

Wheelrights Routes Group

Notes of meeting on 5th October 2019

in Ripples Café, Mumbles.

Present: Bill Gannon (BG), Nick Guy (NG), David Judd (JD), David Naylor (DN), John Sayce (JS), Chris Walsh (CW).

Apologies: Mike Lewis (ML)

1. **Matters arising** from 7 September meeting.

Minor Works (and Strategic Routes). (Item 2.) DN had on 13 Sep. emailed Ben George the priorities 1. and 2 list of minor works which we had agreed at the last meeting and on 18 Sep. a list of strategic routes. He had not received an acknowledgement. JS offered to phone Ben to check that he had received them. **[Action: JS]**. Strategic Routes covered below.

2. **Strategic Routes**

We allocated responsibility for following them up as follows: [] = route No on Indexed Map.

1. Cwmgelli route to DVLA. [20a,b]. **[Action: JS]**.
2. Penlan racecourse route from St. John's to Eiddwen Rd in Penlan. [15b] **[Action: JS]**.
3. Cockett Rd. route from Gors Ave. to Broadway. **[Action: JS]**.
4. A48. Route from DVLA via Penllergaer to Gorseinon. [16b] **[Action: NG]**.
5. Shared use path alongside Mayals Rd. to link with the GAP at the east end of Clyne Common. (Consider taking it through Clyne Park). **[Action: DN, PT]**.

The Tirpenry Route was a sixth item on the list. Not all of this was on Council land but it was a key route and the work involved relatively minor. We felt that it should be included if land ownership issues can be resolved.

We also discussed the two other long term items on DN's email: Completion of N. Gower 'missing link' and upgrade of NCR 4 between Pont-y-Cob Road and Gowerton. CW noted that there was a safety issue with the latter. We agreed that it should therefore have priority.

3. **Tycoch/Vivien Rd to Cockett**

We reviewed the (inadequate) provision for cyclists to cross the redesigned junction and how to provide for cycling north from this junction along Cockett Rd to link up with the new Gors Av. route. DN had checked this route and prepared a brief report on it. (See Appendix.)

It was agreed that a two-way shared use path along the W. side of Cockett Rd was needed, but also a crossing near the Texaco service station (Photo 2 in the Appendix.) with a link across Townhill Rd to connect with a new W-E route between Pant-y-Celyn Rd and Penlan Cres. JS described how this route would follow the 130m contour to end on Terrace Rd.

Regarding the junction JS explained that the initial plans had been altered to allow a right turn from Townhill Rd on to Cockett Rd. Whereas ASLs had been provided they lacked lead-in lanes, which (we agreed with JS) were necessary, the traffic lanes being only 3.3m wide. There appears to be adequate space on the green verges on the E side of Cockett Rd, SE side of Townhill Rd and W side of Broadway for lead-ins. The Council need to be persuaded of their need. JS will seek to raise this with Ben George/Cllr Mark Thomas. **[Action: JS]**

4. **Eaton and Cwm Roads**

NG noted that there was a 3m wide footway on the W. side of Cwm road which could be used by cyclists and also sufficient width on Eaton Road. He suggested this be added to the Minor Works list. **[Action: Raise at 24 Oct. CAP?]**

5. **Network map**

CW has now received feedback and will come up with a revised map for our approval before sending to Ben George in time for the 24 October CAP. [Post meeting: CW has done this.]

6. **Next meeting.**

10.00 am on Saturday, 2 November in Ripples Café.

Rain on the way we forwent the ride.

Notes prepared by
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APPENDIX

A Tycoch-Cockett cycle route.

Introduction

This note describes a recce for a cycle link between Tycoch and Cockett by the writer. This took place without knowledge of the arrangements for cyclists to cross the planned revamp of the Vivien Rd – Broadway – Cockett Rd junction, work on which is expected to start in late 2019.

There is a need for safe cycle access S-N from Sketty and Tycoch to Cockett via Vivien, Tycoch and Cockett roads, and also E-W from Glanmor Rd. These routes connect various educational colleges, in particular Oakleigh House School, The Townhill Campus, Swansea College (Tycoch) and the Dylan Thomas School in Cockett.

The route

A potential two-way shared use path is shown by the broken green line on the map. It would follow the west side of Cockett Road where the existing footpath and verge appears to be wide enough for a 3m wide path. At the south end it would use the Vivien Road cul-de-sac to access Swansea College. At the north end the short John Street crescent would link it to Dylan Thomas School. A suitable crossing of Waunarlwydd Rd would be required, probably a Toucan or parallel crossing. The path should have priority across the minor New Road junction to the north and also across driveways; there are not many.

The photos, taken at the locations 1 to 4 shown, illustrate the route.

Photo 1. Looking east from outside Swansea College.

Photo 2. Looking north. It illustrates the width available.

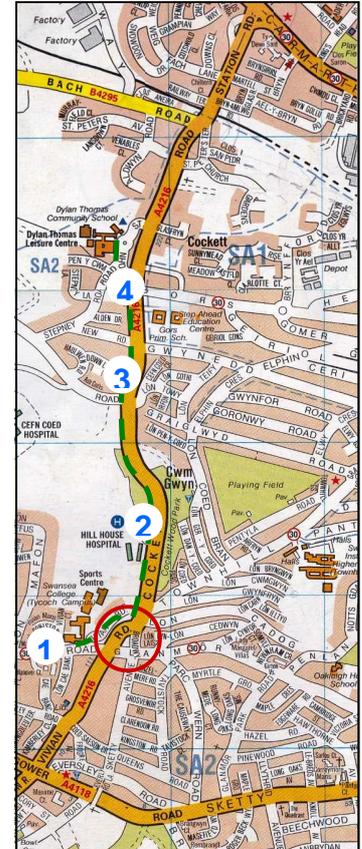
Photo 3. Looking south across the junction with Waunarlwydd Rd.

Photo 4. From John St looking towards Dylan Thomas School.

There also appears to be width for a shared path on the east side of Cockett Rd. This would allow one-way cycling on both sides.

Conclusion

Providing a safe cycle link between Tycoch and Cockett is feasible. A safe crossing of the revamped junction (Circled in red.) is however another matter.



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