

Gower Cycling Festival

Notes of meeting on 15th December 2017 in the Environment Centre Café

Present: Ian Davies (ID), Allyson Evans(AE), Pat Hansard (PH), David Naylor (DN),
Chris Walsh (CW).

Apologies: Nick Guy (NG).

1. **Matters arising** from notes of 14 October meeting.

None.

2. **Rides programme.**

We discussed the preliminary programme which DN had previously circulated. Modifications were suggested and agreed. They include some new rides (Principally: Felinfoel Brewery, Brynamman Circuit and Aberavon.) and some modification to existing rides. We also decided to move the social from the Wednesday to Friday. The main reason for this was to incorporate a longer CTC ride on the Wednesday, this being the normal day for CTC rides. Responding to feedback we are scheduling shorter rides for the days when there is an evening event. The revised programme (including actions needed) is in the Appendix overleaf. **[Action: NG, DN, CW]**

NG had suggested we hold the launch at Ripples Café. However we decided to stick with Blackpill. (See 3c. below for why.)

3. **AOB**

(a) Registration. Responding to a suggestion from JS that we use the GCF to get more members we agreed to DN's proposal that we invite registrants to pay either £10.00 or £5.00, Wheelrights membership being included in the former.

(b) Start/Finish. We decided that, if there is a bike hire docking station at the Waterfront Museum in time for the Festival, we would change our Sail Bridge S/F point to there.

(c) Llethrid issue. By chance Philip McDonnell (Editor of *Environmental Events*.) visited the café during our meeting. The Council had informed him that, because they believed that the rides (2 and 17) which pass through the Llethrid end of Green Cwm are trespassing, he may not be able to publicise the Festival in *Environmental Events*.

After he left we discussed this and decided that this year we would not take these rides through Green Cwm. DN reluctantly accepted this, reluctantly because he felt that this was one of the gems of the Peninsula with its sites of archeological interest. He was unhappy about the alternative via Lunnon because it involves the steep, narrow and twisty descent to Shepherds – not recommended for less experienced cyclists. ID noted however that some CTC cyclists don't like cycling on the gravel surface of the path through Green Cwm.

Having made this decision we should be able to get the full support of the Council, including sponsorship (To more than cover the £35 admin. fee we had to pay this year for access to power at Blackpill.) and permission – without the need for the help of a Cabinet Member – to hold the Launch at Blackpill. Furthermore we should use it to push for the right to cycle on this public footpath. ID suggested that *Cycling UK's Trails for Wales* initiative could be a means of achieving this.

9. **Next meeting.**

10.00 am, Thursday, 11 January, in the Environment Centre Café.

Notes prepared by David Naylor.

APPENDIX

Gower Cycling Festival (18-25 August 2018)

Preliminary rides programme.

Key to Start/Finish and ride type [].

BP = Blackpill; DR = Dunv. RFC; SB = Sail Bridge; D/S = DR then SB;
 D/K = DR then Kingsbridge; D/T = DR then Three Cliffs café.
 [CTC] = Swansea CTC ride; [F] = suitable for families; [U3A] = U3A ride.

Date (miles) S/F		Time	Ride (Leader)	Notes	
Sat. 18 th	1 (6)	BP	14.30	Foreshore ride. (NG) [F]	Title please, Nick.
	2 (20)	BP	14.30	Taste of Gower (DN)	Avoiding Green Cwm!
	3 (20?)	BP	14.30	Kilvey Hill/City Heights (CW)	Combine them. (Chris: title?)
Sun. 19 th	4 (20)	DR	10.00	Campus to Campus (CF) [F]	DN to check with Colin Fielder.
	5 (28)	DR	10.00	Arthur's Stone (PH) [CTC]	
	6 (50)	DR	10.00	Kidwelly (ID) [CTC]	Inland out – not flat!
Mon. 20 th	7 (16/4)	D/S	10.00/10.45	Copperopolis (DA) [F]	½ day. (Dawn: check if open.)
	8 (25)	DR	9.30	Llanmadoc & Pots (DN) [U3A]	
	9 (9)	DR	18.30	Folk Club ^{Evening} (JR)	
Tue. 21 st	10 (25)	DR	10.00	Felinfoel Brewery (tba)	New.
	11 (42/30)	DR	9.30	Grand Gower Circuit (DN/ano)	Propose anti-clockwise.
Wed 22 nd	12 (6)	DR	10.30	BikeAbility (NG) [F]	½ day.
	13 (33/21)	D/S	10.00/10.45	Port to Pottery (AE) [CTC]	
	14 (45)	DR	10.00	Brynamman (DN/ano) [CTC]	Clockwise. Hillier pm option.
Thu. 23 rd	15 (47/35)	D/S	9.15/10.00	Ystradgynlais-Crynant. (tba)	New: Swansea/Dulais valleys.
	16 (52/40)	D/S	9.15/10.00	Glyncorwg (ID)	Instead of Rhondda Tunnel.
Fri. 24 th	17 (32)	DR	10.00	Burry Port (PH)	New
	18 (14/5)	D/T	10.00/12.30	Ride/Walk (DN) [F]	Variation – neap tide.
	19	DR	19.00	Social ^{Evening} (DJ)	DN to check with David Judd.
Sat. 25 th	20 (22/10)	D/K	10.00/10.30	Bont & W'fowl (DN/NG) [F]	½ day.
	21 (35/23)	DR	10.00	Aberavon (PH)	½ day.
	22 (32/15)	DR	10.00	Estuary wide (tba) [F: shorter]	½ day for shorter option.