

CTC FIFE & KINROSS COMMITTEE MEETING

7th October, Bikeworks, Glenrothes.

PRESENT: Kaye Lynch (**KL**), George McDermid (**GMcD**), Nan Shepherd (**NS**), George Berwick (**GB**)
George Shepherd (**GS**), Ian Nicol (**IN**), Jimmy Paton (**JP**), Linda Body (**LB**), Dougie Latto (**DL**)

APOLOGIES: George White (**GW**), Maureen Latto (**ML**)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 6th May, 2015, at **LB**'s home, were approved as being accurate by **LB** and **IN**.

ACTION POINTS FROM LAST MEETING:

Hut keys: **KL** has been in contact with Margaret Berwick (Hut Custodian) re second key for Lochearn hut.

Annual Lunch: **GS** has checked various venues including Louie Brown (Dalgety Bay) and Dunfermline Golf Club (Crossford) **GS** presented menus for the Committee's perusal. Other venues discussed were:- Heavens Above (Milnathort) and last year's venue, Largo Hotel (Upper Largo)
It was decided by the Committee to restrict the cost of the Annual Lunch to £20 maximum.
GS will have firm plans to present to the Committee before, or at, the AGM.

Social: The 'Cycling' Cinema is still on hold due to the projectionist's ill health.
The 'Crazy Putting evening' to be discussed at the next Committee meeting (after the AGM)

AGM plans: **GS** confirmed that **Falkland Village Hall** had been booked for 3 hours (6 - 9 p.m.) **6th Nov. 2015**, despite having some difficulties with the new online booking for the hall. After last year's problems gaining entry to the hall **GS** will ensure we have been provided with the door entry PIN code. Social plans (for after the AGM) were discussed later in the meeting.

REPORTS:

Secretary:

1. Discussion re CTC F&K's purchase of a gazebo for promoting CTC at events.
2. Contact from Keela (a Glenrothes based outdoor clothing company) offering CTC members 15% discount. Members need only show their membership card to obtain the discount.
3. Info from Julie Rand on the following forthcoming workshops 'Using Social Media', 'Marketing and Promotion' and 'Ride Leading'.
4. Volunteer request for assisting at the Rotary Club's Cycle event at Tentsmuir.
5. Decision made re purchase of CTC F&K business cards.
6. Request made to advertise Skye's the Limit (a walking and cycling event in the Highlands).
7. Request from Alison Irvine asking for nominations for Fife Access Forum rep. Currently **GB** with **GW** as reserve.
8. Cycling Scotland Annual Conference, Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh, Wed. 11th/Thu. 12th Nov. 2015.
9. Discussions about beginners ride for women planned for Aug. 23rd round Loch Leven.
10. Letter from Gordon Patterson intimating his wish to donate little used Club clothing (the sale of which to go to Club funds). Beth Patterson willing to Audit the Club accounts again this year.

Treasurer:

Bank Balance- **£1622.38** as at financial year end.
Petty Cash- **£63.74** as at financial year end.
Cheques issued- **£41.98** Business cards.
£87.99 Gazebo

The Accounts have been prepared and will be presented to the Auditor asap.

It is the Treasurers wish to stand down due to having too many other commitments although **ML** would consider taking the role again if required in the future if her current commitments change.

Membership: No membership info was available at the meeting as **GW** cannot access info from CTC at the moment due to I.T. problems. **GW** suspects the problem lies with his equipment.
GMcD will contact **GW** with a view to resolving the problem.

Runs: Average Saturday attendance is 12 although there has been a couple of zero attendances due to poor weather.
All weekends apart from the Ladies Weekend were cancelled as was the Night Ride.
Average Wednesday attendance is 6 with a bigger propensity to drive rather than cycle.
There has been 3 Introductory Rides. The general ride averaged 6 cyclists whilst the women only attracted 3 cyclists however no new members attended the rides.

Right to Ride: **GB** (off road rep) to be re-nominated as CTC F&K rep. on Fife Council's Access Forum.
There seemed to be some confusion between Core Paths and 'Cycle Friendly' roads especially when the two were adjacent to each other or shared. Fife Council (**FC**) promised to look into speed limits where the paths were 'on road'.
FC are looking for a Chairman to Chair the Access Forum.
Scottish access rules are being revised. There will be a meeting re rule changes in December.

