



Ruthin Cycling Club – Clwb Seiclo Rhuthun

AGM 29/1/2026 7:00pm - Minutes

Held at the Ruthin Rugby Club.

Apologies: Ant Simmons, Ros Firth, Dave Passe, Glyn Evans (GE), Clare Bennett-Lloyd, Tony Lloyd, Tom Daulby, Peter Thompson, Chris Johnson, Colin Muir, Alison Muir, Phil Doyle

Attendees – 31 members: David Jones (DJ), Julian Harrington (JH), John Miller (JM), Sally Cunliffe (SC), Martin Lewis, Lowri Evans (LE), Nic Scott, Nigel Clark, Merian Denning (MD), Margaret Docking, Vicky Hintridge, Andy Best, Simon Price, Phil Evans, Ian Moore (IM), Paul Taylor, Peter Agnew (PA), Barbara Murray, Paul Drew (PD), Charles Williams (CW), Gary Owen, Lesley Lee (LL), Richard Thomas (RT), Doug Dailey, Tim Erasmus, Andy Morse, Phil Bennett-Lloyd (PB-L), Andy Barber (AB), Jonathan Latham (JL), Don Phipps, Peter Leach

A slide presentation was used throughout the AGM, which will be emailed to members (if possible) and published on our website.

The minutes from the 2025 AGM were formally accepted.

Chairperson's Report

DJ summarised the year's activities, in particular the very successful 10th Anniversary celebrations and the club jersey marking that milestone. Also the well-attended Christmas Dinner with entertainment provided by SC and MD.

He also pointed out the exceptional value of our club membership, both socially and for technical support on bikes (and new Macbooks!).

DJ gave special thanks to Andy Best for his work on the Committee and to Nigel for his work as Membership Secretary. Also to Sarah for hosting us.

Treasurer's Report

JH summarised the club's finances, showing a profit of some £197 last year (compared with a profit of £1,670 in 2024). The reduced profit is explained by our subsidising the 10th Anniversary celebrations but supported by record membership, money from the TT group and kit sales exceeding purchases.

Everything is stable, with ~£5,000 cash as our buffer.

Membership subs to remain at £20.

Kit stock build is completed with healthy sales at ~£4,000 in 2025 due to tremendous support for the Anniversary club SS Jersey. Club kit is sold at cost.

Outlook – overall we are stable financially with no need to increase membership fees.

Rides Report

In Glyn's absence, JH reported that the distributed Sunday Ride planning is working well with 11 volunteers last year. It takes about 30 minutes per week and volunteers were taking on around 5 weeks each, and using the WhatsApp group to agree changes due to weather etc.

Julian thanked the volunteers for their work throughout the year. One or two more Ride Planners would be most welcome.

And a reminder to please sign up for Sunday rides published on RWGPS. It particularly helps if there are new/trial riders expected.

Club Kit

In his absence JH reported that Tony Lloyd continues hold the club kit. We ordered 60 Anniversary jerseys last year and have just 3 left, with sales of £2,240. We also ordered, as a one-off, 3 skin-suits in club colours, and are considering Rain Jackets (see AOB below).

The simplified kit ordering process is unchanged. 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 with what you want and Tony will get back to you to arrange to try it for size and make payment.

The website explains the process too.

Keep flying the flag by wearing our kit – this is the best marketing tool we have, and we are looking good in St. Peter's Square!

Membership

NC reported that we had 97 members at the end of last year, and so far 85 have rejoined, including a few new members (compared to 65 at this time last year). Our Male-Female split is about 80%-20%, and our average age in the high 50's!

The joining process is working well, with the assessment of trial riders in place.

Film

NC created a collage of pictures taken throughout the year covering subjects including Puncture Repairs, Coffee stops, Beer stops (!), our new High Sheriff and even some of people riding their bikes. It was greatly appreciated by the audience and Nigel was thanked for the effort he put into it. Unfortunately the file is too big to email out as it comprises very many photos. However you can see it here: <https://youtu.be/6RQsLDGgkpQ?si=GpH8PGC7sZKZLdKT>

Committee Election

Andy Best has stepped down as a Committee Member, Nic Scott is taking over as Membership Secretary from Nigel Clark, whilst David Jones has stepped down as Chairperson to be replaced by

Nigel Clark. The committee extended their thanks to them for all the work they have put in over the years.

Nigel Clark was proposed as Chairperson, Nic Scott as Membership Secretary, Sally Cunliffe as Social Secretary and Jonathan Latham as an Ordinary Committee Member, proposed by David Jones and seconded by Julian Harrington.

