

Ayr Burners Cycling

2nd Annual General Meeting

27th November 2016, Savoy Park Hotel, Ayr



Minutes

Present

Christopher Johnson (Chair)
JohnPaul Baxter (Scribe)
Rod Henderson
Jo Baxter
Alan McEwan
Rory McEwan
Kev Pugh
Hannah Pugh
James Edwards

Mark Gore
Gav McKellar
Peter Ferrier
Ryan Ferrier
David Lock
Nina Anderson
Scott Knox
Struan Knox
Freya Knox
Lorna Dixon

Matthew Dixon
Callum Dixon
Kenneth Dixon
Larissa Kempenaar
Arran Wilson
Claire Wilson
Donald Laurie
Janice McGeechan
Duncan MacArthur

Welcome and Introduction

CJ opened the second AGM of Ayr Burners Cycling and welcomed all attendees.

Review of 2015 Minutes

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record. Actions were updated as follows:

- A working group was established to identify funding opportunities for developing the Ayrshire Alps. Two funding bids submitted were unsuccessful. However, the work carried out can be reused for future bids
- CJ made adjustments to the site to allow all users to enter events. However, this was limited in scope due to clash with other coding on the site. Martin Young had helped resolve issues and this will be looked at again
- JPB contacted Rather Be Cycling with options for carrying their logo on future kit, but no agreement had been reached.

Chair's Report

CJ showed a [short video](#) highlighting the group's activities throughout 2016.



Ayr Burners had been invited to present at both CTC Scotland Cycling Scotland's annual conference.

Ayr Burners continue to be an accessible cycling group attracting youth and novices. 2016 saw membership increase to 157 members from 130 in 2015, with a healthy demographic of 30 women, 29 youth, and 41 male members.

Sportive participation has been strong within members, with Etape Caledonia proving popular with members amongst other events. The younger element (Sparks) have enjoyed continued growth with excellent participation numbers throughout 2016, with many balance bikers progressing to pedals.

The Burners have now successfully placed 11 members through the cycle leader course.

The ABC Ayrshire Jumble sale in February 2016 was success and the event shall move to a larger venue at Ayr Citadel in 2017 to keep up with interest.

The partnership with the Active Travel Hub saw 300 participants across various events throughout 2016, with the biggest success being the Treasure Hunt with over 40 families attending.

The ABC participation in the nationwide Big Bike Revival scheme through Cycling UK (formerly CTC) saw the group involved in large open events such as the Culzean Bike Festival, attracting new participants as well as additional funding of assets for ABC.

CJ was pleased to see ABC have healthy and constructive involvement in the Holmston Road debate that centered around the need for quality cycling infrastructure both locally and nationally.

The Ayrshire Alps project has also increased in terms of profile and coverage with the highly successful Sportive in August, and the forthcoming feature in the January 2017 edition of Cycling Plus.

Diverse cycling will still be a key ABC feature in 2017 through Adventure rides which utilize the great tracks and off-road networks within the area.

CJ paid special thanks everyone involved in the AA sportive and remarked on the fantastic feedback that the ABC members received from the cycling community.

Treasurer's Report

RH tabled the budget for Ayr Burners Cycling as calculated on the 22nd November 2016.

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Profit And Loss Account

For the year ended 31 December 2016

		2016		2015
		£		£
Income	Bidons	130	-	
	Charity Fundraising	-	303	
	Club Kit	1,862	3,134	
	Donation	92	-	
	Event Income	2,039	3,079	
	Membership fees	911	855	
	Sponsorship	2,694	4,980	
	T shirts	102	-	
		7,831	12,352	
Expenses	Charity	-	(310)	
	Club / Event Equipment	(2,807)	(2,458)	
	Club Kit Purchase	(3,647)	(1,900)	
	Club Trip	(266)	-	
	Cycling Body Membership	(75)	(275)	
	Event Costs	(2,732)	(559)	
	Promotional Materials	-	(46)	
	T Shirts	(350)	-	
	Water Bottles	(1,002)	-	
	Web Hosting Fee	(107)	(220)	
		(10,986)	(5,768)	
Net (loss)/profit		(3,155)	6,584	

The accounts were accepted by the group.

CJ observed that some funding was earmarked for the development of the Ayrshire Alps, while event expenditure included the acquisition of assets.

