



Carlisle Reivers Cycling Club

Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting

19th November 19:00 Carlisle Rugby Club

Agenda Item 1: Chair's welcome

Chair Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming along to support the Club.

Agenda Item 2: Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from: Becky Wagstaff; Nigel Dickinson; John Slack and Tony Robinson. The list of attendees is at Annex A to these Minutes.

Agenda Item 3: Approval of Minutes of 2024 AGM

Members were requested to review the 2024 AGM Minutes prior to the meeting.

It was proposed that the Minutes of the 2024 AGM be approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Vicky Hampton

Seconded by Mally Armstrong

Carried unanimously

Agenda Item 4: Chair's Report

Chair Neil gave an account of key Club activities and members' achievements over the past year. The full report is at Annex B to these Minutes.

Report Summary:

- Rides took place throughout the winter with Sunday and Tuesday rides being the mainstay of activity.
- The 2025 season got underway with the Reliability Ride in April.
- In April Nigel Moore completed the Etape Loch Ness route.
- In May Andy Baines did an epic 1000-mile ride from Wigan to Perpignan.
- Also in May, four members participated in the Fred Whitton.
- In June the club raised £4227 for Alzheimer UK.
- In July Tommy Beattie did the coast to coast from Workington to Whitby.
- Also in July, Richard Mattinson (and others) did his annual 'Still Alive' ride from Whitehaven to Newcastle in aid of Prostrate Cancer.
- In September members participated in the Cross Border Sportive.
- Also in September, Stefano Barbieri and Robbie Bird did the Tour o' The Borders from Peebles, raising money for the Eden Valley Hospice.

- There was a club social event at the Near Boot in September.
- In October Alan Strong and Janet Le Luan participated in the National Hill Climb Championships in Matlock.

Agenda Item 5: Treasurer's Report and Annual Statement of Account

Treasurer Barry provided his report and statement of account for the past year. The full report is at Annex C to these Minutes.

Report Summary:

- Income: £3353.77
- Expenditure: £1234.23
- Balance at Bank: £2119.54

Agenda Item 6: Resolution 1

It is proposed that:

- New members' fee remains at £15
- Renewing members' fee remains at £12
- 2nd claim membership remains at £12

Proposed: Babs Drinkwater

Seconded: Mike Craig

Resolution 1 was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 7: Election of Committee

Election of Chair: in accordance with the Constitution, Committee posts are held for two years, although outgoing post holders are eligible for immediate re-election. Having completed two years as Chair, Neil stood down and control of the meeting was temporarily passed to Secretary George to vote in the new Chair.

Neil said he was happy to stand for re-election and with no other nominees, either prior to the meeting or from the floor, George asked for a Proposer and Seconder for Neil Irwin to be re-elected as Chair.

Proposed by John Carr

Seconded by Jacky Brennan

Carried unanimously and Neil Irwin was duly re-elected as Chair before resuming control of the meeting.

Election of Vice Chair: Chair Neil stated that Babs was standing down after three years as Vice Chair. Prior to the meeting Paul Wooding expressed interest in standing for election as Vice Chair and as there were no further nominations from the floor, Neil asked for a Proposer and Seconder for Paul Wooding to be elected as Vice Chair.

Proposed by Vicky Hampton

Seconded by Angela Irwin

Carried unanimously and Paul Wooding was duly elected as Vice Chair.

Election of Treasurer: Chair Neil stated that Barry was also standing down after four years as Treasurer. Prior to the meeting Nigel Dickinson expressed interest in standing for election as Treasurer and as there were no further nominations from the floor, Neil asked for a Proposer and Secunder for Nigel Dickinson to be elected as Treasurer.

Proposed by Phil Jobson

Seconded by Craig Mansfield

Carried unanimously and Nigel Dickinson was duly elected as Treasurer.

Election of other Committee Members: Secretary George and Welfare Officer Ang are within their first 2-year term in office and Ride Co-Ordinator Jack is within his second 2-year term: all three were happy to continue in post for another year.

Since the 2024 AGM Jacky Brennan, Nigel Dickinson and Mally Armstrong were co-opted onto the Committee as 'members without portfolio' and in accordance with the Constitution, they must now stand for election. Chair Neil asked if there were any further nominations from anyone wishing to join the Committee and was delighted when Phil Jobson expressed interest. Neil then asked for a Proposer and a Secunder to vote Jacky, Mally and Phil onto the Committee en masse, as 'members without portfolio'.

