

Wheelrights Routes Group

Notes of meeting on 4th June 2022

in Ripple's Café, West Cross.

Present: David Judd (DJ), Mike Lewis (ML), David Naylor (DN), Dareyoush Rassi (DR), John Sayce (JS).

Apologies: Phil Brophy (PB), Allyson Evans (AE), Nick Guy (NG), Barry Norris (BN), Chris Walsh (CW), David Wood (DW).

DN chaired the meeting.

1. **Matters arising** from 14 May meeting.

(a) Council meetings (Item 4). JS's attempt to arrange a workshop in May to review route plans has not been successful. We supported his suggestion that he write to cllr Andrew Stevens (Gorseinon Ward) to progress this. **[Action JS]**

(b) Wheelrights meetings (Item 5). DJ, not yet having had the opportunity to contact Lee Waters about Lee giving a presentation at a future meeting, JS, who with Phil Snaith expects to meet Lee to discuss AT issues, offered to raise this with him. **[Action JS]**

2. **2022-23 Routes.**

DN tabled a Council map showing routes identified for construction in 2022/23 which he had received from PB. We sought to relate these to the routes shown on our four maps. The following shows first the Council's route name and then in [] ours. nw, ne, ... identify the map on which it is shown.

- Pontarddulais Link. [Grovesend - Pontarddulais: GP3; nw.]
- Penllergaer to Gorseinon. [Penllergaer - Gorseinon: PG; nw.]
- Penllergaer to Fforestfach. [Valley Wood (1): VW1; ne.]
- Morryston South⁽ⁱ⁾ Link Extension⁽ⁱⁱ⁾. [Samlet Road - NCR 43: SA; ne.]
- Ynysallan Road. [Ynysallan Rd: YR; ne.]
- Clyne Common. [Gower Access Path: GAP; sw.]

⁽ⁱ⁾ Should be North.

⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ Includes link to NCR 43 on A 48 from S. end of SA, but excludes link via Mill Stream Lane to NCR 43 at N. end. Also includes extension of TI on W. side of A4067 to M4 underpass.

JS would write to the Council to express out appreciation of these plans. **[Action JS]**

3. **Jack Palmer meeting**

DN reported on the meeting he and DR had had with Jack Palmer on 16 May. It was also attended by Paul Thomas (Sustrans e-bike supremo) and Leonie Ramondt. It involved a cycle ride (all on e-bikes except DN) from Cambrian Boats on Langdon Rd to the Civic Centre Café where various matters were discussed, the essence of which was to see how our already constructive relationship with the Council could be improved. DN (later on 16 May) e-mailed Jack summarising the points raised, as follows:

- The need for early consultation.
- To draw his attention to the routes shown on the four maps on our website and to integrate these with the Council's proposals; in particular to note our priority 1 routes. (See notes of 14 May RG meeting.) Of these DN had highlighted the Swansea to Bay Campus [SB] and Gowerton to Fforestfach [GF] routes.
- Three locations where remedial work was required: potholes on Culfor Road, Loughor; replacement of A type barriers on the new SUP in Cwm Clydach; and the need for continuity of the S. side SUP on Mayals Road across Fairwood Road.

At the meeting in the café we decided to hold a quarterly cycle ride to check out routes, the first of which is planned for 17 August. A heavy shower during our meeting having ended we went our separate ways.

DN at to-day's meeting advised that the worst pot holes on Culvor Road had been repaired. He had cycled along it recently.

4. Gower routes feasibility study

PB has identified a funding source for grants of £10k to £350k that address climate change and support sustainable living. The link is <https://lnkd.in/eTK7HdUP>. JS thought it appropriate for SCVS to apply for such a grant and would contact them about this. **[Action JS]**

5. Wheelrights Bike Week ride (on 8 June).

Neither DJ nor JS would be able to take part, not that this would stop it taking place. It is in any case also to be a Cappuccino ride. DN noted that he would be happy to lead it and DR offered to be back marker.

6. Mumbles Foreshore.

DJ, while supporting the proposed improvement of the foreshore path, felt that it would be better if the link off it to a route for experienced cyclists along Mumbles Road should be provided north of the Oystermouth car park rather than further south. He also noted the need for a link at the south end up to the road just before Verdi's. He and DR would take this up with Cllr Tim Bull. **[Action DJ, DR]**

7. Next meeting.

10.00am on Saturday 9 July in the Environment Centre.

Notes prepared by
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