



Coventry CTC Committee Meeting
02/03/2026
Dave Hearn's House

- 1) **Attendance:** Roy Bhakta, Marina Friend, Dave Hearn, Nigel Hickman, Shona Hudson, Brid Reeves, George Riches, Bob Tinley, Sak Wathanasin
- 2) **Apologies:** Alan Jelley, Vicky Palethorpe
- 3) **Matters arising from Minutes of 13/11/2025 :** Sak explained he is now Registration Officer and is a Group Admin and is able to check membership of riders when required. George is also able to do this. The role of the registration officer is poorly defined by Cycling UK. It is useful that skills across systems can be shared.
- 4) **Action Points from the Previous Meeting:**
 - a) Re **Anonymous What's App Members.** Brid was reluctant to contact previous non-responders. Agreed that telephone numbers would be sent to the committee to see if they are known. Encourage new What's App members to add their name. Consider removing anonymous/ unknown numbers.
 - b) **U-16s :** Nigel, Marina, Shona & Roy discussed the policy. (See 6 a)
 - c) Nigel has contacted Ride leaders to nudge to lead rides. Main focus is now to identify and encourage club riders to step up into leader role. (see Initiative 6d)
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:**

George presented figures for Income and Expenses over the past 2 years. (Available on request by Cycling UK members to treasurer@CoventryCTC.org.uk)

 - a) **Air Ambulance:** Funds amounting to £2545 over the past 2 years are available for donation. **Agreed** distribute by cheque after Audit of accounts and AGM.
 - b) **Online Banking** is now charged at £36 pa. This charge was unexpected but can be met.
 - c) **Building Society A/C** signatories are unchanged. Will need action.
 - d) **Earlsdon Wheelers** have requested a reduction in their share of IONOS website maintenance fee. **Agreed:** George offer to reduce share of fee from £47 to £25 pa.
- 6) **On The Bike:**
 - a) **Under 16s :** Marina contacted Cycling UK who confirmed we could write a policy suggesting U-16s be accompanied by an adult and 16-18s have written consent. It is suggested that All U-18s be required to book rides ahead and acceptance would be at the discretion of the leader. Marina happy to manage the associated paperwork. **AP:** Further work required to finalise policy. (MF /NH)
A discussion arose around making the wearing of helmets compulsory for U-18s. This may be problematic because it is not a legal requirement to wear a helmet at any age.

6) On the bike contd.

- b) **100 K Planning Update:** (Marina / Dave) Sunday, September 6th has been chosen.
A route has been plotted with stops at Wellesbourne and Aston Cantlow. Leaders and back-markers have been identified and there are volunteers for catering.
It is hoped to advertise the event end of April. Hopefully the booking system can be linked to our online account. It was agreed that it would be logistically difficult to run a 50k ride alongside the 100k which is seen as more of a Challenge distance event by club riders. It is hoped to find a suitable starting point which would make the registration process less complicated. (? Burnt Post or similar) **AP: Dave to explore this.**
- c) **International Womens Day:** (Marina) Takes place Sunday March 8th in honour of Eileen Sheridan's achievements. Booking so far is a little slow but may pick up. Clashes with local Audax in Warwick. A good resumé of Eileen's life and cycling achievements is available for all to read on the website.
- d) **Ride Leaders Encouragement Initiative:** A small working group met to progress Alan's idea of inspiring others to volunteer and especially to lead rides. The pool of leaders is much diminished. Agreed to identify regular club riders who could potentially become leaders. They could be approached and supported with navigation skills etc. Bob has drafted a letter to all members, encouraging others to consider leading rides and how to get support for this. Shona to assist with online presentation of document.
This initiative is designed to enhance and rejuvenate the cycling experience and social activities within the club and to secure the club for future generations.

7) Off The Bike: (Dave)

- a) **Club Room:** This continues to be a successful and enjoyable activity. There is one more left to be held on March 17th.
- b) **Meriden Cycling UK Memorial Service Sunday May 17th at 11.00** has been arranged. It will be followed by refreshments in the Village Hall supplied by the WI.

8) Highways and Cycleways: (See Bulletin)

- 9) **Committee and AGM minutes:** Brid suggests that we follow Cycling UK GDPR guidance on publishing minutes. If any committee members do not wish their names to appear on online minutes please let her know in advance of them being published on our club website and I will amend. Brid proposed that the Treasurer's report could be requested if desired by e mail, for Cycling UK members. Agreed to trial this.

- 10) **Safeguarding:** Roy and Shona standing down at AGM. Michael Jaye has expressed interest.

- 11) **AGM Friday April 17th 7.30.** Bob has announced that he will be resigning as Chairman after a long service to the club at our AGM.

12) AOB:

- 1) Bob has had an enquiry from a Tour operator wishing to promote his business in the Bulletin.
Decision: The committee agreed this is not appropriate.
- 2) Sak is keen to link the Rides booking system to our online account.
AP: Bob and Sak

Meeting concluded 21. 35
Minutes will appear on Club Website.

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