

CHESTER and NORTH WALES CTC
CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2024

The meeting was held at Pulford Village Hall, Pulford at 12.30 on Sunday 14th April 2024

Attendance: 22 members signed in for the meeting at the hall and one member attended via Jitsi.

1. Convening the meeting

The Secretary convened the meeting and welcomed people to the meeting.

2. Election of Chair

David Matthews was elected to chair the meeting. Proposed by Lowri Evans, seconded John Violet; all in agreement.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from Catherine Green, Graham Hill, Gwenda Owen, Mike Frith, Sue Booth, Roy Spilsbury, Judith Spilsbury, Mike Cross, Mark Jones, Chris Smith, Margaret Matthews, Dave Statham, Alun Jones and Anne Jones.

4. Minutes from 2023 AGM

Minutes were available prior to the start of the meeting. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Paul Mills & seconded by Janet Gregory. Accepted nem con.

5. Secretary's Annual Report

The report was available prior to the start of the meeting; the secretary outlined the main contents of the report including group reports, event reports and the work and running of the Club during the year.

The impact of Covid was still being felt in the club, with some groups still fragmented and far fewer people being willing to lead rides & organise events. In spite of this it had been a successful year.

In answer to questions it was confirmed:

- that there had been significant difficulties with putting event information on the Cycling UK website, and also accessing data such as ride leader registrations. This was largely due to Cycling UK setting up a new website. The current position was that most functions had been transferred to the new website, but records for groups were still on the old site which couldn't be accessed by the registration officer.
- that the £200 subscription allocation had been claimed.

Comments were made that there was an impressive list of proposed events for 2024.

Thanks were given to all volunteers who had contributed to the running of the club & to those who had attended the rides & events. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Allan Samuel & seconded by Paul Mills. Accepted nem con.

6. Treasurer's Report

The report was available prior to the start of the meeting; the treasurer outlined the main contents of the report and thanked Andy Barber for auditing the accounts.

The Treasurer explained that a few years previously the end date of the financial had moved from 30th September to the end of March; this led to some events incurring costs & having income spread over 2 financial years.

- a. **Internet banking** this had been set up with the account being visible to the Treasurer, Chairman & Secretary. Claims still need to be checked by another person before the

treasurer processes the payment. Internet banking has made it easier to keep track of the accounts & access statement.

- b. **The Link** – thanks to Janet Jones (editor) and Graham Arnold (who keeps track of subscriptions). It was reported that there was a loss of £170 during the year – as advertising revenue had dropped and postage costs had increased several times.

c. **Charity Donations**

It was proposed by the treasurer that charity donations of £250 should be made to Sustrans & The Cyclists' Defence Fund as in the previous financial year. This was discussed. Proposer Colin Bell, seconder Graham Hines agreed nem con.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted nem con.

7. Trustee Report – Janet Atherton

Janet Atherton, Chair of trustees said how glad she was to be back in her role after her recent stroke.

a. Power Point about the new Cycling UK Strategy. The strategy had been developed following surveys, focus group meetings and consultations. It was noted that the membership offer was valued by current members; membership levels of Cycling UK had been staying at the same level whereas similar organisations had been suffering drops in membership. It was acknowledged that there is a huge body of knowledge amongst current members. However, membership didn't necessarily appeal to new groups or other organisations and Cycling UK needed to be adaptable especially if some funding streams suddenly stopped. It also needed to be better recognised. For all to benefit from cycling strong public support would be needed.

- New routes, such as the Traws Eryri could increase the number of people who had heard of Cycling UK.
- There was commitment support the CAN network of campaigners
- There was to be a re-launch of Cyclists Welcome
- Support for groups via the Membership Team – a change in structure meant that groups would be looked after by the Membership team at Cycling UK rather than the Volunteers team. This would give a larger number of support staff.
- Details would be published in the next Cycle magazine with the strategy launched on the 12th June (during Bike Week)

b. Trustee Elections. Plea for more people to stand – there would be 4 places to be filled. There are 12 trustees and 9 must be elected from the membership; there is a need for skills in specific areas. It would be good to have trustees from Wales, Scotland & North Ireland on the board.

c. Outcome of questions/ discussion.

- There has been reorganisation but Cycling UK is still committed to supporting local clubs.
- Cycling UK is still in a good place compared to many other charities/organisations that have recently lost funding due to Government cuts
- Need for Cycling UK & British Cycling to work together to promote cycling.
- Janet Atherton has 18 months left to serve as a trustee

Daver Matthews thanked Janet for the presentation and for her work as a Trustee.

8. Notices of Motion

One motion was received:

That the Link ceases to be published as a hard copy and is produced as an online magazine only.

Proposed by Mark Jones, Seconded Janet Jones

The Secretary's report contained the reasons for the proposal in a section that had been prepared by Janet Jones (the outgoing editor) and Mark Jones (who would be willing to take over as editor of a digital version). The motion was discussed, the issue of providing a printed copy for some who wouldn't be able to access a digital copy was discussed. It was agreed that some provision could be

made for a limited number (it was envisaged that it wouldn't be many people who would need this). Several people indicated that they preferred hard copy, but realised that the option had become increasing unsustainable. The vote results were:

For 18

Against 0

Abstain 4

Motion was carried.

