

# CYCLING ACTION PROGRESS GROUP

Meeting Notes – 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020 – 2PM

## Microsoft Teams Meeting Attendance:

Councillor Nick Davies ( <b>Chair</b> )	(Cllr. ND)	Swansea Council
Chloe Lewis	(CL)	Swansea Council
John Sayce	(JS)	Wheelrights
Dareyoush Rassi	(DR)	Wheelrights
David Naylor	(DN)	Cycling UK
Ryland Jones	(RJ)	Sustrans
Tim John	(TJ)	Sustrans

## 1. Welcome- Dareyoush Rassi

## 2. Matters Arising

- 2.1 JS raised point 2.3 from previous meeting regarding the Swansea Vale route. CL to re-raise with the engineer team and email update in due course.
- 2.2 JS raised point 4.15 from the previous meeting referring to Swansea Central Bridge. CL advised that a meeting has been held with regeneration colleagues with Welsh Government (WG) and Transport for Wales (TfW), to discuss the scheme and how this will link with the wider network, who were satisfied with the proposals.
- 2.3 Cllr. ND raised points 5.2 and 5.3 from the previous meeting regarding Walter Road draft recommendation and Arcadis' draft report. Due to meet with Cabinet member on 09/12/2020 to discuss both points.
- 2.4 JS raised point 5.8 - Nantong Way. CL advised that this work cannot be undertaken until the adjacent development is completed.

## 3. Update on 2018/19 Projects

- 3.1 JS sought update on LLanleinwen Close. CL advised that the engineers are in the process of implementing a 20mph zone to accommodate on-road cycling within this financial year. Crossings will be installed as part of the scheme linking with adjacent off-road routes.

## 4. Update on 2019/20 Projects

- 4.1 ND commented on progress of Kingsbridge Link. CL advised that a new bridge was installed on 07/12/2020 with that phase of works to be completed in January. The next phase through to Gowerton Railway Station from Alder Way is in

ongoing discussion with Network Rail and TfW, final agreements should shortly be in place to enable construction.

- 4.2 JS raised projects Gors Avenue and Morfa Road. JS raised that Gors Avenue shared use path has not been made wide enough, with concerns of parked cars and high amounts of pushchairs on the shared use path during school peak times. JS raised concerns of Morfa Road regarding parked cars on the shared use path. JS proposed the use of bollards in this instance. ND raised issue of design and other road users opinions on the shared paths. RJ raised point about monitoring use once delivered to ensure deliverables are functional, as poor design could lead to retrofitting areas. CL agreed with comments but also added that Morfa Road has seen considerable construction traffic due to adjacent construction schemes. CL added that both Morfa Road and Gors Avenue are long sections to install bollards on. JS raised the point of adding signage to the route to specific areas or a small number of bollards either end.

## 5. Update on 2020/21 Projects

- 5.1 CL advised that the Olchfa Links scheme will be on-site in January. Sketty Park Links currently on-site.
- 5.2 Olchfa Links has generated significant correspondence from members of the public.
- 5.3 JS stated that he had had a meeting with Simon Jones and Robbie Meredith (Highway Improvements, Swansea Council) regarding a number of slight inclines and one sharp bend near the river to avoid conflict between pedestrians and cyclists.
- 5.4 DN stated that a route group meeting was due to be held on the following Saturday and would like to pass comments on to the council.
- 5.5 DN raised the Mayals Road scheme, and queried whether the terms of the funding awarded could be changed to allow for further public comment and suggestions on design aspects to be considered.
- 5.6 CL advised that a meeting was held with Alan Ferris, WG and TfW to discuss consultation and options appraisals for the scheme. Both WG and TfW agreed that the proposed hybrid cycle lanes are the preferred option for delivery.
- 5.7 DR asked if usage of Morfa Road can be monitored. RJ proposed that this route could be a potential route for CCTV monitoring. CL advised that monitoring is factored in to all schemes.
- 5.8 RJ asked if there was any progress on land acquisition for Pontarddulais Link. CL advised that the temporary closure of Pentre Road Bridge presented an

opportunity to incorporate crossing facilities across the bridge. CL to seek update on the progress of the land acquisition.

5.9 JS requested plans for Townhill Road, St. Helen's Road and Carmarthen Road. CL provided verbal details of all three schemes.

5.10 TJ asked for details on how funding is typically applied for. CL explained the ideal use of the core fund to design future schemes for the following year, however with annual funding cycles and significant time constraints for submission of grant applications, it can be difficult to align between years.

## **6. Proposals for 2021/22**

6.1 CL advised that WG has not yet released the guidance or funding amounts for the next financial year, but is expected shortly.

6.2 JS commented that the north-west areas of Swansea need to be linked to the network. Connect areas such as Mynydd Bach, Penderry and Penlan.

6.3 Cllr. ND agreed that the north-west needs to be considered. CL advised that future ambitions would be to link to these areas, with design and development needed.

## **7. Active Travel Network Map 2021**

7.1 CL explained that the Active Travel Network Map (ATNM) is the new map required to be submitted to WG, which combines the Existing Route Map (ERM) and Integrated Network Map (INM). CL advised that this is due to be submitted to WG by the end of December.

7.2 CL advised that early engagement will begin shortly, alongside the launch of a Commonplace community heat map. This will provide members of the public with the opportunity to add comments to a map of Swansea, noting the improvements that they would like to see in their local area for walking and cycling.

7.3 TJ provided information on Neath Port Talbot's Commonplace website, and advised that it had resulted in a high level of participation from the public. CL agreed with TJ on reaching a range of areas, businesses and community groups.

7.4 RJ raised the importance of ensuring that the walking aspect of the consultation gain good levels of engagement.

## **8. AOB**

8.1 JS thanked CL for the speed of replies and meetings regarding points raised.