

Highland Cycle Campaign

Draft Minutes of

Annual General Meeting 7:00pm 14th April 2015

The meeting was held in the Spectrum Centre

1 Welcome and Introductions

The Convenor welcomed those present and introduced new members at the 'top table'.

2 Present

The following were present:

Bernadette Church	Mary Langridge	Moira Broadhead
Ron Stewart	Peter Cheyne	John Davidson
Sarah Bowyer	Graham Tuley	Hamish Wood
Rolf Schmidt	Bob Hemingway	Brian MacKenzie (Sec)
Ged Church (Conv)	Doug Morrison (Mins Sec <i>pro tem</i>)	Duncan Tullis (Treasurer <i>pro tem</i>)
John Finnie MSP (Guest)		

3 Apologies

These had been received from:

Ann Thomas	Diana Gilbert	Dave Somerville
Vivienne Rose		

4 Minutes

The minutes of last year's AGM (29th April 2014) were accepted as a true record. (*Prop: Hamish Wood, Sec: Moira Broadhead.*)

5 Treasurer

The AGM of 2014 had approved the appointment of Lindsay Mackinnon as Treasurer, but had to step down as a result of work commitments. Duncan Tullis had been asked to take on the task and the meeting ratified his appointment. The Convenor thanked Moira Broadhead for her work in the change-over period.

6 Convenor's Report

There was a lot of good will and support for HCC, but this failed to be represented in active members. Office bearers, in particular, had sometimes onerous duties involving travel and many calls on their time. There was a need to find more Committee Members to share the burden and to help ensure meetings had a quorum. Ged Church wanted to resign his Convenor post and concentrate on what he felt he did best. Brian MacKenzie was involved with travel on HCC business and running their website. The appointment of a Minutes Secretary had eased pressure on Brian MacKenzie during meetings. One option would be to affiliate with the cycling charity, CTC: this would bring National resources, but allow the HCC to remain local.

7 Treasurer's Report

As of the end of 2014, the balance was £6178.93. This slightly misrepresented the situation as a financial error – not of HCC's making – and its attempted rectification had led to an unwarranted surplus of approx. £400. This will be rectified and shown in next year's accounts. There had been about £800 in donations. The current Examiner of Accounts is Avril Lamont: she may be prevailed upon to continue in this role for the next set of accounts. The Treasurer's Report was accepted by the meeting. (*Prop: Graham Tuley, Sec: Ron Stewart*)

8 Appointment of Executive Committee

There were no nominations to replace either the Convenor, or the Secretary. Ged Church expressed his willingness to continue as Convenor, but with proviso that this be addressed at a forthcoming meeting. Brian MacKenzie said that, given that he was no longer required to keep Minutes of meetings, he would be able to continue in the post. Duncan Tullis indicated he was willing to continue as Treasurer and this was accepted by the meeting. (*Prop: Ged Church, Sec: Ron Stewart*)

Members were invited to consider joining the Executive Committee.

Over and above those already mentioned the following members were appointed by the meeting: Sarah Bowyer, Graham Tuley, Ron Stewart and Doug Morrison (*Prop: John Davidson, Sec: Hamish Wood*)

Convenor' Remarks

During the discussion, Ged referred to the involvement of HCC in Transport Scotland's consultation anent the provision for non-motorised users in the dualling of the A9 and similar work on the A96. There is a need for a high quality series of community links for walkers and cyclists, not just an add-on to the provision for motorists. The A9 is costing £3,000 million pounds: a lot for a relatively short journey: it seemed reasonable to expect a similar quality of provision for non-motorised users. Brian MacKenzie supported this and confirmed it looked as though the A96 cycleway was being scheduled to use much of the "old road", which might well be busy and lead to user-unfriendly junctions and similar hazards.

Affiliation with CTC might encourage the formation of sub-groups working alongside HITRANS and similar groups: this might help to bring in more young people and enthusiasts.

9 AOCB

- a) A question was asked about HCC funds in the event of an affiliation with CTC. The Convenor indicated there would probably be an Extraordinary General Meeting of HCC to discuss changes to the Constitution and such matters
 - b) The question of the use of HCC funds for such amenities as cycle racks arose. The general feeling seemed to be that HCC should not normally provide funds for this, particularly where planning permission etc. may require developers etc. to provide them. Undoubtedly, there might be specific cases which could merit consideration. Again, the general consensus appeared to be that funds were best used for campaigning on matters of interest to local cyclists.
- 10 The date of the next meeting was discussed. It is likely to be about a month's time, but it was decided not to fix a date immediately as it was hoped that Suzanne Forup of CTC would be able to attend, so some flexibility was desirable.

The meeting finished at approximately 7:50 and was to be followed by a presentation from Chris Thompson of Living Streets, on the topic "20's Plenty".