

Wheelrights Routes Group

Notes of meeting/ride on 3rd August 2019 in the Environment Centre.

Present: Bill Gannon (BG), Nick Guy (NG), Mike Lewis (ML), David Naylor (DN), John Sayce (JS)
Apologies: Patrick Tribe (PT), Chris Walsh (CW).

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

- (a) Tube Map (aka "Network Map"). (Item 1.) Postpone to next meeting as PT & CW absent.
- (b) Gower Access Path. (Item 2.) DN had on 9 July emailed Alan Ferris to raise, in particular, the need for a verge between the path and the road. He had received a supportive reply.
- (c) 17 July CAP. (Item 3.) The four bullet points had been raised by NG, DN or JS at the meeting. They correspond to 3(e,f,g,h) below. DN also raised the GAP verge issue.

2. **St David,s developments**

JS advised that the proposed 6m wide bridge across Oystermouth Road (to replace the existing pedestrian bridge). would be shared use. (Cyclists and pedestrians.) A W-E cycle link along Wellington Street connecting to Princess Way is also proposed.

3. **Minor Works.**

The Council having £500k to spend on minor works we came up with the following list. The first four of these are detailed in the 'Minor Works' Section on the website Infrastructure page. The others were raised at the meeting.

- (a) NCR 4: Western approach to Loughor Bridge. This needs re-routing to the north side of Castle Road.
- (b) NCR 4: Sterry Road. A dropped kerb should be provided so that NCR 4 goes directly across Sterry Rd and then the Gowerton Bypass using the existing Toucans.
- (c) Advance Stop Lines. In addition to those already listed on the Infrastructure page (on St Helens Rd/Bryn-y-mor Rd, Morriston Cross and Sketty Cross) we recommend ASLs at Cockett Rd/Gors Ave., Station Rd/Carmarthen Rd and Penial Green/Gwern...wyth Rd. [Post meeting: Now added to the drawing and are on the website.]
- (d) NCR 43 Mond crossing at Clydach. The need for this to be brought up to standard (A 'parallel' crossing?) was raised again at the 17 July CAP.
- (e) Kingsbridge to A4240 path upgrade. The existing path needs upgrading and signing.
- (f) Landore E-W link. The Pelican crossing of the A4067 and the footpath between it and the Morfa Relief Rd need upgrading to respectively a Toucan and shared use.
- (g) Neath Rd – Morfa Relief Rd N-S link. A means for cyclists to cross the busy B4603 (between the r'b't and Hafod) is needed.
- (h) NCR 43 to N. Bank path link. Along E. side of Nantong Way.
- (i) Cross Valley link. Provide a Park and Bike facility at W. end, widen N. side path to improve access to NCR 43 and improve link to Morriston path across r'b't over A4067.
- (j) Clydach Rd under M4. Add a path between Clydach Rd (B4603) and the A4067 to give cycle access under the M4. (If pos. upgrade the pedestrian bridge for cycle use)

4. **Rosehill Quarry route.**

The Council have a kitty of £140k, additional to the £500k for minor works. JS is proposing that this be used to construct a route from Mayhill Gdns/Terrace Rd in the east to Cockett Rd in the west. It would climb up past Rosehill Quarry to follow the 130m contour below and parallel to Pant-y-Celyn Rd. JS offered to survey this route with the aim of proposing a line for the Council's consideration. **[Action: JS]**

5. **Players Estate – Clydach link.**

The new route through Ynystawe Park on the W. side of the Tawe ends at the Players Estate. There is a need for it to be extended NE to link with NCR 43 in Clydach. BG agreed to look into the feasibility of this. **[Action: BG]**

6. Llethrid.

DN has received the formal reply to his December 2014 application to have the public footpath south from Llethrid, which is a key link between N. and S. Gower and on which technically cycling is banned, upgraded to a Restricted Byway. It has been turned down on the grounds that it is not part of a through route. As this is not the case DN will be appealing. **[Action: DN]**

7. Next meeting.

10.00 am on Saturday, 7 September. Venue to be confirmed: Ripples Café or the Environment Centre.

The ride

We all took part. We headed north along Cwm Rd and Eaton Rd (on which there are long established cycle lanes – mostly blocked by parked cars) to its north. end. From there we looked into the possibility of a link from Eaton Rd, across Llangyfelach Rd and through a wood where a footpath descends steeply to Cwm Level Rd. Here it would connect with a new shared use path currently under construction. This appeared feasible but the descent through the woods may be too steep for a straight path. DN took some photos to identify the proposed route.

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