

Wheelrights Meeting

Notes of committee meeting on 7th August 2026

In Ripples Café, West Cross.

Present: Allyson Evans (AE), David Judd (DJ), Brenda Lillicrap (BL), Dareyoush Rassi (DR), John Sayce (JS), Patrick Tribe (PT).

Apologies: John Britton (JB), Nick Guy (NG), David Naylor (DN).

1. Matters arising from meeting held 30 May 2026:

1.1 The listed Wheelrights' commitments had elicited only a small number of volunteers. After discussion the list of commitments with volunteers is as follows

Online meetings

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| • Cycling UK Wales's monthly campaigning group | PT, JS |
| • Swansea Bay Sustainable Travel Planning Group (new entry) | DR |
| • Meetings with Transport for Wales | JS |

JS pointed out that the Swansea Council AT Stakeholder Meetings had not provided two-way discussion and that it is not known whether the Senedd cross-party group on AT will continue.

Other commitments

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| • Making contact with potential new members | NG, AE |
| • Speakers for public meetings | DJ |
| • Liaising with Environment Centre | JS |
| • Responding to consultations | BL |
| • Social media: Looking into setting up WR Instagram presence | PT |

Further discussion produced the consensus that ongoing active campaigning is important and WR needs more active members, particularly ones adept at digital communication. Successful campaigning is so long term that WR needs ways of avoiding burnout. **Actions:**

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| • Regular meetings will be continued (Committee or Routes Group) | DR |
| • ATNM consultation as a reason to engage with people out with bikes | NG, AE, BL |

The idea that newsletter type items could instead be posted intermittently on the website is part of the unresolved website management question.

1.2 DR and JS met Chris Evans (Green councillor in DR's ward). He is to put a question about the absence of a Swansea Transport Strategy to the next council meeting.

1.3 JS has circulated the response to his FOI request to the Regional CJC on the funding for the Tawe cycle path.

1.4 BL received a response to an FOI request for details of the audit scores for existing ATNM routes. It did not provide the requested info, she has asked for a review.

1.5 Critical Mass rides continue to be led by Jai Fear on the first Friday of each month.

2. ATNM consultation

- 12 week consultation closes on 19 October 2026
- BL had circulated a draft "Message to members"; it was agreed that the first two sections ("If you've got five minutes", "If you've got longer") would be emailed to members. **[Action DR]**
- The summer newsletter (in preparation by DN) will include the same message.
- It was agreed that a second public meeting (following December's) would not be useful.
- It was agreed that the WR response will be by email (not the consultation website).
- It was agreed that the WR response will include the following points:
 - Given the funding opportunities and rate of progress the number of "future routes" shown is unrealistic and will divert time and resources.
 - Regard should be given to changes since the first ATNM, i.e default 20mph speed limits and Highway Code changes, which are both intended to make streets safer for vulnerable road users.

3. JS is to meet Phil Snaith (Carmarthenshire Cycle Forum) and Chris Roberts (Cardiff Cycle City) on 28 August. (Date added post meeting.)

4. Next meeting to be held towards the end of September on a date to be arranged. **[Action DR]**

Notes prepared by BL