Proposed by Mike Craig

Seconded by David Labram

Carried unanimously. Jacky Brennan, Mally Armstrong and Phil Jobson were duly elected to the Committee as 'members without portfolio'.

The full list of Committee Members is at Annex D.

Agenda Item 8: Resolution 2

That the proposed amends to the Constitution be accepted.

Chair Neil said that the Committee had reviewed the Constitution before discussing and agreeing certain administrative changes. To save time the proposed changes were sent to the members for review and comment prior to the AGM and now form the basis of Resolution 2. Neil asked for a Proposer and a Secunder to adopt these changes to the Constitution.

Proposed by Neil Irwin

Seconded by Mally Armstrong

Resolution 2 was then carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 9: Resolution 3

That the Safety and Risk Assessment Policy be accepted.

Chair Neil outlined the need for a generic risk assessment policy, stating that it was a requirement of British Cycling: our parent organisation.

To meet this requirement Secretary George produced the 'Safety and Risk Assessment' policy, a comprehensive document that uses a 'traffic light system' to classify generic risks likely to be met when riding with the club. Again to save time, the draft 'Safety and Risk Assessment Policy' was sent to the members for review and comment prior to the AGM and now forms the basis of Resolution 3. Neil then asked for a Proposer and a Seconder to adopt the Safety and Risk Assessment Policy.

Proposed by Jacky Brennan

Seconded by Phil Jobson

Resolution 3 was then carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 10: Open Floor Session

10.1 Harraby Cycle Circuit: Ian Wrightson (who has kindly taken on the CRCC administration of the Cycle Circuit) said that the sessions are now set up and will commence on Wednesday 26th November. Chair Neil thanked Ian for stepping up and taking on this important task. He also thanked Vicky and Steve for all their hard work and dedication in organising the circuit sessions over the past years.

Jim Annels asked if Pay Pal was still being used when paying for the circuit and Ian confirmed that it was.

10.2 Ride Leaders: Secretary George raised the issue of Ride Leaders, stating that the list of Ride Leaders on the club website needs updating. He went on to say that British Cycling requires a Ride Leader to be appointed for each club ride and that the Ride Leader is covered by the British Cycling 3rd Party Liability Insurance Policy. His concern was voiced by Jim Annels who said that in the event of an incident requiring insurance company involvement, the suitability and qualification of the Ride Leader may be questioned. This situation was discussed recently in Committee and subsequent enquiries were made with British Cycling regarding their Ride Leadership Level 1 Course. However the £185 / head cost was considered too expensive for the club. George raised the possibility of running an in-house course with measurable and recorded outcomes.

Steve Kirkbride suggested that any locally produced qualification would probably need to be accredited by the governing body.

Vicky Hampton said that a locally generated course should be kept simple to avoid putting prospective Ride Leaders off the task.

Coach Neil (a qualified British Cycling Coach) said he would look into the Ride Leader situation with a view to identifying what would be considered to be acceptable.

At this point in the meeting, Iain Wrightson identified a 'free' Cycle Group Leader Course offered by Cycling UK, the details of which he sent to Chair Neil.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-cycle-group-leader-course-by-cycling-uk-tickets-1667262750769>)

Action 1 2025 AGM: Secretary George to liaise with Coach Neil and identify a suitable way ahead to resolve the Ride Leader issue.

Agenda Item 11: Club Awards

In accordance with CRCC tradition, prior to the AGM members voted for recipients of the club awards. Babs officiated the awards ceremony by reading citations before announcing the deserving winners. They are:

Road Captain of the Year: Nigel Dickinson

Outstanding Achievement: John Rea

Reiver of the Year: Mally Armstrong

Special commendations

Chair Neil thanked and complimented Babs and Barry for all their hard work and support in organising events for the club and for their invaluable contributions as members of the Committee; Babs as Vice Chair for the past 3 years and Barry as Treasurer for the past 4 years. He also complimented Barry for producing and supporting the Club App, which is universally accepted as the key administrative tool that benefits all members. Ang then presented Babs with a bouquet of flowers and Neil presented them with restaurant vouchers as a small token of appreciation from the members.

Agenda Item 12: AOB

There was no other competent business raised.

Agenda Item 13: Chair's thanks and closing of the meeting.

