

Wheelrights Routes Group

Notes of meeting on 7th April 2018

in the Civic Centre Café, Swansea.

Present: Chris Connick (CC), Bill Gannon (BG), Nick Guy (NG), Alan Kreppel (AK), Mike Lewis (ML), David Naylor (DN), Hamish Osborn (HO), Rachel Pewsey (RP), Kevin Roderick (KR), Chris Walsh (CW).

Apologies: John Sayce (JS), Patrick Tribe (PT).

1. **Matters arising** from 6 January meeting.

Meeting with Leader (Item 1.) NG reported that this meeting had taken place on 22 January. Council support for the following two routes was confirmed: Wychtree St. link to NCR 43 with potential extension to Morrison Hospital (Routes MT0018 and 23. See Indexed map on Infrastructure page of website.) and the link (ST0009) from NCR 43 to the SW end of the Upper Bank route (27). They would also support the proposed Welsh Cycling Forum.

2. **GAP and Cwm Level Road.**

DN provided an update on the GAP (Gower Access Path). Using Welsh Gov. money for the y/e this April the Council had cleared vegetation along the line of the path across Clyne Common and had prepared a preliminary design. They had applied for further funding to cover the design and legal costs. Further funding will be required to construct it. We have yet to hear the outcome of this application. (Due by now.)

We briefly discussed Cwm Level Road. It was suggested that a "parallel crossing" (ie zebra with cycle lane alongside.) should be provided to connect a housing estate to an existing footpath across a recreation ground. The footpath should be upgraded to shared use.

3. **Route Assessment.**

DN suggested that we decide a completion date for the Route Assessment document for submission to the Council. He hopes to raise this with Ben George at the forthcoming CAP meeting (on 18 April). **[Action: DN]**

4. **AOB.**

Swansea Rural Transport Strategy. This document (dated March 2018) had been prepared by Capita. It contains proposals for cycling infrastructure and bus provision in the Peninsula and Mawr. HO suggested that a workshop to consider it be held. We decided to hold this as a Routes Group extraordinary meeting on 24 April in the Environment Centre.

5. **Traveline Cymru meeting.**

DN welcomed Kevin Roderick and Rachel Pewsey of Traveline Cymru whom NG had invited to our meeting so they could inform us of certain of their plans and get feedback.

KR explained that Traveline Cymru were planning to provide information about routes between public transport stopping points which would be useful in particular to cyclists. They planned to use their website for this and develop an app. He sought our guidance.

An exchange of views followed: This included reference to existing apps and to software such as *cyclestreets* which can give a choice of routes between chosen points. CW noted that it would be useful if information on the state of routes were included. NG supported the Traveline Cymru initiative because their website was well known. He also suggested that the newly formed Welsh Cycle Forum could help. HO suggested crowd-sourcing to obtain data and that guidance from others in addition to cyclists be sought.

DN raised the issue of bikes on trains. He accepted that improving the present inadequate provision was not something Traveline Cymru could do but was up to the rail companies. In a brief exchange AK noted that a new franchise for Arriva trains (Wales) lines was due in May.

AK suggested that a sheet with points for the guidance of Traveline Cymru be prepared. He offered to draft it. **[Action: AK]**

6. **Future meetings.**

10.00am Tuesday, 24 April, extraordinary meeting in the Env. Centre (Hopefully upstairs.)

10.00am Saturday, 5 May, in the Environment Centre Café.

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