

# Wheelrights Routes Group

## Notes of meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

in Ripples Cafe, Foreshore, West Cross..

Present: John Britton (JB), Allyson Evans (AE), David Judd (DJ), David Naylor (DN), Dareyoush Rassi (DR).

Apologies: Phil Brophy, Nick Guy (NG), Joe Muldoon (JM), John Sayce (JS), Chris Walsh (CW).

DN chaired the meeting.

### 1. **Matters arising** from 29 April meeting and not on agenda:

(a) Barriers and crossings (Item 1b). DN has started preparing a document similar to the sub-standard barriers one which would list minor road crossings the right of way across which needs to be clarified. He has yet to email Jack Palmer to draw his attention to the barriers document (now on the website Infrastructure page). **[Action: DN]**

(b) Ian Walker's 26 April presentation (Item 1c). A record of this is now on the website.

(c) Blackpill. (Item 3). JS had, on 10 May, responded to the Blackpill consultation on behalf of Wheelrights. He covered the points raised on 29 April. Phil Slater also responded on behalf of Mayals residents. The article on p.2 of the Summer Newsletter summarises the key points of both. We noted that both Wheelrights and Mayals residents felt that the construction of a new bridge across Mumbles Road would be a misuse of funds. JB had separately contacted Lee Waters about this, expressing his concern that Swansea Council are considering such a bridge. He felt this would be a misuse of AT funds and explained why. He had received a reply on behalf of Lee from a Natalie Grohmann. She has similar concerns which she had raised with colleagues in TfW who manage AT funding and liaise with LAs. We congratulated JB on his initiative. DN suggested that he or JS might raise it at the CPATG meeting in Cardiff on 14 June. **[Action: DN or JS?]**

### 2. **Missing link.**

Actions to get this issue prioritised include a display with a poster in the Penclawdd Community Centre and an article written by local resident, Mark Divers, in the Summer Newsletter (p.3). It will also be publicised at the Pier Street Party on 10 June. We suggested that a similar display be provided in Gowerton, either in the Community Centre or library. We wondered if JM could look into this. **[Action: JM?]**

### 3. **Bikes on trains.**

Grand Union Trains (GUT) are planning a new train service that will link Carmarthen and Llanelli to Cardiff and London, not via Swansea but via the little used line that bypasses Swansea to the North. A new Felindre station and Park & Ride north of the M4 between Penllergaer and Llangyfelach is proposed. (Thanks to DJ for finding out about this and to NG for briefing DN.)

<http://www.granduniontrains.co.uk/carmarthen-to-london/> provides detail of what GUT are proposing. The only mention of cycle provision is that some will be provided. We identified two important issues: that cycle access to the new Felindre station be provided together with cycle storage at the station (We noted that there was a conveniently situated M4 underpass which could link the A48 SUP to the station.) and that adequate and appropriate provision be made for taking bikes on their trains. DN noted that the above website had a form for submitting questions to GUT and offered to contact them. In addition we might be able to draw on Sustrans' experience of working with rail Companies JB offered to find out who to contact in Sustrans. [Post meeting: DN finds that many years ago a Martyn Brunt was their rail person. He has his (then) email address.] **[Action: DN, JB]**

### 4. **ATS meeting on 21 June.**

Caroline Carter is expected to attend this on behalf of WR. DN should as Swansea's CUK rep. While this meeting is likely to be mainly about the results of the Council's recent AT funding bid, if the opportunity arises we should raise the key issues of the missing link and the Blackpill development. **[Action: ATS attendees]**

**5. Pier Street Party.**

Four rides to this party in the Environment Centre on 10 June are planned, starting at respectively Murton, Penclawdd, Uplands and Ripples Café at times between 9.30 and 10.30. Details are on the Events page and in an email DR will send to members. A poster (Circulated at the meeting.) has been prepared. DJ has arranged for a back up vehicle. He will need to provide a phone number for ride leaders/back markers should help be needed. **[Action: DJ]**.

**6. AOB.**

- (a) Wheelrights general meeting. DR would like suggestions for a speaker and topic for the next general meeting. JB suggested Natalie Grohmann, the lady who had contacted him on behalf of Lee Waters about the Blackpill Bridge.
- (b) 43-2-C ride. DJ advised that this (NCR 43 to sea) ride would take place on 18 June. He would provide DN with details to put on the Events page. **[Action: DJ]**.

**8. Next meeting.**

10.00 am on Saturday 8 July in Ripple's Café. (Not 1 July to avoid clash with Air Show.)

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