Chair Neil thanked everyone for their time and involvement in the AGM. The meeting was then closed at 21:10

George A Cairns

Secretary CRCC

List of Annexes below:

Annex A: Those attending the AGM

Annex B: Chair's Report

Annex C: Treasure's Report and Statement of Account

Annex D: List of Committee Members

Those Attending:

Albert Todd	George Cairns	Jacky Brennan	Norman Elsworth
Angela Irwin	George Clark	Jim Annels	Paul Wooding
Babs Drinkwater	Helen Young	John Rea	Phil Jobson
Barry Drinkwater	Iain Atkinson	Mally Armstrong	Steve Kirkbride
Craig Mansfield	Ian Cogan	Mally Charlton	Tony Graham
David Blair	Ian Wrightson	Michael Craig	Tony Jefferson
David Graham	John Carr	Neil Irwin	Tony Shaw
David Labram	Jack Sanderson Baillie	Neil Withington	Vicky Hampton

Chair's Report

Good evening, everyone.

Thanks for taking the time from your busy schedules to come to the latest exciting edition of Carlisle Reivers Cycling Club AGM. I hope those who opted for the meal have enjoyed it. Thanks once again to the Rugby Club, for their wonderful hospitality.

I'd like to take a few moments to reflect on another excellent year of cycling for Carlisle Reivers.

Whilst the Wednesday evening sessions at the Harraby circuit, and fairly regular but chilly road rides kept us going through the winter, the 2025 season got properly underway with the Reliability Ride in April, incorporating a choice of top-quality routes planned by Jack. We're deeply indebted to Jack for his hard work throughout the year, keeping us supplied with well-researched routes, which are both safe and challenging.

The Reliability Ride was very well attended BUT, once again, I wasn't able to take part. At least I got to help out making tea and coffee at Wetheral Village Hall, so thanks for that.

Special thanks of course to Baz and Babs for booking the venue, collecting the buffet, setting out the tables and chairs and clearing up afterwards, all while Babs was recovering from a broken ankle.

These events are only possible when someone is prepared to put the work into organising them, so we're all extremely grateful.

Once again, the regular Tuesday and Sunday rides have been the mainstay of our club activity. We've had literally scores of rides over dozens of different routes. I started trying to count-up all of the different cafes we've visited. I got to seventeen, but I'm pretty sure there are more. Nigel and Mally have worked tirelessly to plan the routes, and liaise with the refreshment venues which, I'm sure you'll understand, can sometimes be quite a frustrating experience. I don't know where we'd be without Nigel and Mally, so let's please show our appreciation in the customary way.

Aside from the regular club rides, there has been a lot of very impressive cycling going on.

In April, Nigel Moore tackled the Etape Loch Ness. I think he was the only Reiver there, but he completed the 65 miles regardless.

May saw Andy Baines' epic 1,000 mile ride from Wigan to Perpignan in France to raise money for prostate cancer, and we were represented at the Fred Whitton by Tony Robinson, Alan Strong, Ian Jackson and John Rea (for the umpteenth time).

Later in the year, the inaugural Baz Whitton followed the same route, to a triumphant conclusion, and Barry can now wear his jersey with pride. I haven't had any word on whether it will become an annual event though.

In June, led and encouraged by George Cairns, quite a few of us took on the challenge to ride 300 miles over the month in support of Dementia UK. Myself, Ang, Jim, Jackie, Craig, George & Chad took part. Apologies if I've missed anyone? We set a target to raise £500 for the Charity, but we actually raised £4227 with several members cycling over 600 miles each in the month of June.

Also in June, the ever-popular Ride to the Sun included Craig, Mally, Jackie, Norman, Martin and David Blair. I remember lying in bed listening to the thunder and hoping they were ok, but I'm assured they had a super time.

I know of two epic rides in July.

Tommy Beattie tackled a 160-mile coast to coast from Workington to Whitby, while Richard Mattinson's "Still Alive" ride to raise money for prostate cancer took him from West Cumberland hospital in Whitehaven via the Cumberland Infirmary to the Freeman in Newcastle – at least 113 miles.

In August, it must have been too hot for huge rides, but we had a very useful first aid training session at Warwick Mill which Ang managed to negotiate virtually for free at a venue provided by Emma on similar terms. Well done both.

The Cross-Border Sportive in September has become a firm fixture in the Reivers calendar and it was great to see such a good turn-out of Reivers once again. A fantastic event, it's well run with top quality feed stations, a choice of three routes to suit most abilities, and it's not too expensive.

