



# Ruthin Cycling Club – Clwb Seiclo Rhuthun

## AGM 26/1/2023 7:00pm - Minutes

Apologies: Andrew Farrow, Ros Firth, David Jones, Charles Williams, Ant Simmons, Andy Best, Vicky Hinstridge

Attendees: 23 members: Sally Cunliffe (SC), Kenny Atherton (KA), Glyn Evans, David D Jones, Doug Dailey (DD), Phil Doyle, Julian Harrington (JH), Lowri Evans, Merian Denning, Margaret Docking, Phil Bennett-Lloyd, Clare Bennett-Lloyd, John Miller (JM), John Ellis, Paul Taylor, Nigel Williams, Chris Johnson, Andy Barber, Gary Owen, Ian Moore, Lesley Lee, Tony Lloyd, Rob Boyns

A slide presentation was used throughout the AGM, which is published on our website. The minutes from the 2022 AGM were formally accepted.

### Chairperson's Report

SC summarised the year's activities noting that it was the first year since 2019 not affected by COVID restrictions.

There has been excellent attendance for the Wednesday and Sunday rides with the new Sunday Social ride, suggested by Clare, proving popular. A Tuesday coffee morning at Llanbenwch instigated by the club's founder, Charles Williams, has also been well supported.

During the winter KA has been running twice-weekly Turbo sessions using Zoom which are working well.

In February Jonathan Latham organised and ran two bike maintenance sessions. The Committee thanked him for doing this.

The Reliability Ride (VC Melyd) in April was supported by members and coincided with the Dave Fanning Memorial Ride, also attended by a number of members with Lesley winning a prize for the most fitting bike.

Time Trials, run by the new Vale of Clwyd TT Club, were well supported by club members. Events start again in April, and there are two events open to non-members: the Hill Climb and a 5-mile TT.

In June we held the 7<sup>th</sup> 'Birthday ride', in the rain, attended by about 17 riders.

In July, 7 of us undertook Cycling UK's "Ride Leaders course".

In August a few of us took part in the annual "Wild Wales Challenge", based at Bala, and in September we had a well-attended Snowdonia away day, to ride the Brailsford Way.

The National Hill Climb took place on the Old Shoe at the end of October. Margaret and Sally won their age categories, making them National Champions, and Eiran Price also did well.

The Tinsel Ride prizes for best decorated bikes were awarded to Vicky, Simon and Peter "Tomo".

The Christmas Dinner organised by Tony at the Rugby Club went well.

A few members have been showing off the Ruthin colours away from home including: in France (Andrew Spink), Majorca (Phil Doyle) and John O’Groats (Merian Denning).

For the new year, 10 members, led by Rob Boyns, have joined “Doddie Aid Wales” to raise money for Motor Neurone Disease. And several members are taking part in the “Eryri 360 Challenge” in June, organised by Gary, in aid of the Welsh Air Ambulance.

SC thanked the committee for their work in keeping the club going.

## **Charities**

Rob Boyns gave a well received talk on the Doddie Aid ride he is undertaking for the Motor Neurone Disease charity and the “Doddie Miles” a number of members are supporting.

Gary Owen talked about the Eryri 360 Challenge he has organised in support of Wales Air Ambulance. Further information can be found on our website.

## **Treasurer’s Report**

JH summarised the club’s finances, which are essentially flat. Details are published on our website.

In summary, the club’s bank assets increased by £441 to £3,411, and our stock of club kit decreased in value to £4,342 leading to an overall gain of £119.

Membership income was £2,000 with the subscription back at £20. The major items of expenditure included: Hire of The Centre (£300) for parking and use of the room, Zoom subscription for Turbo sessions (£154), Club Affiliations (£405) and Web Hosting, prizes etc (£369). The Ride Leader training course cost £850 and club kit is sold at cost.

We have a balanced stock of kit now, and had healthy sales of over £3,000 during the year.

We have planned some charity donations for 2023 including to MND (Doddie Aid) and Welsh Air Ambulance (Eryri 360).

## **Membership**

Andy Best took on the role of Membership Secretary last year

During the year the joining procedure was formalised and supported on our website. A Welcome Pack was introduced for new members, which has proved popular.

