SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2022 - 2pm
GALLOWAY WOODTURNERS WORKSHOP, CASTLE DOUGLAS DG7 1LH

MINUTES

In Attendance: Gordon Best, Roger Blamire, Jim Cowan, Ian Gilbert, Eddie Glover, Tom Hanley, Paul Heald, Cath Gibb, Robin Gibb, Phil Howard, Bob Rostock, Helen Sainsbury, Mike Scott, Eamon Hastings, Esther Tacke, Ian Wilbur

Non voting: Betty Howard


Chairman, Bob Rostock welcomed attendees and noted that a general Meeting had not been possible since 2019 due to the Covid epidemic restrictions in force.

Sadly, the recent passing of members Dougie Oberheim and Susan Henderson was reported (Also our friends and passed, active Membs. Gavin Fox and Guy Pollock )

He reported that both the Secretary and Treasurer were no longer Members and acknowledged, with thanks, their service to the Group.

Papers concerning the current bank balance and transactions since 2017 had been circulated and were tabled. In the absence of an Elected Treasurer, Tom Hanley had prepared the Financial Report. The meeting accepted these as a correct record.

Following the Chairman’s Welcome, Tom Hanley addressed the Chair and raised a Point of Order:

“In view of the fact that there was no fully, Constituted Committee of required incumbent Elected Officers, the AGM should be adjourned and immediately reconvened as a Special General Meeting.”

The Chair accepted this and Moved to continue the meeting as a SGM; the meeting continued with Bob as Chairman, thereby the main business to be transacted was:

a) to decide whether there was sufficient support available to allow the group to continue, and
b) to ascertain that the vacant posts could be filled. In the circumstances,

A wide-ranging, general discussion ensued. Everyone in attendance contributed ideas.

These covered whether a Rides' List was needed, whether Ride Leaders should be formally trained, should computer messaging be an integral part of contact between members, will there be support sufficient to form the Members' Group Committee.
It was noted that the Group has 220 allocated members, which includes, multiple, Household Memberships. Not all Membs. accept eMails. 144 were available for contact by e-mail, via Cycling UK Group eMail System.

We would benefit from a shorter, more targeted keep “In-Touch” Mailing List.

We noted, it is a condition that the Group puts on a program of rides and cycling activities suitable for Cycling UK members in the area. These are formal Rides' List and with the knowledge of the Members’ Group(parent), informal Rides, but not anonymous - a mix of formally and informally trained Ride Leaders was acceptable and available; formal Rides' Lists and messaging could be used. All Leaders require to registered with Cycling UK.

A consensus emerged that the Election of Officers would be possible.

The attention of Forestry & Land Scotland has been drawn to the presence of a 25 year-old Cairn, time-capsule in the Palnure/Kirroughtrie Forest. Sealed 26 Sept 1997, being the 50th anniversary of the founding of the New Galloway Forest. The original Galloway Cycling Group had contributed Club-related material. The Cairn will be re-opened in a further 25 years.

Further discussion took place concerning a suitable memorial to the late John Taylor.

(Keir, Penpont, Tynron) KPT- Development Trust, are due to commence Phase 1a of the “Active Travel – Paths for All Route” from Penpont to Thornhill, but no definite decision yet given to the Groups' submission of a request to place an “in-Memory” Plaque on the Route.

Alternative: The Keir Community Council will meet again Jan 2023 and will consider a proposal from the Group to clean/refurbish/reprint/replace a worn Interpretation Panel which used to stand in Keir Mill outside the Village Hall. The Panel design would include “In-Memory” wording/caption, acknowledging John Taylor’s involvement in keeping the memory of Kirkpatrick Macmillan alive and advancing the benefits of cycling in general. It was agreed, if the proposal is successful, to provide the necessary funding for refurbishment.

Bob Rostock circulated an example of weather-proof cycling map which are widely available commercially in other areas; it was agreed that the group should seek further information with a view to having one available for Dumfries & Galloway.

Election of office bearers followed with the following results:-

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Co-opted Committee Members:-Jim Cowan, Robin Gibb, Ian Gilbert, Phil Howard, Esther Tacke.

The Secretary announced that date of future AGMs will be changed to March, April or May.

A date for next AGM was not set, however also noted that Cycling UK must be advised of AGM date, annually, in advance, no later than end February.

Following the AGM a set of annual returns to be sent to Cycling UK by the end of May each year.