

# NORTH & MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS



## CAMBRIAN TRANSPORT LIAISON COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

#### of a meeting of the Cambrian Lines

held on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 11.45am** at

The offices of Aberystwyth Town Council Baker Street Aberystwyth or by  
zoom (details issued in email)

#### **Present were:**

Cllr Trevor Roberts	Chair
Robert Robinson	Secretary
Angus Eickhoff	SARPA
Cllr Anne Lloyd Jones	Gwynedd Council
Cllr Jeff Smith	Aberystwyth Town Council
Ken Ward	Welshpool Facebook Users group

#### **Apologies received from:**

Gail Jones	TFW
Cllr Norma Davies	Vice Chair of the Association
Cllr Ian Hodge	Chair of the Association
Cllr Michael Williams	Machynlleth and Powys County Council
Cllr Andrew Wallbank	Caersws Community Council
Cllr Alun Williams	Ceredigion Council

#### **1. Welcome by the Chair**

The meeting received a welcome from the Chair.

#### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The meeting considered and approved the minutes of the last meeting.

### 3. Actions since last meeting

The meeting noted actions taken since the last meeting as follows:

No	Activity	Status
1	Minutes issued and put on website	Completed
2	Footbridge at Welshpool – agreement regarding cleaning and gritting	Awaiting confirmation as no report from TFW
3	Pocket timetables produced	No information on if these have been put in place
4	Survey completed 15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> February on North Coast, Cambrian and Chester/Shrewsbury lines	Completed
5	Letter to Shropshire on 10 year plan	Completed
6	Shrewsbury information boards and staffing at Shrewsbury – customer care	No report from TFW

### 4. Reports

There were no reports from TFW or from Network Rail.

The meeting was concerned that again there was not report from TFW. The secretary is to follow this up.

The meeting held in Shrewsbury with TFW proved to be of little value with some present spending more time on 'insignificant' items rather than the timetabling which was the point of the meeting.

The meeting planned to be at 1pm with Colin Lee of TFW has been cancelled. A new date is to be set.

### 5. Timetable changes

The meeting noted the following:

The consultation has been completed supporting the Llandudno service to Liverpool and the Holyhead service to Manchester Piccadilly.

Objection to Cambrian Coast reductions in services.

Seeking 1630 service to Aberystwyth from Shrewsbury. (TFW agreed to look at this.

Meeting with Colin Lee still awaited.  
Taking too long – meeting now being  
sought with CEO of TFW with Russell  
George and the Association.

## **6. Surveys**

Further surveys to completed in 2025 when new trains and timetables in place.

## **7. Any other relevant business**

The following points were made which need input from TFW:

- a) Clarification on the agreement regarding the Welshpool footbridge to be sought with regards to cleaning and gritting.
- b) Update on 'call points' at all stations to be sought.
- c) Update on status of abandoned car in Welshpool station car park.
- d) Update on 'no CIC indicator boards along platforms at Dovey Junction to give information in the area where the train leaves on the Aberystwyth platform.
- e) Train announcements continue to be poor – training issues.
- f) Update on bus interchange at Machynlleth Station to be sought.
- g) Some buses timetabled to stop at Machynlleth Station but stop short. Information on why this is happening to be sought.
- h) Update on progress with including a 1630 ex Shrewsbury to Aberystwyth train into the timetable.
- i) An update on when Colin Lee can meet with the Cambrian Line Chair and Secretary to look at the hourly train service to Aberystwyth splitting a Shrewsbury.
- j) following £6 million being spent on a new Park and Ride station at Bow Street that no bus services seem to call and use the station.

## **9. Dates of next meeting**

The meeting noted the date of the next meeting which is a North Wales/Cambrian Transport Committee– Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am by zoom.