

CTC FIFE & KINROSS COMMITTEE MEETING
24th Sept. 2014 at George McDermid's home, Dysart.

PRESENT: Kaye Lynch, Nan Shepherd, George Shepherd, George McDermid, Jimmy Paton,
George Berwick, Dougie Latto.

APOLOGIES: George White, Maureen Latto

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING (held 28th May at George White's home, Auchtermuchty)
Approved as correct by . Seconded as correct by

ACTION POINTS:

'Right to Ride' representative. There is a vacancy for a second CTC Fife and Kinross member to represent our club. **G.McD.** will bring this to the member's attention on the website.

New Club Kit. No further action had been taken re contacting Endura for samples. **D.L.** will contact Endura with a view to getting various sizes in time for members to try at the AGM.

Format of the AGM. To be published on the website by **G.McD.**

Business, 7:30 – 8:15. Coffee/chat, 8:15 – 8:45. Slideshow, 8:45 – 9:15.

Communication with Members. Discussion took place after receiving a letter from members re how the Committee notifies the membership on important matters e.g. the recent passing of Frances Brown. (see item 2. in Secretary's report)

The email list as it stands was not deemed to be an appropriate method as there are many non-members and Member Groups on this list. Various options were discussed such as a secondary email list or forming a 'Yahoo' group. None of these were considered to be feasible due to technical difficulties and operating procedure with both options. It was therefore decided that the present practice of posting important announcements on the website was to be continued. Secretary **K.L.** will respond to the members who raised this issue informing them of the Committee's decision with an explanation of our reasons.

REPORTS

SECRETARY:

1. June - Questionnaire from Kirstine Torrance,(Fife Cycling Dev officer) about CTC activities in Fife, - completed by G.McD.
2. July - A request from members for information to be emailed direct to members after notice of the death of Frances Brown was missed by them on the website.
3. Aug. - Announcement of the death of Janet Hamilton, a former active club member and Secretary from Kelty.
4. Request for annual returns from Julie Rand, to be completed by Dec. 5th
5. Sept. Invitation from Kirsteen Torrance, to attend a Fife Council Cycling Community Networking event on Wednesday 19th November at Lochgelly High School from 6:30pm-9pm. This free event will reveal plans for developing cycling in Fife.

TREASURER:

Balance at 24th September 2014, **£1888.23**

Cash in - Hut fees **£12**

Cash out - Petrol money to pick up gazebo (for use at Festivelo event) **£25**

Petty cash at 24th September 2014, **£9.08**

MEMBERSHIP/ WELFARE:

Reports were unavailable due to George White's illness.

NEWSLETTER:

There was no Spring issue of 'Fife Wheels' due to lack of material.

The recent Summer edition received some welcome feedback.

In an effort to have the quarterly newsletter coincide with the seasons, cut-off dates for submitting articles were published in the last newsletter. The cut of date for the Autumn issue is end of September with a view to publishing mid October.

As our only advertiser (Dave's Bikeshed) intimated that he would like to take out another 4 adverts D.L. included an advert in the Summer newsletter. (D.L. to contact advertiser for payment of the agreed £20 for the 4 adverts)

RUNS:

Attendance at meets has been very much weather dependant so numbers have been fluctuating of late.

Newburgh Garage/Café is to be trialled as a venue with seating for around 23.

Nan will be standing down from her post as Runs Secretary after the AGM but will have the meets up to February 2015 in place for her successor.

It is intended that the post will be filled at the next Committee meeting after the AGM.

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA:**Website:**

Popularity is recovering. Visits to the site: June-670. July-721. August-876 (up from an average of around 280)

The runs page continues to be the most popular with all others trailing off.

The most recent version of Fife Wheels caused a spike in August.

A 'for sale' ad. was placed but received zero interest.

Facebook:

Number of 'likes' is up to 77 (from 69)

66/34 male/female fans, reach is 54/46 (i.e. people who saw it, not necessarily fans)

Largest male group (20%) is aged 55-64, but females are more evenly spread, the largest group (9%) is aged 25-34

The largest group is in the Dunfermline area.

Twitter:

The number of followers is up to 39 (from 34)

There were less posts being made of late, but posts were made during the 5 Ferries and Pedal for Scotland rides.

SOCIAL:

Falkland Hall is booked for the AGM. Another group has an earlier booking up till 7:00 p.m. We will not get access to the hall for setting up purposes until this time.

Upper Largo is again to be used for the Annual Lunch. A booking for 30-35 will be made. A 10 Pin Bowling evening is to be arranged again (date tbc). If this proves popular a second evening may also be arranged over the winter.

The possibility of resurrecting the Games Night is to be explored (darts and dominoes) **D.L.** to find out if Dysart Bowling Green will allow us the use of their premises. Monthly Wednesday evenings were chosen as the preferred option (starting end of October).

CTC SCOTLAND:

The last CTC Scotland meeting was held on Saturday 9th August, 2014, in Edinburgh.

G.McD. was the only group rep. present.

Jenny MacLean was appointed as Treasurer to replace Mike Gray.

A Draft Constitution was discussed but as it ought to link directly to national policy some suggested that it would not be acceptable to the National Office. As a CTC(S) constitution would depend heavily on the Referendum outcome it was put aside until after the AGM.

CTC Scotland now have a list of contacts for all member groups to try to co-ordinate events at which CTC Scotland could have some sort of presence.

The CTC Scotland AGM is set for 22nd Nov. 2014. They are looking for an alternative format. Paul Tuohy is keen to attend. The likely venue for the AGM is Edinburgh.

G.McD. attended Pedal for Scotland on Sunday 7th September and ended up organising the marquee which was staffed with three volunteers for the day. Over 8000 cyclists attended the event.

The next CTC Scotland meeting is to be held after the AGM.

RIGHT TO RIDE:

G.B. missed the last Right to Ride meeting due to other commitments but can manage to attend the next meeting due to be held on Tues. 30th Sept.

The Core Path Network is nearing completion throughout Fife.

HUT:

G.B. has recently done some repairs to the hut and reports that it will require external painting soon. Advice is to be taken as to the action required re moss on the felt roof.

A.O.C.B:

There was no other competent business.

The meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

The date and venue of the next Committee meeting is to be agreed after the AGM on 7th Nov. 2014.

Note.

Committee member's names have been abbreviated as initials throughout these minutes.

Action is required when initials are in bold.