

WHEELRIGHTS

Notes of a meeting held in Gorseinon on October 31st 2016 at 6pm

1. **Present:** Alun Evans, David Judd, Les Woodward, Andy Clarke, Windsor Clarke, Aneurin John, Kevin Griffiths, Christine Thomas, Bob Denley, Ronan Ruddy, Richard Davies, Nick Guy and John Sayce.
Apologies: Lindsey Brown (Sustrans)
2. **Introduction.** Nick Guy as Chair of Wheelrights explained that he thought there were 3 items that we should cover in the hour of the meeting.
3. **Update.** Nick explained that there has been a line on the map for a cycle route to Pontarddulais for the last 20 years. There are now 2 missing links to complete this route. Firstly over Stafford common from Gowerton to Gorseinon and secondly from Grovesend to Pontarddulais. Nick stated that Wheelrights had been in talks with the City Council about the legal ownership of a route from Gowerton railway station that would follow the line of an old rail track. It seems that 60 K has been set aside for a feasibility study, which would also provide a car free route for the Gower way. There was some discussion about whether the route should follow on the top of an embankment at the sewage works or go down on the flat. Initial thoughts favoured going on the bank for the views of the estuary. Andy Clarke asked whether a social return on investment report had been completed. Wheelrights were not aware of one, but John Sayce mentioned that the route would save expenditure on school buses as the current route along Victoria Rd is not deemed as safe for school children.
4. **Route Options for Pontarddulais link.** Nick explained that there were 2 routes being considered. The first route favoured by the City Council would see a continuation of the existing route from Grovesend crossing Allt-y-Graban rd and following a footpath and then up a steep bank adjacent to the rail line before crossing Pentre Bridge. This might make for a dangerous turn onto Pentre road. The second route proposed by Wheelrights is for the route to follow Allt-y-Graban rd eastwards until it meets an old rail track which it would follow northwards, across some sidings and then joining Park Terrace and also continuing north through a proposed new residential development onto Bolgoed Rd. There might be a link to Glynhir Rd. With a new development there was some hope of the developers paying for part of the cycle path through a Section 106 agreement. The general feeling of the meeting favoured this second route.
5. **Steering Group.** Nick stated that Wheelrights were happy to organise one further meeting to be held in Pontarddulais and said that Sustrans could offer some resources to help a group get off the ground. It was suggested the meeting could take place in the Institute in February after Wheelrights have had another meeting with the City Council in January about the Stafford Common link. After this February meeting, Wheelrights would then take a back seat, as the Pontarddulais community had decide on the best course of action . AGREED John Sayce to write up notes and send them out.

Nick closed the meeting at 7pm. He noted the enthusiasm of speakers and thanked everyone for their contributions.