

Ynysddu cycle path back on track

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LONG-AWAITED repairs on a cycle route left unusable after a landslide in 2008 could begin within a few months.

National Cycle Route 47 was blocked between Cwmfelinfach and Ynysddu after a landslip in August 2008 which was brought on by severe flooding.

As reported in the Argus in January, residents and councillors were calling on Caerphilly council to clear the route, which was built ten years ago and runs all the way from Newport to Fishguard.

As a result the route is impassable and was fenced off.

It was built by cycling charity Sustrans, but is now the responsibility of the council.

After more than 18 months out of commission, Caerphilly council hope to begin work on clearing the route in the spring.

This comes after the council got a provisional offer of a £315,000 grant from Sustrans for work which could re-open the route.

The cash is part of a larger offer for work to upgrade cycle tracks and build new ones across the borough.

John Roberts, 72, a cyclist who lives in Melin Street, Cwmfelinfach, described the news as "wonderful."

"We've been waiting a long time for this and I'm glad to hear it, it will be lovely to see it back up and running," he said.

It is not yet known how long the work will take to finish, so there is no re-opening date for the cycle track at the moment.

Ynysddu councillor Jan Jones said: "We're very pleased, we've been pushing for this and highlighted this situation back in the spring."

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LONG-AWAITED: From left, David Samuel, Councillor Janet Jones, Brian Evan and Grosvenor Williams at the site of the landslide on the Sirhowy way cycle path above Cwmfelinfach

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