

# Wheelrights Routes Group

## Notes of meeting and ride on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023

in Ripples Cafe, Foreshore, West Cross..

Present: John Britton (JB), Dennis Dwyer (DD), Nick Guy (NG), Mike Lewis (ML),  
Joe Muldoon (JM), David Naylor (DN), Dareyoush Rassi (DR), Chris Walsh (CW).

Apologies: Phil Brophy (PB), Allyson Evans (AE), Bill Gannon (BG), David Judd (DJ),  
John Sayce (JS), Patrick Tribe (PT).

DN chaired the meeting.

### 1. **Matters arising** from 10 December meeting and not on agenda:

- (a) ATNM (Item 2). DN in reviewing the routes on the A1 maps he had taken home had linked the Council's map numbers to the symbols used on Wheelrights maps. He has amended the four maps on <https://www.wheelrights.org.uk/infrastr.htm> to show both. He had found this difficult and would appreciate it if somebody could check the links. **[Action: all]**
- (b) ATS meeting (Item 3). DN had attended the 8 March ATS Teams meeting. He reported briefly on it noting that he had made the case for free and frequent bus services and had suggested that this should be on their agenda.
- (c) Ripple's Café (Item 5). We were pleased to note that the proposal to replace Ripple's Café and the nearby garage by a development has been turned down.
- (d) Pontarddulais hub (Item 8b). NG advised that a bus station near the railway station was being considered.

### 2. **North Gower.** (The missing link.)

JM had in November met with local residents and the intention is to put together an action plan. This has the support of cllr Sue Jones. A public meeting is planned. **[Action: JM]**

### 3. **Pennard Active Travel (PAT).**

DN advised that a meeting attended by cllr Cari Jones, Jack Palmer, PB and himself had taken place on 16 March in Southgate. We made Jack aware of the need for active travel provision west from Northway to Southgate. We gave him a copy of the one page document (Provided as the article on p.6 of the Winter 2022/23 Wheelrights Newsletter.) which summarises our aspirations, namely: traffic control measures (lower speed limits and advisory cycle lanes) between Kittle and Southgate; off-road uphill cycle provision on the Northway and Kittle hills; and safe routes to Pennard Primary. These aspirations, funding and how to progress them in the council were discussed. We await further developments.

### 4. **Barriers.**

DN tabled an updated version of the Barriers document. NG noted several barriers in Sandfields which he thought needed upgrading. After the meeting we checked two which are on route SF. (See ride report below.) DN would add these to the Barriers document and put it on the Infrastructure page. (Post meeting: done.)

### 5. **Lighting on foreshore path.**

DN had heard that the Council planned to extend the lighting east from Blackpill. We don't know when it will be done or how far it will extend.

### 6. **26 April general meeting.** (Ian Walker talk.)

JB confirmed that this will be at 7.00 pm in the Environment Centre. DN offered to prepare a poster. A title is needed, also (if pos.) a photo and a few words to serve as an 'appetiser'. JB offered to help provide this. **[Action: JB, DN]**

### 7. **Routes Group meetings.**

Noting that there would be a £20 charge for meetings in the downstairs lobby, we debated whether or not we wished to continue the monthly alternation between Ripple's Café and the Environment Centre. We felt that holding general meetings in the Centre would be sufficient to show our support for them. We agreed to hold the future monthly Routes Group meetings in Ripple's Café. DD kindly offered to open it in the evenings during the summer. These could be additional social meetings open to all members. We gladly accepted this offer.

**8. AOB.**

- (a) Signing. NG had carried out a project to improve signing. He noted that they often pointed the wrong way either due to those erecting them getting it wrong or vandals turning them round.
- (b) Advance stop lines (ASLs). NG noted that some lacked a cycle symbol. It was suggested that the Council's potholes service could be used to report this. (The 'Various' page on our website gives options for doing this.)

**9. Next meeting.**

10.00 am on Saturday 15 April in Ripple's Café.

**The Ride**

Following the meeting NG, DN, DR and CW cycled to Sandfields and checked barriers at the west end of Fleet St and where Vincent St crosses Burrows Rd. They found that although the barriers themselves were OK dropped kerbs were needed; in the former to provide access from St Helen's Rd and in the latter, continuity across Burrows Rd.

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