

Wheelrights Routes Group

Notes of meeting on 24 January 2026

in Ripples Café, West Cross.

Present: John Britton (JB), Jai Fear (JF), Nick Guy (NG), David Judd (DJ), Brenda Lillicrap (BL), David Naylor (DN), Patrick (PT), John Sayce (JS).

Apologies: Dareyoush Rassi (DR), Chris Walsh (CW).

1. The meeting was chaired by John Britton.

2. **Notes of the meetings on 25 October and 13 December 2025** were confirmed.

3. **Matters arising from the October and December meetings**

(a) Mumbles promenade letter has not been sent. BL will update draft in view of the new ramp connection to the pavement by the northerly car park entrance and changes to the Newton Road junction. **[Action: BL]**

(b) ATNM: public engagement. JB noted that some members had made their own submissions. After the December meeting it emerged that this consultation was just the first stage; we await the next round.

JB thanked BL for obtaining via FOI the method and results of the Council's prioritisation of the 2021 ATNM proposed routes. JS will seek renewed contact with Andrew Stevens for understanding of how the priorities have been used in decision making. **[Action: JS]**

(c) AGM actions "The way forward for Active Travel" was agreed as the theme for the next Wheelrights public meeting; (given funding and organisational changes) possibly chaired by Mike Hedges (MS Swansea East). JS will invite him when they plan to meet on 30 Jan. Possible speakers: Ian Walker; Alan Tapp; Cllr Andrew Stevens. **[Action: JS]**

(d) Kidical Mass Our application for £1000 grant from the Welsh Gov for this St David's Day event was successful subject to provision of a constitution and accounts info. **[Action: JS, CW]** The ride will be on Sunday 1 March, organised by JF, route as for the cancelled December ride; those present (except DN) agreed to be marshals, at least two more are needed, possibly DR and CW. DN requested details (when available) to put on the website. **[Action: JF]**

4. **Clyne Common Cycle Link (GAP)**

Good news: this has been approved by PEDW; progress now depends on funding. PT advised that construction will start at the Murton end; work on the Common must await the ending of the nesting season. PT to bring paper plans to the next meeting. **[Action: PT]** NG has been informed by his Engineer council contact David Hughes that future cycle infrastructure will require funding from three sources, as with the Sandfields improvements.

5. **NCN 4: Clyne Valley (Railway Inn to Dunvant) Closure**

The notified six-month closure for widening was interpreted as a warning of periodic temporary closures; but JS reports no access north of the Railway Inn this week. JB to post request for better info on Facebook. **[Action: JB]**

6. **South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee – Strategic Development Plan**

The verbose Draft Delivery Agreement is out for consultation. JS has asked Rhian Corcoran, Environment Centre, if a meeting of consultees can be organised.

7. **Gower Forum**

A meeting is scheduled for Wed. 28 Jan. on "ongoing work within Gower National Landscape" (i.e. not specifically cycling or transport but a possible networking/learning opportunity). JB has details. DJ offered to attend. **[Action: DJ]**

8. **Bishopston Active Travel Routes**

DJ described routes useful for connecting Bishopston school(s). We support his pursuing these ideas in collaboration with PT and their local councillor (Lyndon Jones) with whom PT has been in contact in connection with the GAP. The support of the schools (perhaps with shared funding) should be sought. **[Action: DJ, PT]**

9. Tywi Valley Cycle Route

This is expected to be completed in March. There are two potential issues for users: flooding and its use to move cattle. DJ observed that a final link to Llandeilo depends on the resolution of road by-pass plans, and that an extension along the old railway line on the town side towards the station might provide a link to the east of the town, avoiding the main road hill.

In discussion we agreed on the benefits of 'leisure' cycling (tourism, behaviour change) and the foolishness of making a distinction between infrastructure for leisure cycling from other forms of cycling. A Wheelrights ride using this route and the new Heart of Wales bike carriages is planned; discuss at next meeting. **[Action JB]**

10. Hosting a Swansea University Media & Comms Student

Is an opportunity to support WR's comms, campaigns and public engagement. CW will be the link, JF offered to help. NG proposed that JF be paid a small stipend for this (~£30/40). JS/CW to consider payment to JF. **[Action: CW]**

11. National and Regional Policy Reports

Cardiff University's cross-nation AT report compared the four nations' Active Travel definitions. Wales is the only one limiting it to "cycling with a purpose".

12. Any Other Business

- (a) PT is no longer on Facebook; NGAP Facebook page no longer needed.
- (b) PT has had contact with a group seeking a Park and Ride car park for cyclists at Aberdulais. We supported this. PT would draft a letter in support to circulate for comment and discuss with James Dewitt (Neath-based Wheelrights member). **[Action: PT]**
- (d) Eversley Rd "experimental" one-way set-up open for objections till mid-May. **[Action: BL]**
- (e) DN asked about the status of Clyne Park Old Carriage Road surfacing proposal. JB advised that the scheme is not going ahead as proposed; the plans are being revised. DJ commented that there are better alternatives to tarmac for bridleways, e.g. resin-bound gravel.
- (f) JS reported good news: work on NCR 43 under Landore viaduct is complete.

13. Date of next meeting

Saturday 14 February, 10am in Ripples Café.

Notes prepared by BL