

**Wigan Borough Community Cycling Club**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 17 December 2018**

**Members present**

Jim Taylor, Phil Brown, Keith Gore, Peter Hudson, Paul Boffey, Clive Chatterton, Phil Bradley, Sue Bradley, Tony Gerrard, Dave Holden, Alan Taylor, Pauline Taylor, Len Winnard, Paul Broad and Margaret Green

**Apologies**

Phil Bithell, Joyce Southern, Alan Gough, Paula James, Mark Holland, John Bower, Denis Marsden, John Sills, Joy Lummis, Doreen Pukitis, Steve Brittle, Thelma Wilmer

1. Jim T welcomed and thanked those present for their attendance.
2. The minutes of the AGM held on 11/12/17 were agreed to be an accurate and correct recording.
3. There were no matters arising from those minutes.
4. Appointment of Club Officials

Jim informed the meeting that Margaret Green had resigned from the position of Secretary and he now proposed Sue Bradley, who had agreed to take this role. Keith Gore seconded this proposal.

Jim thanked Margaret for her contribution over the last two years and presented her with a gift voucher in recognition of her service.

5. Steering Group Membership

Jim informed the meeting that Thelma Wilmer and Steve Brittle had resigned from the Steering Group and thanked them for the positive contributions they have made.

This now leaves two vacancies on the Steering Group and Jim asked if any Members were interested in these roles to contact himself or Phil Brown.

6. Chairman's Review of 2018

Jim informed the meeting that this was the sixth year WBCCC had been in operation and it was agreed that in that time the Club had come a long way.

Sadly though we lost a dear friend in March, Ray Southern one of the Club's founder Members. A memorial ride in Ray's memory is being planned for Spring 2019.

Jim was pleased to report that Joyce Southern was now back home and making progress after a short stay in Whiston hospital.

Rita Keeling isn't riding at present due to ongoing health problems and also Enid Pomfret who sustained some problematic injuries following a fall off her bike earlier this year.

Following the introduction of GDPR (General Data Protection Review) Paul Boffey brought our attention to the need to review the information we held on our members. Some members of the Steering Group helped with simplifying the membership form to comply with the new regulations.

In September some of our members enjoyed an 80 mile circular ride of the Warwickshire countryside. The weekend was marred due to Roy coming off the bike and breaking ribs and his collar bone. Roy is hoping to be back on the bike in the New Year.

Jim thanked Phil for organising the second WBCCC Christmas event which was again well attended.

Jim thanked Peter who had compiled cycling statistics for 2018, a copy of this breakdown will be included with these minutes and also shared with Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles who it was felt may want to use the statistics.

Jim thanked Clive for organising the trip to the Velodrome in Manchester in November which 14 members attended and all had agreed it was a great experience.

Jim explained that as a community cycling group we had always sought to work with local groups such as Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles and Gearing Up. Dotties café had been a great café stop after our Tuesday and Thursday rides but sadly the café will close on 21 December 2018.

Jim reported that the club's relationship with IHL had drifted apart somewhat recently and despite our leader support for their Saturday morning rides at Robin Park it was disappointing that for many months we were the only people turning up.

Phil Brown, who co-ordinated the rota for our involvement, has recently notified IHL that we will no longer provide this support. However, Richard Smith and Brent Holland from IHL are anxious to maintain some form of working partnership and are coming along to meet with us after tomorrow's ride to discuss some of their ideas about future rides and hopefully, our continued involvement.

Jim informed the group that moving into 2019 there were a couple of developments he wanted to share with members – although some may only be seen in 2020.

The first development is the new Wigan A49 Link Road development from M58/M6 junction 26 at Orrell through to Wigan town centre. During its construction it is likely there will be some disruption particularly with the construction of a road bridge over the canal at Scotsman's Flash.

The second concerns some exciting cycling developments in the Leigh area. This is hopefully arising from the Greater Manchester Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund which has a £100 million pot of money to spend on walking and cycling initiatives. Wigan Council have agreed to make a serious bid for some of that money and are hoping to submit a bid in early 2019. The bid is expected to deal with major improvement and development of the cycling infra-structure in and around the Leigh area.

In relation to existing rides, the club continues to operate and organise a wide variety of rides with most members appearing to value this variety, but as Jim explained the club are always looking for new rides and destinations.

Jim concluded his review of 2018 by thanking everyone in the club who had contributed over the years to making WBCCC so successful.

## 7. Annual Finance Report

Jim thanked Phil who gave an itemised report on the club finances which indicated that the finances were healthy with no significant outlay anticipated in the near future.

