

CycleWight Committee, 27 August 2026 Clatterford Rd & Zoom

Present: Alan Bennett (AB), Peter Dyer(PD), Claire Franklin (CF), Alex Lawson (AL), Stella Peterson (SP), Malcolm Ross (MR), Tim Thorne (TT), Mick Watts (MW), George Wilks (GW)
Apologies: Helen Jones (HJ), Matt Whitaker (Matt),

The meeting took place on Zoom but was interrupted by technical problems. Minutes include post meeting updates & responses including feedback from IWC Transport |Strategy Officer KR.

1. CycleWight AGM

The Walk Wheel & Cycle Trust have agreed to do a presentation at the AGM. This will take place on Friday 25 September at the Unity Hall, 20 St Thomas' Square, Newport, PO30 1SG. The meeting will start at 8pm and a meal will be arranged beforehand at a suitable venue. IT facilities need to be set up. Volunteer needed to organise raffle and prizes. Interval refreshments will need to be provided: *****members & committee*****

2. Fighting Cocks Crossroads

CycleWight has campaigned for a 40mph limit at the Fighting Cocks crossroads, as already applied to nearby sections of the A3056. Now five local businesses have given their support, Newchurch Parish have voted for the speed reduction and Joe Roberston MP has indicated interest. A number of CycleWight Members wrote to the parish council to lobby for the measure which will make the round the island cycle route safer and improve safety for bus users and even car drivers in the area.

There is to be a further meeting on site in early September with the project manager and CycleWight committee members.

3. Planning Submissions:

HJ submitted comments on the new planning application from Harvey Brown's

TT submitted comments on the Birch Close planning application in Colwell.

4. Island Green Link

There has been progress at Thorley and at Victoria Recreation Ground. However GW and others noted that there is a long way to go to complete a route from Ryde to Freshwater. There is a large budget allocation and we are told the project is well resource with staff; however a limited time remains of 18 months, and it may be that the easier sections have so far been tackled. We were told in May that Kite Hill was next. PD has asked to see drawings or to talk to the designer and this has not led to answers. We need to know that the project will progress while the money is still available and we need to know who is in a position to influence this.

TT said that highways come under the Regeneration portfolio, so a way forward may be to identify which councillors are on this committee. The next newsletter will include the issue and HJ has prepared a write up.

5. Horringford cycle track: letter to Chief Executive

PD report: We decided at the last meeting to escalate this longstanding NCN23 surface issue as it's been going on for too long.

"I phoned the IWC requesting to speak with Wendy Perera or Simon Moon who were both unavailable at that time. I received a call from a very helpful Lois Southgate, PA to Simon Moon, Strategic Director of Community Services. I was asked to put the situation in writing and assured it would go in front of Simon Moon upon his return from annual leave, Monday 17th Aug. I did that. I received an email from the PA the following day saying the matter had been passed to Stewart Chandler.

I received an email from Stewart Chandler late on Thurs 20th Aug explaining there had been a disagreement with their contractors regarding the definition of a 'Bound' surface, however they are progressing the matter which he's requested to be escalated as it needs to be promptly resolved. He thought the new ATE document which recommends types of rural surfacing could be useful.

He was hopeful that "we will be able to get some substantial surfacing works programmed in the coming months".

He continued that IR's fixmystreet was available if issues still needed to be reported.

I replied on Tues 25th (cc Simon Moon) agreeing that the ATE Document was useful but didn't change the fact that the IWC had photographic evidence that the surface was sealed tarmac prior to the PFI contract, also at the start of the PFI contract the council stated that the cycle path network would be upgraded, not left to deteriorate. I found another dated photo from 2017 clearly showing the tarmac surface under the East Lane road bridge. I suggested this again was proof unless IR had any record of resurfacing the track between 2013-2017.

In response to the "Coming months" quote, I requested a critical path plan with dates and targets so that everyone would know what was happening. He was reminded that this has been on going since 2022 and if this was a public road the situation would not be tolerated.

I thanked him for his and his team's help in other current projects but emphasised that this was a priority issue for CW and the current situation is unacceptable.

At the time of our Committee meeting there has been no reply. If I do not hear within 7 days I intend to follow up with cc Simon Moon, Wendy Perera, Julie Jones- Evans and Jonathan Bacon.

6. ATE Rural Design Guidance

Would there be any value in reviewing the island's promoted cycle routes (National Cycle Network 22, 23, Red Squirrel Trail, RTI, Causeway, Undercliff) to determine whether they are compliant with the new ATE guidance. HJ CF have offered to help with this. We will seek further information from KR on this issue.

7. Council Network Integrity Report

Following the disclosure that little has been achieved on the Council's Network Integrity Report, do we create a list of works we wish to see and monitor progress? (HJ) The Transport Strategy Officer does have access to this list and will monitor the active travel elements.

8. Speed Watch

Stella Peterson is hoping to start up a group in St Helen's after the success of the group in Brading. This is an area where there are many cyclists because of the Round the Island route.

9. Cycle Strategy

Should CycleWight to revise its cycle strategy for the Isle of Wight to reflect the changes that have taken place since 2017? (HJ) This issue may be worth considering at the next meeting though with active travel having a higher profile in recent times this may not be necessary.

10. AOB

PD: St Mary's Hospital bike parking, (They had 20k to spend]. Ongoing.

PD: Thoughts on what to do with the supermarket cycle survey. Ongoing.

TT/AL: Bikeability & Dr Bike. Ongoing.

HJ/AL: Donation Kidical Mass. Future agenda.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/designing-accessible-rural-active-travel>

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/article/2287/Local-Access-Forum-LAF-meeting>

Next Meetings: September and AGM 25/9/2026