

**CYCLING UK / FIFE & KINROSS CTC**  
**Draft Minutes of the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> October. 2017 Kingskettle Village Hall, Fife**

**Welcome from the President:** The meeting was opened at 13:00 by our President, David Gibson. who welcomed the 14 members present together with our visitor Lizzie Reather from Cycling UK. He thanked the Committee for their work over the last year before handing to the Chairperson Linda Body, who started the AGM proper by thanking the Members for attending AGM and explaining the format of this year's meeting.

Thanks were given by the Chair in recognition of George McDermid's continuing work on the Website and the Facebook/Twitter pages.

**Present.** 14 Members attended the AGM (see attendance sign in sheet)

**Apologies.** Apologies were received from: Dougie and Maureen Latto, Janet and Gary Kerr, Tony Turvey, Jimmy Paton, Morwyn Porter, John King, Lin Jones, Lorraine Allen, Lorraine and Charlie Brown, Esmond Sage.

**Minutes of the 2016 AGM :-**

Minutes of the 2106 AGM were circulated to those in attendance.

There were no objections to the 2016 AGM minutes and were approved as being accurate by Ian Nicol and seconded by Hamish Dempsey

**Annual Reports**

**Chair's Report –Linda Body (LB)**

The Chair thanked everyone for taking the time to attend, noting that attendance and participation in the AGM are greatly appreciated. The club is always looking for new committee members and if members feel you could spare the time to attend approximately four meetings a year and participate in the discussions, please consider volunteering. Any nominations will be requested at the end of the meeting.

Appreciation was given to George McDermott for continuing to manage the web page and the facebook and twitter pages and it was noted that thankfully he has offered to continue to do this for a further year.

Those who have a facebook account may have noticed there is a little more traffic on the facebook page. Recently Kaye, David and Linda sat down with George McDermid to see how this may be improved. So watch this space – or more to the point – sign up for a facebook account and see what's being noted. We would like this to be more interactive and if help is needed there is someone here who can help so that we can accomplish a means of contact with members for ad hoc rides etc.

Thanks were expressed to all our committee members who have offered their time and efforts throughout the year to ensure that the Club runs as we the members have elected. Also to all who came on the organised runs this year and those who participated in the events which have been organised. Any suggestions are greatly appreciated and considered for future meets.

**Secretary's report,(acting) Kaye Lynch (KL)**

There have been some changes in the committee since 2016 AGM. At the turn of the year Dave Frew stood down. He could no longer attend meetings as a result of moving south. The last meeting saw the committee co-opt Janet Kerr as a member as happily she has expressed interest in taking on secretary's role. It is already clear she will do a great job. We've been delighted to see more local cycling groups become affiliated and Tayport member Tony Turvey has generated much new activity in North Fife.

The ladies weekend this year included 7 members who had an excellent weekend staying at Murray Library, Anstruther from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks are offered to the committee for being so committed, organised and friendly throughout the past year.

#### **Registration Officer's report, David Gibson (DG)**

The past year has seen local membership increase by 6% to 315. Significantly, this includes six new Affiliated Groups, up from just one 12 months ago. Engaging with those groups might help us to reach out to our membership in the wider area of Fife & Kinross. Tony Turvey of Taycoasters in NE Fife has sent this brief account of that group's recent development: "As part of Cycling UK's Big Bike Revival project a group of local cyclists set up weekend social rides to build on the existing Taycoast Cyclestart group by offering longer group rides led by qualified cycle ride leaders. From this and links with other cyclists we have recently started a North Fife Cycling Development group with the aim of supporting and promoting all forms of cycling. We would welcome more Fife and Kinross Cycling UK members becoming involved to share their experience and we look forward to building up our links. Thanks to Esmond Sage (Cycling UK) and others for their support setting this group up." On a sadder note, this year has seen the passing of 3 of our senior members. Past-President Bert Brown, who in 2016 completed 75 years of CTC membership; Jimmy Hamilton, who for many years was a loyal committee member; and Bert Frew, who in his time-trialling days was a Scottish champion. For each of them, cycling was a way of life, and we are immensely grateful for their respective contributions to our Club.

**Runs Committee Report. Runs Committee** consists of Linda Body (LB), Nan Shepherd (NS), Ian Nicol (IN) LB read the Runs Committee's report.