## 8. Club Membership Fee

It was agreed that the present £10 one off fee should remain unchanged at the present time.

## 9. Annual Membership Review

In November the second annual membership review had been carried out . We had 84 members prior to the review, two asked to be removed from the membership and 8 others didn't respond so their membership has lapsed and we now have 74 members.

10. Ride Protocols

Jim explained that at the last Steering Group Meeting there had been a debate of what the club could have as ride protocols, the idea being to establish a set of basic protocols everyone could sign up to. Jim had circulated a document he had produced on this subject which following agreement from those present would be included for distribution with the minutes to all members.

11. Ride Programme 2019

Although a few different rides had been introduced this year, Phil pointed out the struggle for new rides, as one of the problems for Tuesday and Thursday rides was the time limit of a two hour ride.

Phil mentioned he would like to organise a ride at Llandegla Forest, Wales which offers various off road routes. Phil also has a road ride planned in Flint in 2019.

It was agreed to stay with rides four weekly in general but in summer rides could be every two weeks.

12. Xmas Celebration Update

Phil asked those who had been to this for an overview of the event and all present agreed they had enjoyed it as much as last year. It was agreed to look to repeat this next year.

13. Any Other Business

Tony Gerrard suggested all members should be invited to the last IHL ride this coming Saturday at Robin Park.

Peter took the opportunity to thank Doreen, Dave Brown and Phil Brown for writing the ride reports following each ride.

14. Next AGM

The date was confirmed as Monday 16 December 2019.

The date of the next General Meeting is to be confirmed.

1. Finance Report.

Phil gave an itemised report on the club finances. He indicated that the finances were healthy with no significant outlay anticipated in the near future.

2. Updates from AGM (28 November 2016).

A) Ride Calendar

Jim reported that club rides for April to early June were available to members on the website. He also thanked the members who formulated the Programme. Also thanks to members who are planning and leading the Tuesday and Thursday rides.

B) TfGM

Steve reported that the road riding skills courses training sessions would be on Mondays and would be held locally approximately 2 hrs duration (dates to be arranged).

C) Joining Jack Ride

Richard explained that a 6 week training programme is planned commencing Sunday 21st May 2016. The first ride is 20 mls increasing by 5 mls per week. A lot of interest has been shown and some volunteers have offered to help out.

D) On Your Bike Project

Richard informed the meeting that WLCT had been successful with their bid for the above project and explained how much work they will be able to complete within the community. Jim also reported that he felt sure that the testimonials written by members of the club would have done a great deal in helping to achieve success with the bid.

E) Christmas Celebration

Jim explained that last year 4 separate functions were held. He then handed over to Phil who reported that the club Christmas function this year would be held at the Ravine club on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. We have booked John Martin who is a very well-known and popular artist.

F) Women on Wheels Update

Jim reported that the taster ride had gone down well. He further informed members that a video had been made by Thelma, called "Thelma's ride" which is available to view on YouTube.

At the time of the meeting the video had 100,000 hits. Jim commented what a fantastic job Thelma had done. Videos like this can only enhance cycling for everyone.

G) Community Cafe

Phil informed the meeting that Lynette who runs the cafe is leaving. . However, a new person has been appointed to replace her.

H) Steering Group Update

Code of conduct review. Members have been asked to read through the code of conduct to consider whether it is suitable for the club or if they feel it requires any changes.

3. Garmin Training

Mark explained that he had received a lot of interest in the training. However, due to work commitments, he hadn't had chance to set up any dates but he would plan dates as soon as possible.

4. Pre-ride Bike Checks

Jim asked members if they thought it would be advantageous for us to adopt these checks. He further added that leaders on Sky and Breeze rides carry out these checks. After lengthy discussions it was decided to adopt the checks.

5. Way of the Roses Ride

Jim updated members that the ride would now run from Ripon to Lancaster. He outlined the reasons for the change in direction and reported that bikes, hotel and coach were all booked.

6. Ride Leader Rota

Phil reported that a significant number of members are now getting involved in planning and leading rides and helping out in other positions - back marker etc.

7. Any Other Business

Dennis asked if there would be any possibility of changing the Tuesday morning ride start time back to 10:00 am. After discussion it was decided that Jim and Phil Brown would consult with the community cafe to explore the possibility.

Jim explained to members that he had been speaking with a member of the Brick Project, which works with homeless people. He has arranged for a member of the group to give a short talk to members to give an insight into the work they do.

Richard informed the meeting that the Three Sisters fun day will take place on Wednesday 14th June. Volunteers welcome.

8. Date of next meeting:  
2pm on Monday 17 July 2017. St. Matthew's Parish Centre