

NORTH & MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS



NORTH WALES TRANSPORT LIAISON COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of a meeting held on **Friday 10th May 2024** at
10.30am by zoom (details issued in email)

Present were:

Cllr Ian Hodge Chair	Holywell Town Council
Cllr Norma Davies Vice Chair	Flint Town Council
Nick Smith	Avanti Rail
Cllr Vivienne Blondek	Buckley Town Council
Cllr Michael Davies	Beaumaris Town Council
Cllr Carol Holliday	Prestatyn Town Council
Cllr Peter Morton	St Asaph City Council
Robert Saxby	Rail Future
Jackie Webster	Conwy Town Council
Robert Robinson Secretary	Llanfair Caereinion Town 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 the actions taken since the last meeting.

5. Reports - Nick Smith Avanti Trains.

An outline was given regarding services in the short term.
Avanti apologies for the cancellations and issues with services.
Through trains to Llandudno are not planned to restart currently.

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New Hitachi trains are due to be in service shortly with longer carriages and more seats. They should also give a more reliable service.

Issues around overcrowding and cancelled trains were raised and continue at this current time. There was no comfort given that this situation will improve in the short term.

6. Timetable changes

The meeting considered the timetable changes proposed by TFW.

See link at [TFW Future Timetable Review | Have your say by Transport for Wales](#) In particular the meeting considered the Llandudno services to Manchester/Liverpool.

After discussion the meeting **AGREED** to respond to the consultation as follows:

- i) To support the services from Llandudno to Liverpool.
- ii) To support the change of service from Manchester Airport to Bangor and Holyhead.
- iii) To seek a 1630 train from Shrewsbury to the Cambrian Coast.
- iv) To ensure the trains running (reduced) have more capacity.

7. Specific issues

To consider the following:

- i) **The footbridge at Prestatyn Station**
The condition of the footbridge has been highlighted to TFW who have passed it to the station team.
- ii) **The possible provision of toilets at Prestatyn**
The nearby town toilets are closed and not likely to open again. There are no toilets near or on the station. TFW have been asked about the provision but there is not likely to be any action in the short term. It was noted that there were toilets on the train (if you can get to them with overcrowding of some trains).

iii) **Llandudno station**

It was confirmed that the services to Llandudno Station have returned to normal (some 6 months ago). No further action needed on this item.

iv) **Rhyl Station**

The disabled access to the station was considered. The secretary gave an outline of what was there and could not see where TFW could make any improvements to that.

iv) **Deganwy crossing point**

It was noted that the new Liverpool service from Llandudno is subject to the Network Rail works to crossings/footbridges at Deganwy. This work is planned to be completed by December 2024 to allow the new timetables to come into effect.

8. Surveys

The meeting received an update on the February/March 2024 surveys and progress with regards meetings with Welsh Government and TFW planning. The meeting with the minister is still awaited. The next surveys are likely to be 2025/26 when most of the new trains are running.

9. Dates of future meetings

The meeting noted the date of the next meeting as Friday 12th July at 10.30am by zoom.