We've had another full calendar this year and we've also had to incorporate quite a few changes of locations. Once again we have tried to have venues in different areas each week so that we aren't travelling the same roads all the time. The Runs list is compiled in November for the next year and sometimes, venues have closed before we actually have a meet. Thankfully, our members are observant and normally contact one of the Runs Committee so that we have time to amend the meet. Thank you for helping and keep up the good work. Owing to illness and holiday commitments, there appear to have been lower attendances at our runs this year. We also increased the number of Wednesday runs with weekly runs over the summer months. The results will determine whether or not this continues. For the first 40 runs of this year we had 346 attendances which equates to an average of 9 people at each venue. If you are aware of any events within Fife and Kinross, ie Sportifs, Galas, marathons etc etc so that we can either take part in the event or more importantly, avoid it. Your help would be appreciated in advising one of the Runs committee of the event and dates. If you have any comments on any of this year's venues, then please contact one of the Runs Committee members to advise of the specific venue and comments you wish to bring to our attention. Please also advise if there are any new venue you would like to be included in the Runs list for this year.

#### **Right to Ride (Road), Ian Nicol (IN)**

Another quiet year of activity in terms of meetings held with Fife Council however an email dialogue has continued with our contact in Fife Council, Jane Findlay albeit there has been little resolved where issues have been raised on behalf of our group members. As reported last year, an offer was made, on behalf of the committee, to help out where we can by reporting road/cycle path issues as they arise. That said, there has been little coming forward via the members in terms of cycling related road/path issues.

Those that have been raised, during the year, concern the following:

1/ Dryside Road - poor condition and conflicting signage

2/ Leven/Lundin Links path - regular glass debris

3/ Dunfermline/Alloa path - winter leaves/frozen horse droppings and lack of signage

4/ Kirkcaldy/Thornton path - issues during construction and occasional glass debris

Although some matters have been addressed, we still await a response from Fife saying what further action they propose and, additionally, I have written to Sustrans Scotland highlighting the Dryside signage/speed limits, hopefully, to be considered as part of their review of NCN1.

We previously offered to support Cycle Fife public events, for example, local bike festivals however no requests have been received. Although it was intended to make contact with Perth and Kinross Council for a similar dialogue, no progress has been made so far.

### **Right to Ride (Off road) Report George Berwick (GB)**

The Fife Access Forum is still active if a bit squeezed due to council cutbacks. There are now fewer access officers employed and to ease the problem they have joined forces with the Coast and Countryside Trust. The Scottish Government have increased the budget for walking and cycling from £40million to £80million so we might encounter better cycling routes soon. Get in touch with the council if you come across poorly maintained cycle paths and country lanes, they are doing their best for us.

### **Club Hut report, George Berwick (GB) .**

We have finished painting the inside of the hut and have replaced the gas mantles. These are getting hard to obtain so we are thinking of an updated LED type lighting. I would have liked to welcome more visitors to our hut. The Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Parks have now restricted camping beside Loch Earn, There are now a number of camping spots which require booking with a fee to be paid. The estate owners have never charged for camping or for the hut on their ground. Many thanks to members for their help with maintenance on the hut

### **Newsletter Editor's report, Dougie Latto (DL)**

Unfortunately there has been no Newsletter published this year with the last one being published in December 2016. This is entirely due to the lack of articles being submitted. It was decided by the Editor some time ago that in order to make Fife Wheels a worthwhile read... and to justify the work involved... it should consist of 16 pages or over. There has however been a recent flurry of articles submitted and I'm pleased to report there is now enough copy to compile a newsletter. Unfortunately (due to circumstances) the newsletter Editor will not be in a position to start work on it immediately but hopes that a newsletter will be published in the very near future. As always thanks go to the contributors both past, recent and future.

The newsletter Editor is prepared to continue compiling newsletters for as long as the membership are prepared to put up with the sporadic nature of what looks likely to be only one or two issues a year. If anyone feels that they'd like to contribute to the newsletter but doesn't want to write a long article then a couple of photos with a few lines of explanation are more than welcome. Or perhaps you'd like to contribute to the 'These are a few of my favourite things' article? All that is required is a list of up to 5 cycling related things with a very brief explanation of why they're your favourite things... the Editor will do the rest. Likewise one item for room 101.... your least favourite thing!