IN (on road rep) attended a **FC** Cycle Route Development meeting on 18th June. Discussed at the meeting were the two priority capital projects re cycle route development in Glenrothes and Dunfermline. The actual work being undertaken can be viewed on www.cyclefife.com.
IN encouraged the use of the site as **FC** are keen to gain as much feedback as possible. The site could also be useful in highlighting problems on paths (over and above the usual potholes) such as loss of white lining, debris on the paths such as glass/mud/leaves etc. Several paths were highlighted but the promised action had not taken place yet (at 7th Oct.).
IN will check on **FC**'s record of pothole repairs, and raise it with **FC** if req'd.
Also to be raised at next **FC** meeting is the poor signage on the Dunfermline to Alloa cyclepath.

Hut: **KL** has been in contact with the Hut Custodian, Margaret Berwick (**MB**) re the introduction of a second key for use only when the Custodian is not available.
MB intimated her wish to stand down as Hut Custodian. **GB** expressed interest in taking on the role. It was decided that the matter would be discussed further at next Committee meeting or AGM.
The future of the hut was briefly discussed where it was decided, due to the Hut not being a burden on the Club's resources, that it would not be discussed further at this time.
GB presented recent photos of the hut to highlight essential work.
It was reported by **GB** that the minimum work required would be some painting and joinery work that would cost no more than £30. The job is to be undertaken in the Spring before "midge season".
It was thought that the removal of moss from the north facing side of the felt roof would throw up more problems with the roof than are currently present.
As the roof is watertight it was decided to leave the moss in place.

Webmaster:

- Website-** Popularity remains reasonable. Visits: June 858, July 777, Aug. 860, Sept. 643.
Requests from external event organisers have been posted on the 'Clubroom' page
The majority of visits to the site remain at under 30 seconds (84%)
'Runs' is the most popular page followed, significantly, by 'New Users'.
- Facebook-** Number of likes took a rapid increase possibly due to attendance at events.
'Likes' are up to 100 (from 81). There are only a few contributors but Facebook is far more animated than the website.
- Twitter-** The number of followers has also risen rapidly to 67 (from 46)

Newsletter: As previously reported, there has been very few articles submitted. The Editor reported that there is probably enough articles and photos now to compile a newsletter. The Editor will attempt to have a newsletter ready for publishing before the AGM. Included in the newsletter is to be an 'ad' for Committee members (specifically Chair/Secretary/Treasurer).

Social: AGM venue, social events and Annual Lunch as discussed earlier under '**Action Points**'

CTC Scotland: The Last CTC Scotland meeting was held on Sat. 8th August, 2015.

Lizzie Reather, Councillor for Yorkshire and Humber, is a regular member (now living in Glasgow) and is standing in to report back for CTC Scotland on Council issues while we have no councillor.

Reorganisation and Council restructure/governance review not announced (CTC AGM was 18th July) CTC Scotland is trying to improve ways to engage with Member groups.

There is a new initiative to bring all cycling and walking groups together (We Walk, We Cycle, We Vote in Scotland) **GMcD** will be attending the Lib Dem conference in Dunfermline on Sat 24th Oct. to try and persuade politicians to get on a bike and cycle. Some short cycle routes from the Vine Conference Centre to Pittencreeff Park have been suggested.

CTC Scotland AGM is Sat. 7th Nov. Julian Sayerer will be the guest speaker. Glasgow venue tbc.

Welfare: There was no welfare report available.

A.O.C.B. Promotion of CTC at events:

IN queried the usefulness of having a stall to promote CTC at the event in Dunfermline, given that it was not a cycling event and the poor location that had been allocated to CTC F&K for the stand.

IN reported that it had been a long time for just two members (**IN** and **LB**) to man the stall over 2 full days and also that there had been little or no interest shown by members of the public at this event particularly on the Saturday.

However **GMcD** reported that the Glenrothes event had gone very well and it was his view that promoting CTC at every possible event should continue.

IN suggested that we should be selective on which events to attend to make best use of the limited number of members willing to man a stand.

No formal proposal was made to the Committee re providing a CTC stand at selected future events.

Committee Members standing down:

JP informed the Committee that he was going to stand down and as such did not wish to be nominated for next year's Committee.

Other soon to be vacant roles were discussed as **GMcD** (Chair) and **ML** (Treasurer) will also be standing down after the AGM.

AGM arrangements:

It was decided to revert back to the practice of each officer giving their own report at the AGM.

The Secretary **KL** would read reports from officers unable to make the AGM.

In an effort to keep the AGM moving along smoothly, and to avoid doubling up on reports, each officer is required to submit a copy of their report to the Secretary prior to the AGM (**action- all**)

GMcD offered to present a slide show on the KM rally. The offer was gratefully accepted.

DL to bring the CTC F&K custom clothing stock to the AGM.

There being no other competent business the meeting closed at 21:56

The next meeting will be the AGM, 7 p.m. Fri. 6th Nov. 2015. Falkland Village Hall, Falkland, Fife.