Ayrshire Alps Development

Two funding requests have both been unsuccessful.

CJ stated that a printed map of the area would be beneficial for advertising and sponsorship with signage still the longer-term goal. The 2017 Sportive will continue to provide an ideal promotional tool, along with the Cycling Plus article in Jan 2017.

2016 Prize winners

CJ congratulated the 2016 prize winners, with three new titles available in 2016.

- Summer League: Cheryl Findlay
- Challenge Series: Duncan Macarthur
- Strava-Ride Series: JohnPaul Baxter
- Ronde Van Ayrlaanderen: JohnPaul Baxter
- Tour Du Lundi: JohnPaul Baxter
- Men's League of Leagues: John Paul Baxter
- Women's League of Leagues: Joanne Baxter

In addition, Larissa Kempenaar and Duncan Macarthur were recognized as volunteers of the year for their support with family activity and weekly led-rides (among many other things!)

2017 Events

Ayr Burners Cycling has published a [calendar of events](#), featuring a minimum four events per month.

Three open events will include:

- 22/01/2017 Doonbank Trofee Cyclocross (Super Quaich Round 2)
- 17/02/2017 Ayrshire Cycle Jumble
- 27/08/2017 Ayrshire Alps Sportive

Action: Lorna Dixon to investigate parking solutions for Sportive in Kirkmichael

Election of Officials

CJ stated that his preference was for a maximum three year term for key committee positions. The following members will volunteer for Ayr Burners Cycling during 2016:

Chair	Christopher Johnson
Treasurer	Rod Henderson
Secretary	JohnPaul Baxter
Welfare Officers	Christopher Johnson & Matthew Dixon
Sportive Champion <i>(to highlight events and coordinate participation)</i>	Jonny Burns
Adventure Champions <i>(to identify and co-ordinate Off-Road adventure rides)</i>	Duncan MacArthur & Gavin McKellar
Funding Champion <i>(to help explore funding opportunities beneficial to ABC including Ayrshire Alps)</i>	Nina Anderson
Youth Champion <i>(to blog on youth member activities through the website)</i>	vacant
Family Champion <i>(to support and help co-ordinate family friendly rides and activities)</i>	Lorna Dixon + Larissa Kempenaar
Social Champion <i>(to co-ordinate social activities and events)</i>	vacant

Action: members interested in Social Secretary role to confirm with CJ

AOCB

1. "We Walk, We Cycle, We Vote"

CJ advised that Cycle Ayrshire and Ayr Burners Cycling had been approached by coordinators of the We Walk We Cycle We Vote Campaign to participate in activity in the run up to Council Elections in 2017. CJ confirmed that Ayr Burners Cycling was not a campaign group, but suggested that participation would allow the group to highlight local cycling opportunities and benefits to prospective councilors.

No objections were raised from AGM and Ayr Burners Cycling will be listed as a supporter.

Action: CJ to keep subscribers informed of ABC involvement

2. Recognising Youth Achievement

ABC currently have no awards for youth and CJ sought ideas that were not performance related.

AM identified a gap in provision for members between 5yrs and 12yrs in terms of activities. CJ agreed more could be done but this would require further parental input and support. Jo Baxter suggested utilizing the oval for more competitive youth activities. RH also suggested that the Kyle Acedemy pump track could be incorporated into activities. Alan McEwan suggested that older kids could possibly become more involved in leading and mentoring younger members.

Jo Baxter suggested a stand-alone trophy for ladies within the Strava Series. James Edwards suggested utilizing a handicap system for competitive rides. CJ commented that finding the right handicapping system can be complex and that a new specific trophy may be the better option.

Action: JPB to procure additional trophy for 2017

CJ closed the meeting at 1556.



The advertisement features a cyclist in an orange and black jersey riding a road bike. The background is a light grey with a subtle pattern of white dots. In the top left corner, there is a red and white 'QTS' logo. In the top right corner, there is a blue and red 'ayrshire alps' logo with the text 'Total cycle park' below it. The main text 'AYR BURNERS CYCLING' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the cyclist, there is a dark orange banner with white text. The text reads: 'On and off-road adventures, events and activities for all ages, plus the development of the Ayrshire Alps Cycle Park.' Below this, it says: 'Treat your cyclist this Christmas with the gift of the Burners. Annual subscriptions from £3 at ayrburners.org'.