On the same day, and perhaps less well publicised, Stefano Barbieri, Robbie Bird and a few others did the Tour o' The Borders from Peebles, raising money for the Eden Valley Hospice in memory of Ryan Shield. Fantastic effort.

Ang organised a brilliant social evening at the Near Boot on Saturday the 13th September, in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the foundation of Carlisle Reivers. The club is mostly about cycling, but we can let our hair down from time to time, and I hear there may be another event coming up at the Near Boot in January. Fingers crossed.

The National Hill Climb Championships took place on 26th October in Matlock, with Alan Strong and Janet Le Luan flying the Reivers colours, so well done to those two. My hill-climbing is strictly non-competitive. Speaking of competitive cycling, Alan Strong, Jack, Neil (the other Neil), Dougie Pratt, Ian Wrightson and Daniel MacDonald have taken part in races at the Harraby circuit, and a few members have also been doing time trials this year: Norman, Jack, Daniel, Ian Jackson, Howard Cain,

Alan Strong and Barry Drinkwater. They've even managed to get the club a position on the time trial leader board.

All things considered, it's been another great year of pedal-pushing for Carlisle Reivers, and I'd like now to say a few words about the officers and other committee members who keep the administrative wheels turning in the background.

Firstly, I'd like to thank Mally, Nigel and Jackie who agreed to be co-opted onto the committee since the last AGM.

While they don't hold any specific responsibilities, their experience and wisdom has informed decision-making in the club, and is greatly appreciated.

Our welfare officer, Ang, put in a lot of work to organise the first aid training and the ten-year celebration event, both of which were very well received.

Jack has had another busy year, devising new routes, updating a few old routes (thanks to the southern bypass) and putting regular rides on the app.

Sadly this year Barry and Babs are standing down from their positions as Treasurer and Vice Chair. Barry has been keeping our accounts in order for the past four years and he single-handedly created the Reivers Rides smartphone app, which is a such brilliant tool for organising all sorts of activities, not just rides. Babs has been a very enthusiastic and vocal contributor over the past three as Vice Chair, and keeps everyone on their toes in committee meetings. Anyone who's cycled with her will know the energy

she brings to bear. Well she's just the same in committee.

Whilst we'll miss their services as officers, I'm sure they'll both remain active club members and an asset to The Reivers.

If you were here this time last year, you'll remember that we ended the AGM at something of an impasse, with no candidate willing to take on the role of club secretary following Iain Atkinson's departure after many years of service. It was beginning to look like an existential crisis when, out of the blue, George Cairns stepped up and took to the job like a duck to water. With the benefit of his experience with the IAM and Rotary, George quickly took the reins and got to grips with some hitherto unfamiliar technology. We really didn't have a "plan B" so we're all deeply indebted to George. Please show your appreciation).

There is one committee member I've not mentioned, but his role is mainly decorative, so the less said about him the better.

I'll now ask Barry, for the last time, to present the Treasurer' report.
End.

Treasurer's Report and Statement of Account

CRCC Account 19 November 2025

2024-25 Year End		REPORT:	
Major Expenditures:		Last financial year we spent £4275.67 with majority of this going on the website, buffets and kit purchase. We ended the year with £874.92 in the bank.	
Room hire and buffets	£1,366.60	So far this year, we have spent £1234.23. Our income is £2478.85. This is mainly made up of membership fees and kit sales. Our current balance is £2119.54.	
Website	£600		
Club Kit	£1,698		
	£3,664.60	Membership update - we currently have 148 members.	
Overview			
Opening balance	£3,317.09		
Closing balance	£874.92		

2025-26 So Far			
Money In Includes:		Money Out Includes:	
For	Amount	For	Amount
Balance Brought Forward	£874.92	Buffets & venue hire (reliability ride, RL meeting)	£476.17
British Cycling		Strava, BC, CTT, Apple	
Members	Membership Fees £1,357.50	Affiliations & subscriptions	£520.73
Members	Kit payment £764.00	Misc	£237.33
Members	Reliability Ride Fees £357.35		
Totals:	£3,353.77	Total	£1,234.23
Current bank balance:	£2,119.54		

Membership count: 148

CRCC Committee 2025 – 2026

Chair	Neil Irwin
Vice Chair	Paul Wooding
Treasurer	Nigel Dickinson
Ride Co-ordinator	Jack Sanderson Baillie
Welfare Officer	Angela Irwin
Secretary	George Cairns
Member	Jacky Brennan
Member	Mally Armstrong
Member	Phil Jobson