Subscription money there was discussion about what to do with any outstanding subscription money that had been paid. It was suggested that subscribers should let the club know by the end of May if they wanted a refund. It was also suggested that remainder of the money could be donated to the Cyclist Defence Fund or put towards software if new software was required for producing the online edition with a change of editor.

9. Election of Officers and Committee members

List of nominations prior to the meeting was on the agenda – there were no further nominations from the floor.

The proposal to elect the officers & post holders en-block including the Awards Committee was made by Allan Samuel, seconded by Elwyn Jones; officers were elected nem con.

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Second
President	Dave Matthews	Colin Bell	Allan Samuel
Vice President*	Sue Booth	Paul Mills	Allan Samuel
Secretary	Lowri Evans	Dave Matthews	Colin Bell
Treasurer	Paul Kerr	Dave Matthews	Colin Bell
Registration Officer (membership records)	Steve Larwood	Lowri Evans	Paul Mills
Safe Guarding Officer	Laurie Mason	Allan Samuel	Dave Matthews
Publicity Officer	Paul Mills	Lowri Evans	Colin Bell
Campaign Advocacy Network: Wales England	John Mather	Lowri Evans	Allan Samuel
CTC Cymru Rep	Lowri Evans	Dave Matthews	Paul Mills
Diversity Officer			
Additional members: invited members Reps from Two Mills and all informal groups who are nominated by the groups			

*Non- committee post

10. Election of Awards Committee

Current members retained: Glennys Hammond, Sue Booth & Lowri Evans

11. Election of Auditor

Andy Barber – Proposed by Lowri Evans, seconded by Dave Matthews – elected nem con.

12. Non – committee officers:

Club archivist – Graham Hill

Link Editor - Mark Jones

Webmaster – Simon Tiplady

13. AOB & Events

a. Events

The planned events were outlined with some updates from organisers:

Sunday 14 th April 2024	C&NW CTC AGM at Pulford Memorial Hall	Sec Lowri Evans
Weekend of 20 th April	Fab Ladies Weekend – Bala (now full)	Sue Booth
Sunday 12 th May 2024	Tour of the Berwyns & Panorama Audaxes	Dave Matthews
9 th June 2024	New audax events 😊 in the west of the C&NW CTC area. Glan Gwna 200/125 A great chance for riders to experience new routes	Graham Hines
<i>Sunday 16th June</i>	<i>Chester Active Travel Festival</i> <i>C&NW CTC aiming – volunteers needed please</i>	
Sunday 23 rd June	Bob Clift Memorial Cheshire Cycleways 50 mile event – limited entries – Duddon start	Dave Matthews & Watson's Wanderers
Sunday 7 th July 2024	Bert Bailey Memorial Vets 100.	Ian Slater
13 th July 2024	Corwen July Audax events Barmouth, Y Brenig Bach & Bala Parade	Graham Hines
<i>25th to 30th July 2024</i>	<i>Welsh Festival CTC Cymru Ruthin– rides on Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday</i>	<i>Emrys Jones / Lowri Evans</i>
<i>Sunday 27th August</i>	<i>Wild Wales entries now open – details have been circulated to members</i>	<i>Merseyside CTC</i>
7 th September 2024	Momma Audax Events	John Gallagher mentor Brandon Edgely
Saturday 28 th September 2024	Hill Climb & Freewheel – from Llanbenwch	Lowri Evans
Saturday 12 th October 2024	Corwen Audax Events Clwydian etc	Graham Hines
Sunday 20 th October 2024	President's Ride & Lunch and 85 th Anniversary celebration– Walk Mill with Lunch in the Memorial Hall in Tilston.	<i>C&NW CTC President</i>

b. Thanks

The chairman thanked the treasurer & secretary for their work, and also all of the committee & club volunteers. The CANs reps were also thanked.

Fiona O'Keefe, Elwyn Jones & Lynne Samuel were thanked for their great work in the kitchen supplying beans on toast & hot drinks.

Presentations

After the formal Business of the AGM was concluded Janet Atherton made 3 presentations to C&NW CTC volunteers to thank them for their work:

Colin Bell – Bronze (10years +) Going the Extra Mile Award

Colin had served as Treasurer for the Club since being elected in November and in addition to the work of maintaining the accounts had overseen the transfer to online banking

Janet Jones – Certificate of Appreciation Going the Extra Mile Awards

Janet had taken over as Link Editor in 2017 and regularly produced the editions of the Club magazine. She produced regular, good quality, A4 colour magazines which were enjoyed by members.

Margaret Matthews - Certificate of Appreciation Going the Extra Mile Awards

Margaret has worked in the background a very large number of events over the years ensuring that riders are checked in at the start & finish and also providing refreshments.