

CycleWight Committee, 16th Jan 2026 Clatterford Rd & Zoom

Present: Claire Franklin (CF) Helen Jones (HJ), Malcolm Ross (MR), Tim Thorne (TT), Mick Watts (MickW), George Wilks (GW), Kayleigh Richter (KR) Alan Bennett (AB)

Apologies: Peter Dyer(PD), Alex Lawson (AL)

1. Bids for Grants.

The bid to AirBnb for a grant of £25,000 to print maps, posters and publicity material has been submitted. The result of this will be known in Feb. The likelihood of success will be small as this covers the whole of the UK. If we are not successful it was agreed to continue to pursue our own materials with funds raised locally.

Pete Dyer has submitted to some ideas to the Road Safety Officer for consideration. These were to raise the profile of cycling as well road safety. The three ideas were Dr Bike linked to Bikeability, a cycle gymkhana and to move the cycle fest to a more central location though this final idea was not part of this submission. We are waiting to hear back. Hopefully this will be soon to allow for organising the events.

2. AGM

To be discussed at the next meeting

3. Flooding

Parts of the NCN are flooding on a regular basis and this negates the routes being of use all year. This was mentioned in the last member's briefing. Two members volunteered to record access at Langbridge and Alverstone to build up data. Other members have been in contact with more details which TT has submitted to various bodies after consulting with the ROW manager. Work on the flooding near Wootton is due to begin in February. Linked to this there has been some collapse of the river bank near Shide and TT has written directly to the IWC/IR contract manager requesting immediate investigation

4. Cowes Road Closure

This begins again next month for a large number of weeks. It was suggested that we remind people of the commuter challenge we did for the previous closure. GW declined to drive the car if we did a similar event.

5. Harvey Brown's

The committee were to meet in early January at HB's partly for social reasons but to also review the access at the site which does not comply with the planning agreement. This was cancelled because of the poor weather. The new date is Sat 7th Feb. 11.00AM

6. Petition 30 mph on single track roads.

We have been contacted by a Marion Perrott who is attempting to raise 100,000 signatures to enable a debate in parliament to make it mandatory for all single track roads to have a compulsory speed limit of 30 mph. The committee thought this was an idea to support. We have already posted a link to the petition on Fb. We will ensure it is in the next briefing and offer

further support by providing a list of groups and bodies who she can send it for it reach a wider audience eg Cycling UK Walk, Wheel and Ride Trust.

7. Local Transport Plan 2026

KR spoke about the LTP and what is next. There were 460 responses across a range of people though younger residents were not widely represented. Since the consultation process the final draft is being prepared before it goes through the various committees and full council. You can see the draft and the associated documents here. This will be an important document when the Island becomes part of the wider 'Solent Authority'. The first step in this process, when signed off, is to identify what parts of the plan can be implemented in the near future and to have a more up to date Active Travel Strategy. Would anyone be willing to attend the first of those meetings? Economy, Regeneration, Transport and Infrastructure Committee - Thursday, 22nd January, 2026 5.00 pm

<https://iow.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=399&MId=2334&Ver=4>

8. Island Green Link

TT met the Island Green Link officer for a briefing about the progress of the project. He discussed the various elements the plan. The first part of the work will begin in Feb at Wootton. In several other elements of the project drawings have been made and are waiting for the final go ahead. There are still some parts which are problematic but as the project does not have to be complete until March 2029 it does give more opportunity to complete these sections of the scheme. A project manager has been appointed and will be in post shortly which should help with delivery.

9. AOB

* To contact the Road Safety Officer about the recent spate of serious injuries and deaths of cyclists to ask if the Council is considering any action. TT has already sent a link to him showing KSI (killed and seriously injured) on rural roads is statistically higher than on urban roads. This issue is on the agenda of Local Access Forum. ***TT/PD***

* Rookley Path GW is keen to ensure this project gains momentum again. The money is there for the survey. TT will write to the RoW manager to ensure the landowner is still fully supportive of the project and then we can employ the Surveyor. ***TT/GW***

Next Meeting: February 2026