The following members were nominated for (re-)election to the committee:

Chairperson: (Nigel Clark)

Secretary: (John Miller)

Treasurer: (Julian Harrington)

Membership: (Nic Scott)

Club Kit Holder (Tony Lloyd)

Competition Secretary: (Ian Moore)

Time Trial Coordinator (Margaret Docking, Vicky Hinstridge)

Ride Coordinator: (Glyn Evans)

Social Secretary: (Sally Cunliffe)

Communications Officer: (Vicky Hinstridge)

Welfare and Development Officer: (Vacant)

Ordinary x4: (Chris Johnson, Merian Denning, David B Jones, Jonathan Latham)

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.

NC thanked David for his work as Chairperson over the last years and wished him well in his new role as High Sheriff of Clwyd.

Competitions

IM reported on the impressive performance of club members in international competitions, wearing Ruthin colours, with 20+ wins and numerous placings in Australia, Cyprus, Greece, Sardinia and Spain. Club members received 2 UCI World Championship Silver medals and more. Margaret Docking was commended for her 6 World Series jerseys! Also the club had success at the top levels in Duathlon competitions.

Our record exceeds that of most cycling clubs – come and join in!

Time Trials

VH reported that the collaboration between Ruthin and VC Melyd is working very well with 174 riders taking part in some 12 events last year.

The schedule will be on the Club's website (<https://www.ruthin.cc/newsevents/>) when finalised, with the first TT on 23rd April.

Incidents & Complaints

JM stated that we recorded no serious Incidents nor received any Complaints last year.

Please forward details of any serious incident involving a Club ride, or any complaint from a third party relating to the club, to a member of the Committee or to secretary@ruthin.cc where the log is kept.

We wish to learn from these incidents.

Members are reminded to use the Emergency Contacts facility on their smartphones and also to attach labels to their helmets or elsewhere containing their Emergency Contact name and phone number.

Website

JM asked members to send him any copy, articles and photos that might usefully be put on our website www.ruthin.cc. He also stated that we are in the process of migrating the website to a new host to improve support. Hopefully this will be seamless!

AOB

- AB raised the question of whether Club Kit could/should be worn on non-club rides. We confirmed that this is supported and helps to advertise the club. It does not cover you for club insurance if you are not on a Club Ride, but your personal membership of British Cycling or CyclingUK will do this. Your behaviour on the road should follow club standards of course as the public will see you as a club representative.
- Our lack of a Welfare Officer was discussed and it was stated that one is only required by British Cycling if we accept members under the age of 18. We do not, and the training etc requirements for a Welfare Officer are quite onerous. It was agreed that one is not needed for adult members – the Ride Leaders should deal with any issues.
- NS raised the idea of a hi-viz rain jacket at a cost of around £110. It being expensive it would be ordered cash up front with a minimum of 10 required. There was some interest so a proposal will be prepared with pictures and specification, and emailed to club members. **(NS)**
- DJ raised the issue of us having a number of club WhatsApp groups and thought a club-wide group would be helpful. PD suggested a WhatsApp “Community”, which he said works in his climbing club. He offered to set one up **(PD)**.
- MD raised the question of whether another “B-group Re-boot” is required, last year’s having been very successful. It was thought that as the B’s are currently well supported that this probably wasn’t needed, and the 10 o’clock social ride on a Sunday would be a better option (LL stated that this was a regular fixture with 3 core riders). To be reviewed.
- CW raised the idea of preserving the Club’s history for posterity. A wide debate followed with PD saying that climbing clubs publish Histories from time to time (10-yearly?) and club newsletters. JL suggested getting the founding members in a room and recording conversations for posterity and ask for photos etc of initial rides and start to build a picture. NC offered to get some of our original members together at our Tuesday coffee morning. Andy Best suggested that we make use of WhatsApp and use AI to compile histories, PB-L

that we send histories to the County Archives. MD offered to put together a quarterly newsletter (**MD**).

- JL proposed a club tour over perhaps 3-4 days early summer, as we did for the Eryri 360 and the trip to the Lake District last year. This was generally supported. **JL** to put forward some ideas to members.

How to use club funds?

A number of suggestions were made, to be discussed at the next Committee meeting:

1. Margaret – hire Marsh Tracks – the TT group are doing this through VC Melyd on some Wednesday evenings.
2. MD proposed a trip to the Manchester Velodrome (coach, max 20 riders).
3. It was suggested that we subsidise Rain Jackets, but this was generally rejected as it would only benefit a few members.
4. Barbara suggested an event similar to the 10th Anniversary one, with a long ride but a cheaper BBQ/party.
5. ML suggested a charity event with matched funding from the Club.
6. RT suggested we plan a Tour de France event for next year – well supported!

Lowri 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 8:40 pm.

John Miller,

Secretary, RCC 30/1/2026