

Notes of Wheelrights Committee Meeting

3 September 2024 in the Environment Centre, Pier St, Swansea SA1 1RY

Present: John Britton (JB), Allyson Evans (AE), David Judd (DJ), David Naylor (DN), John Sayce (JS).

Apologies: Caroline Carter (CC), Nick Guy (NG), Dareyoush Rassi (DR), Chris Walsh (CW).

The meeting was chaired by John Sayce.

1. **Matters arising** from 23 April meeting. (<https://www.wheelrights.org.uk/wr24apr23nm.pdf>.) and not on the agenda.
 - (a) Proposed Active Travel Movement and WR's website. (Items 2 & 3.) DN reported that he was not aware of any actions taken, so these will be deferred to the next meeting.
 - (b) Swansea LDP2 Consultation. (Item 4.) JS has submitted a report: "Wheelrights Response to S.W.Wales C.J.C.'s Case for Change" to the Council (emailed to Committee on 22 August.)
 - (c) Tawe Corridor. (Item 5.) We noted that we did not consider the proposed route an active travel one.
 - (d) 20 mph. (Item 6.) JB reported that new guidance which would invite the views of the public was to have been published in July; but we will have to await developments. JS would raise this with Stephen Williams whom he would be meeting that afternoon. **[Action: JS]**
 - (e) Bike Week. (Item 7.) The Pier Street Party at the Environment Centre on 8 June was well attended and considered a success. Anyone with good pictures of the event are asked to send them to DN. We are asking our Secretary to thank them in writing for organising it. **[Action: DR]**
2. **17 September Meeting.**

AE had emailed Tom Wharf asking for a title and if possible a few words to introduce his presentation. When received DN would prepare a poster to include on the Events page note about the meeting and AE would inform the membership. Following the presentation there would be a general discussion. (Post meeting: Tom Wharf has had to withdraw. However we hope to arrange this meeting at a later date, possibly at our AGM) **[Action: AE, DN]**
3. **AGM.**

We aim to hold this in December. We would not have an invited speaker but JS would highlight current developments such as our successes with lights and barriers. As in previous years it would be followed by a curry meal. We are asking NG and DR to organise it. **[Action: NG, DR]**
4. **Walter Road.**

Work on it is expected to start this year. JS had carried out a survey to find out the proportion of cyclists using the footway as opposed to the road. He found out that of 164 cyclists 30% cycled on the road and 70% on the footway. This underlined the need for off-road cycle provision. JS had met a shop owner in the Uplands who was unhappy with the proposals. Simon Jones had not replied to our query about this. We are asking NG to look into it. **[Action: NG]**
5. **Missing links.**

NG has marked on a cycle routes map where these are. This being a matter for the Routes Group we are asking him to pass this information on to JB and DN for consideration at the next Routes Group meeting (on 14 September). **[Action: NG]**
6. **Meeting with Stephen Williams (SW).**

JS would be meeting SW that afternoon. Nobody took up his invitation to join him. He noted various matters to raise with SW. (See JS actions in 1d, 7, 8 & 11.) **[Action: JS]**

7. Barriers

JS noted that the Council had removed or replaced all but about four of the barriers which did not meet the AT guidelines. Most of these were in the Enterprise Zone. Those four include the barrier in William Street (SF-3 on the website list) and Castle Bingo in Tirpenry (T1-1). DJ recommended that barriers on the path between Murton and Bishopston Road should be on the list. DN noted however that it was not officially a cycle path (although it should be). DN in collaboration with JS would update the list. **[Action: DN, JS]**

8. Routes Group

DJ had attended a meeting in Murton at which the revised plans for the Gower Access Path (GAP) were discussed. He was concerned that drainage provision was inadequate. We await planning approval of these plans and a restart date. JS will take this up with SW. **[Action: JS]**

9. Consultations Regional Transport Plan and Resilient Swansea

JS said there was no management plan. There would be regional consultations. DN noted that a series of workshops titled 'Resilient Swansea' were planned (comprising the regional consultations?). Their focus is climate change (which he supposes encompasses active travel). JS and DN had registered for workshops in their localities. Details on; <https://www.swansea.gov.uk/resilientswansea?lang=en>.

10. Special Events Planning

Issues affecting cycling were not discussed.

11. Junctions

JS noted that Somerset Place (near Morgan's Hotel) lacked a safe crossing. He had learnt that this was an oversight by the Council. There was another at Ffordd Cwm Tawe. He would take these up with SW. **[Action: JS]**

12. AOB.

- (a) Gowerton Rail Crossing. DN noted the need for a bridge using the old railway bridge abutments to link the Gowerton Gorseinon SUP to Gowerton. Routes Group to consider this. JB would put it on the agenda for a forthcoming meeting. **[Action: JB]**
- (b) Uplands bus survey. JB has prepared a summary. See the Campaigns page of our website.
- (c) Penllergaer: M4 crossing. We discussed a proposed link to the Tircoed Village which would involve taking a SUP through a culvert which takes the Afon Llan under the M4. We would like to know how the culvert can accommodate both a river and a SUP.

Notes prepared by Davids Judd and Naylor.