Last year the club saw its largest number of members yet, reaching 99.

This year we have 73 members joined or rejoined at the date of the AGM, which is considerably more than in previous years.

## **Club Kit**

A new, simplified kit ordering process has been put in place. Basically:

- 1) look on the website for pictures, descriptions and prices of what we stock
- 2) check the on-line stock list for size availability

- 3) email [kit@ruthin.cc](mailto:kit@ruthin.cc) with what you want and Sally will get back to you to arrange to try it for size and make payment.

The website explains the process too.

We have added Arm Warmers, in Ruthin colours, to our kit stock this year.

## Committee Election

Sally Cunliffe has stood down as Chairperson and Doug Daily as a Committee Member – the committee extended their thanks to them for all the work they have done.

The following members were nominated for election to the committee:

Chairperson: (David B Jones)

Secretary: (John Miller)

Treasurer: (Julian Harrington)

Membership: (Andy Best)

Competition Secretary: (Ian Moore)

Ride Coordinator: (Glyn Evans)

Welfare Officer: (Kenny Atherton)

Development Officer: (Kenny Atherton)

Ordinary x4: (Ant Simmons, Tony Lloyd, Chris Johnson, Gary Owen)

There being no competition for positions the meeting was asked for their approval. There being no dissent the motion to elect the above committee members was carried.

## Website & Club Kit shop

Our website [www.ruthin.cc](http://www.ruthin.cc) was refreshed last year. Any suggestions for improvement, photos, suggested content or links should be sent to [secretary@ruthin.cc](mailto:secretary@ruthin.cc) .

The website does not accept payments – it just shows off our range of club kit. There is a stock list, updated periodically, on the shop page. To purchase anything, please email your requirements and expected size to [kit@ruthin.cc](mailto:kit@ruthin.cc) and Sally will arrange a time/place to try the item(s) on, collect them and to make payment.

## Welsh Cycling Update

Chris Mann, the Young Rider Lead for North Wales, gave a talk covering his role and the new Ruthin Velodrome. It is to be a 333 metre outdoor track with some banking at Ysgol Brynhyfryd.

Welsh Cycling are keen to grow the sport from the grass roots with priority given to U18 riders. He also stated that Welsh Cycling are able to fund Welfare and related training, and also offer Silver BC Membership for up to 7 Committee Members/volunteers and FoC U18 Membership.

## Ruthin Council Update

Gavin Harris kindly gave the meeting a very informative update on various local cycling related projects including:

The Velodrome is to be located at Brynhyfryd and run by Denbighshire Leisure Ltd (along with the Leisure Centre). A budget of some £2m has been allocated, it is in detailed design now with public consultation starting in a couple of months and “spades in ground” is expected in the summer.

It will have a Rugby pitch in the middle and two “sports” pitches. It will include a running track so it will be a suitable venue for Triathlon training.

A Pump Track is planned for Cae Ddol.

Ruthin Square will be redeveloped, removing the roundabout and providing Active Travel routes through the town, possibly also from Cae Ddol to Brynhyfryd and Glasdir.

## **AOB**

SC suggested the club purchase a Bike Box to be hired out to members. Several members thought they might use one. It was noted that the size is important as (MD) had trouble fitting her bike in a hired box.

MD suggested the club purchase a few Smart Trainers (cost ~£300 each) to be hired out to members a month at a time.

(??) suggested the club purchased some e-bikes for beginners to hire for social rides.

PB-L suggested we run a TT for school kids to gain their interest.

CJ suggested we actively promote the club, through paid advertising if required, and RB pointed out that younger people tend to use Instagram rather than Facebook.

CM suggested we put on some Family Rides.

GO pointed out that we would attract more local Welsh speakers if we made our website and Facebook posts bi-lingual. He offered to do the necessary translation. JM will do the website part.

MD queried how Rhyl attracted young riders and what they did for them. Knowing may help us do something similar.

Several people pointed out that youngsters will not want to ride on the roads. The new Velodrome will make this easier to achieve.

SC requested a Bike Cleaning course, but (I think) KA dealt with this at the meeting!

LE thanked the Committee on behalf of the members for the work they put in making the club run.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8:30pm.

John Miller, 29/1/2023