

WheelRights Routes Group

Notes of meeting on 13 September 2025

Present John Britton (JB), Brenda Lillicrap (BL), David Naylor (DN), Dareyoush Rassi (DR), Patrick Tribe (PT).

1. JB chaired the meeting.

Apologies: Caroline Carter (CC), Allyson Evans (AE), Nick Guy (NG), David Judd (DJ), Joe Muldoon (JM), John Sayce (JS), Chris Walsh (CW)

2. **Matters arising** from 2 August meeting not on the agenda.

- (a) Mumbles promenade (Item 3) BL had emailed Routes Group members a draft letter to the council setting out WR concerns about the shared walking/cycling arrangements on the newly reopened section. No-one had suggested that it be sent.

Further discussion showed a range of views even among the small number present (from "segregation is always needed on SUPs" to "road conditions here are fine for cycling" via "it's a special case where people cycling just have to take care".)

BL to circulate a new for thumbs up/down by everyone, (i) using the works as an opportunity to emphasise the need for segregated cycling to be designed in for from the start of all future projects and (ii) listing some possible improvements to the new set-up.

Action: All]

- (b) Kidical Mass Family Ride (Item 4) PT reported good progress by the planning group. The ride will be on Sunday 2 November: 11am start from the Vetch with a two mile route via Walter Road. BikeAbility Wales keen to be involved. Police and council have been informed. PT to do risk assessment (required by council and to assess number of marshals needed, estimated as: 8 – 12). Public liability insurance probably via Cycling UK. Publicity: logo and poster by JB. **[Action: JB]**

3. **Gowerton – Pontardulais Ride and New Trains on Heart of Wales Line**

Organised by NG. DR reported enjoyable ride by small group. The train did not have the special cycle carriage but all bikes were allowed on. The group cycled back to Gowerton, using the recently opened access to the north platform and the footbridge to cross the railway. DN, noted the awkwardness of the two right angle bends on the bridge and asked that we again request the council to provide a station bypass using the old railway bridge abutments. NG (by email) supports this suggestion. A repeat of this outing is suggested for the spring if and when the train has a cycle carriage.

4. **Clyne Common Update**

PT reported that comments are open till 17 November. Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) inspector will then make a site visit and determine the application.

The council's robust handling of objections was noted.

5. **Eversley Road / Frogmore Avenue – One-way Proposal Update**

Local residents have been informed that the scheme will be implemented with temporary measures for an experimental six-month period (as a 'live' consultation, during which objections can be made). Local councillor says that effects on traffic speeds and the northern junction of Frogmore Avenue will be assessed (effects on non-motor users not mentioned). DR will take up absence of consideration of active travel with contact, local councillor Mike Day. **[Action: DR]**

6. **Active Travel Stakeholders Meeting**

PT has replaced DN as Cycling UK rep. so DN did not attend the 3 September meeting. WR rep is JS with DR as alternate.

- 7 **Dialogue with Swansea Council – Barrier Removal and Access Issues**

Swansea Council requested the WR barrier list in spreadsheet form with sites as latitude and longitude(!). JB, CW and DN have produced this. Agreed that it be sent to the council.

[Action: JB]

8. Twyi Valley Path – Progress and Opportunities

This SUP from Carmarthen to almost-Llandeilo (Ffairfach) is expected to be complete by Christmas. Candidate for WR spring ride.

9. Any Other Business

None.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Saturday 11 October 2025 at Ripples.

Notes prepared by BL