

CTC Fife and Kinross
DRAFT Minutes of the 93rd Annual General Meeting
Fri 6th Nov. 2015 Falkland Community Hall, Fife.

The AGM was opened by CTC Fife and Kinross President, George White (GW) who welcomed the 18 members present.

GW informed those present that, due to health reasons, he was standing down from his role as President having served 3 years and that he would also be standing down from his other roles on the CTC F&K Committee.

After thanking the present Committee for their work over the last year GW handed over to the Chair, George McDermid (GMcD). GMcD stated his intention to stand down as Chair and as such he should hand over the Chair during the AGM. With no new Chairperson being nominated or volunteering GMcD kindly chaired the remainder of the AGM. It was decided that the new Chair would be elected at the first Committee meeting after the AGM.

GMcD thanked our temp? CTC Scotland Councillor, Lizzie Reather for attending the CTC F&K AGM.

Present :- 18 CTC members attended the meeting (see attendance sign in sheet)

Apologies :- apologies were received from Jimmy Paton, George Berwick, Margaret Berwick, David Gibson, Linda Gibson, Alec Robertson, Ena Robertson, Morwyn Porter and Hamish Dempsey.

Minutes of the 2014 AGM :- minutes of the 2014 AGM were circulated to those in attendance.

There were no objections to the 2014 minutes and were approved as being accurate by Ian Nicol and seconded by Linda Body prior to being signed by the outgoing CTC Fife and Kinross President.

Annual Reports

Secretary's report, Kaye Lynch (KL)

KL explained the main duties of her CTC F&K Secretary role and how it is primarily arranging Committee meetings and venues, liaising with Julie Rand, CTC National Member Group co-ordinator, acting as contact for local cycling initiatives and highlighting opportunities for CTC members.

KL credited the Committee for the work that they have done in the last year e.g. planning the runs list, organising social events, welcoming new members, editing the newsletter, looking after our finances, maintaining our club hut, managing the website and representing CTC F&K on right to ride issues.

KL thanked the outgoing Committee members that were standing down this year, Jimmy Paton (minutes), Maureen Latto (Treasurer), George McDermid (Chair and Website) and George White (President, Welfare and Registration)

Two non-committee members were also thanked for their work, Denise Chapman (promotional events) and Margaret Berwick (outgoing hut custodian).

Registration Officer's report, George White (GW)

The current number of CTC F&K members stood at 297, slightly down from last year but within normal fluctuation due to the expiration/re-registering of the membership.

As previously, the membership is spread evenly over the region with family and affiliated club maintaining their share.

The active core membership that attends meets was only a fraction of the total membership.

Runs Committee report, read by Linda Body (**LB**) on behalf of the Runs Committee

The Runs Committee Consisted of Linda Body, Ian Nicol, George McDermid and Nan Shepherd and met twice this year, each time planning six months' worth of Saturday and Wednesday meets.

To avoid repetition of routes the region was split into four areas.

The 40 Saturday meets averaged 12 attendees, while the 20 Wednesday meets averaged 6 attendees.

Introductory Rides were introduced in conjunction with Fife Council's Summer of Cycling Festival, two of which were organised by **GMcD** with six cyclists attending the first and seven at the second. The Ladies Introductory ride was attended by three CTC F&K members and attracted no new members.

There were two meets where no one turned up due to adverse weather and two meets where the venue was closed, one due to the illness of the Café owner.

The Camping weekend was cancelled as was the 7 Ferries ride. A second weekend away was cancelled due to lack of interest.

On the Ladies weekend in May, 8 members cycled to Callander Hostel visiting the club hut at Loch Earn and taking in Loch Katrine.

A 'League' table has been published on the website so that members can keep up to date with who is currently in position to win the 'Most Runs Trophy'

LB appealed to the members present to let the Runs committee know of any suggestions for next year's rides.

Right to Ride (Road) Officer's report, Ian Nicol (**IN**)

IN met with Fife Council's (**FC**) Transportation Service on 18th June. The meeting was intended as a first step in reminding our local authorities that, as a cycling club with a large and varied membership, we could continue to be a useful partner in matters of common interest regarding road cycling and associated paths.

The meeting covered **FC**'s priority capital projects in Dunfermline and Glenrothes.

The work being undertaken can be viewed on the Cycle Fife website www.cyclefife.com.

Discussion also took place about road maintenance and user feedback of existing routes.

CTC F&K's 300 eyes in the area could potentially be very useful in highlighting problems over and above the usual potholes e.g. loss of cycle path white lining, debris, broken glass, leaves, mud etc. being highlighted.

It is intended to arrange a similar dialogue with Perth and Kinross Council in the near future.

IN stated that it was his belief that there is potential for inconsistency and confusion with the current practice of three different individuals from CTC F&K meeting with Fife Council (i.e. for Right to Ride On Road, Off Road and Events) and that a single representative from CTC F&K should be tasked to report back at each Committee meeting and AGM.

Right to Ride (Off Road) Officer's report, George Berwick (**GB**). (report read by **KL**)

GB has attended most Fife Council Access meetings during 2015 during which a lot of time was devoted to cycling topics.

GB has been pressing **FC** for lower speed limits along roads which incorporate cycle ways and core paths.

A request was made for members that come across problems with off-road cycle routes to contact **FC**'s Access Officer or **GB**.

Club Hut Custodian's report, Margaret Berwick (**MB**) and George Berwick (**GB**). (report read by **KL**)

The Loch Earn Hut is still in reasonably good condition lacking only visitors. There was only one bednight this year and no expenses. A key has been lodged with **KL** in the hope that it may encourage more use of this wonderful facility.