### **Welfare Report Linda Body**

2017 has been another year for health issues as we've had a number of members who have been unable to ride owing to ill health. This included: Back injuries, other operations, knee replacement, foot repairs and

general ill health. Contact has been made with people who are unwell and they seem to have appreciated the contact. However, if there is anyone here who is more aware of older cyclists who may be unwell and would be prepared to take on the role of Welfare Officer, then LB would happily relinquish the reins. Unfortunately, we've had a couple of members leave us [Bert Brown and Jimmy Hamilton]. There may also be others of whom the club is unaware. It has been suggested that we do a memories article in the next magazine. We've also had a few knee problems this year and Dougie now seems to be on the mend, whereas Don has only recently undergone his operation and I think Tony is needing one. Unfortunately, a lot of us are getting older and knee problems are rearing their heads. If you hear of anyone who is unwell and unable to ride and would like either a visit or even a call, then please let me know and please also let me know if you can take over as Welfare Officer.

#### **Social report, George Shepherd (GS)**

DGS introduced suggestions for 2018 venue for the club's New Year lunch –Topsy Nipper, Cluny Clays were all considered. A Bowling event for Nov 13<sup>th</sup> was also proposed.

#### **Website/Social Media, George McDermid (GMcD)**

The Web Site has undergone a re-branding exercise this year to utilise the recommended styles as provided by Cycling UK. However, it remains little used and has lost the magazine feel that it was intended to have. Like Fife Wheels, without material it has suffered through the lack of dynamic content. It survives as a mechanism to distribute the Runs List. As a contrast, the Social Media sites, in particular Facebook, have seen an increase in activity and the Committee are looking at ways of distributing relevant content between the Web Site and Facebook in order to provide a more useful, and collaborative way, of communicating the Group's activities to its members.

#### **Treasurers report, Ian Nicol (IN)**

Our financial year ended 30 September 2017 closed with a balance of £1901.92.

It has been a particularly quiet year regarding club finances. Our income was £239.00 and our expenditure was £69.41, giving us a surplus of £169.59. Income is made up from the flat rate annual subscription of £200.00 which we receive from Cycling UK to help us in running the group, together with the overnight rents received from hire of the club hut at Loch Earn and donations received, from those attending, for use of Kingskettle Hall as a venue for club runs/meetings. There were no other amounts received and we do not receive interest on our bank account.

Our expenditure was derived from a small cost (£28.95) relating to minor maintenance of the Loch Earn club hut and other costs in connection with the AGM plus end of year audit returns to HQ.

Our fixed asset is our club hut and other assets include our projector, a gazebo and club clothing stock of three jerseys for purchase. Domestic rates for the hut continue to be charged by Perth and Kinross at £0.00 (Nil) following a rating revue in early 2017.

I am pleased to report that our finances remain healthy, slightly up on last year: our bank balance is £1,868.67 and petty cash is £33.25, making up the total of £1901.92.

I would also like to thank Beth Paterson, on our collective behalf, for once again approving and certifying the annual accounts.

Lastly, Cycling UK require a formal annual return of financial information regarding each member group and this will now be submitted electronically/online.

**The combined Annual Reports and Treasurer's report having been signed by the Auditor were proposed as being accurate by Linda Body and seconded by Hamish Dempsey**

**George White proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee and their helpers**

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2017 -2018**

### **OBLIGATORY POSITIONS**

**Chair, Linda Body,** proposed by David Gibson and seconded by Dougie Latto.

**Secretary Janet Kerr** proposed by Linda Body and seconded by David Gibson

**Treasurer, Ian Nicol,** Proposed by Linda Body and seconded by David Gibson

### **OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Kaye Lynch,** proposed by Linda Body and seconded by David Gibson.

**David Gibson,** proposed by Dougie Latto and seconded by Linda Body.

**George Shepherd,** proposed by Nan Shepherd and seconded by Linda Body

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**George Berwick,** proposed by Kaye Lynch and seconded by Linda Body.

**John King,** proposed by Kaye Lynch and seconded by Linda Body.

**Dougie Latto,** proposed by David Gibson and seconded by Linda Body.

**Lin Jones** proposed by Linda Body and seconded by Nan Shepherd.

### **Appointment of Cycling UK/Scotland rep.**

No proposals were made during the AGM therefore it was decided that this position be resolved at the next Committee meeting.

### **Election of Honorary Auditor 2018,**

Beth Paterson has agreed to be nominated.

Proposed by Linda Body and seconded by Ian Nicol

**A.O.C.B.** No notices of motion had been received.

**There being no other competent business the 2017 Annual general Meeting closed at 14.00**