year WFCH will also be loaning children’s bikes for use in Pittencrief Park. Dunfermline Cycling Club, who have a big input in the WFCH, have greatly increased their membership which is due in part to their use of the Fife Cycle Park, Lochgelly. Dunfermline C.C.’s female membership had increased from 8% to 11%.
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- Use of the Fife Cycle Park by our group was discussed with no firm conclusion on how best to utilise the facilities.
- Facebook- It was thought by the majority that it was contributing to the increased attendances.
- A notice with AGM details will be added to the Webpage.
- Apologies were received in advance from DG and IN that they will be unable to attend the AGM.
- DG reminded the Committee that his 3 year tenure in the post of President was coming to an end and that it had always been his intention to also step down from the Committee at this time. Due to his involvement with GDPR implementation DG stated that whilst he would step down from the Committee he would be available to facilitate a handover to the next Registration Officer.

There being no other competent business the Committee meeting closed at 21:05.

The next meeting would be the AGM on Sat. 3rd November, 2018 at Kingskettle Memorial Hall. The AGM will take place after the rendezvous meet.

The date and location of the next full Committee meeting will be decided at the AGM.