MB has handed over the secretarial work of the Loch Earn Hut to **GB** who will combine it with his responsibility for maintenance. The Hut remains available to all CTC members in F&K, Lothians, Glasgow and Tayside Groups.

Information and a photograph of the Hut is on the CTC F&K website.

Newsletter Editor's report, Dougie Latto (DL)

There has been only one issue of Fife Wheels this year to date, the recently published Issue 81, October 2015, with the previous issue being published in Autumn 2014.

The reason for there being such a long gap between issues was given as there having been little or no articles submitted for publishing.

A plea was made to those present for articles and photos and that they need not necessarily be in a format ready to publish e.g. handwritten articles, photos or even slides could be accepted.

Our sole advertiser was given a mention for his patience in having had only one advert, despite having paid for four. The report was concluded by **DL** thanking all of the contributors for sending articles and photos for our newsletter.

Social Secretary's report, George Shepherd (GS)

Despite adverse weather on January 11th thirty-one turned up for the Annual Lunch at Lower Largo.

There was no interest in the holiday to Wales. **GS** thought that the CTC F&K group holidays had perhaps been played out but would see what could be done next year.

Website and Social Media, Chair, George McDermid (GMcD)

Web and Social Media:- Whilst the website has all but dried up with little activity save the publishing of the runs list, Facebook activity is up by 29% and Twitter by 82%. There were 4 email campaigns with an average of 57% success in people reading the emails. There are currently 133 email subscribers. Web tools were used to organise the Best Newsletter Article voting last year with some success.

Chair:- GMcD was invited to two meetings with FC, their Summer of Cycling Festival and the Cycle Start rides.

GMcD worked with FC to promote Introductory Rides during the Festival and attended two events with CTC F&K's new gazebo, one in Glenrothes and one in Dunfermline (mostly manned by Ian Nicol and Linda Body)

Links with **FC** on promoting CTC seem to be reasonably healthy at the moment.

CTC Scotland, George McDermid (GMcD)

GMcD attended last year's CTC Scotland AGM and all three scheduled Committee meetings as well as manning the CTC Scotland stall at an event held at Cockenzie House.

GMcD also gave support for the CTC Scotland's campaign, 'We Walk, We Cycle, We Vote' at the Liberal Democrat Conference in Dunfermline.

GMcD would be attending CTC Scotland's AGM on 7th November in Glasgow.

Despite standing down from next year's CTC F&K Committee **GMcD** offered to continue as CTC F&K's representative at CTC Scotland meetings.

The combined Annual Reports were proposed as being accurate by George White and seconded by Dougie Latto.

Treasurer's report and Annual Accounts, Maureen Latto (ML)

The income and expenditure was higher than in previous years due to receipts and payments for our new CTC F&K custom clothing.

The financial year closed with a bank balance of £1622.38 and cash in hand of £63.74 totalling £1686.12.

Our income was £1745.00 and expenditure was £1960.19 giving a deficit of £215.19.

Income comprised of £200 from CTC (the flat annual subscription received for support in running our Member Group), members £1 donations when using halls for meets, donations from the Hut at Loch Earn, newsletter advertising fees and miscellaneous donations.

Expenditure comprised of hall hires for meets and the AGM, admin, postage, refreshments, a new gazebo, purchase of business cards, and payment for the CTC F&K custom clothing.

(Treasurer's report cont'd)

The club's fixed assets are our Hut, projector, gazebo and three CTC F&K custom tops held as stock for purchase. The Treasurer was pleased to report that the finances remain healthy.

ML informed those present that CTC now falls under the category of a medium sized group of companies therefore the requirements on us as a member group are more closely monitored and as such the treasurer is required to keep up to date records of our income and expenditure throughout the year and present in writing to the CTC F&K Committee.

ML, with regret, stated her intention to step down from her Treasurer's role due to having too many other commitments at present.

Beth Paterson was thanked for once again approving and certifying the accounts.

The Treasurer's report was proposed as being accurate by Linda Body and seconded by Charlie Brown.

Appointment of Club President 2015 – 2018

David Gibson, long time CTC F&K member, was pleased to accept the position of CTC Fife and Kinross President for the next three years.

Election of Officers and Committee Members 2015 – 2016

Obligatory Positions

Chair- As there were no nominations forthcoming from the floor it was decided that the Chair would be elected at the first Committee meeting after the AGM.

Secretary- Kaye Lynch, proposed by Dougie Latto and seconded by Linda Body.

Treasurer- Ian Nicol, proposed by Maureen Latto and seconded by Linda Body.

Other Committee Members

George Berwick, proposed by Dougie Latto and seconded by Kaye Lynch.

Linda Body, proposed by Kaye Lynch and seconded by Dougie Latto.

Dougie Latto, proposed by Kaye Lynch and seconded by Linda Body.

George Shepherd, proposed by Ian Nicol and seconded by Linda Body.

Nan Shepherd, proposed by Ian Nicol and seconded by George Shepherd.

Bert Sutherland, proposed by George White and seconded by Kaye Lynch.

Election of Honorary Auditor 2016

Beth Paterson, proposed by Maureen Latto and seconded by Lorraine Brown.

A.O.C.B.

There were no notices of motion received.

There being no other competent business the 2015 Annual General Meeting closed at 19:48.

The meeting was followed by tea and biscuits and concluded with an excellent and very informative Slide Show presented by George McDermid entitled 'Kirkpatrick Macmillan: The Man, The Bicycle and The Rally'