



MINUTES

**of meeting of the Executive of the Association
held on Friday 22nd March 2024 at 2pm
by Zoom**

1. Record of attendance In attendance were:

Cllr Ian Hodge (Chair)	Holywell Town Council
Cllr Norma Davies (Vice Chair)	Flint Town Council.
Cllr Joan Butterfield MBE (President)	Rhyl Town Council
Cllr Vivienne Blondek	Buckley Town Council
Cllr Michael Davies	Beaumaris Town Council
Cllr Bernise McLoughlin	Towyn & Kinmell Bay Council
Cllr Peter Morton	St Asaph City Council
Robert Robinson (Secretary)	Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

Apologies for absence received from:

Cllr J Oakes and Cllr Y Edwards.

2. Minutes of the last Executive Meeting

The meeting **APPROVED** the minutes of the last meeting.

3. Actions taken from the last meeting

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

No	Subject	Status
1	Issue minutes and post of web site	Completed
2	Consider and issue details of what improvements are sought to the A55	Completed. Meeting offered before awaited
3	Arrange meetings with the Minister and TFW regarding the rail surveys	Still chasing for a response.
4	Invite Fields in Trust to the October meeting	Arranged.
5	Invite someone from re-cycling to advise on the responsibilities of Town and Community Councils regarding the new scheme to the April meeting	Arranged.



6	Add to the next agenda: i) Libraries and contributions form town and community councils for the July meeting with speaker ii) Recycling and the responsibilities of town and community councils for the April meeting with speaker to include fly tipping	On the agenda for the meeting on 19 th April.
7	Issue list of members councils	Completed.
8	Issues regarding the Deganwy crossing and direct trains to Llandudno in the summer to be discussed with Network Rail & TFW to gain a resolution.	Confirmed, trains running as normal to Llandudno. Issue is around pedestrian crossing. Further reports from Members to be provided to confirm train services.
9	Youth Safeguarding meeting to be notified to all members.	Completed.
10	Respond to homeless consultation	Completed.
11	Respond to National Park consultation	Completed.

4. Financial and governances

4.1 General

To receive a financial report and to note the bank balance of £5024.25p

To note the invoices for membership have been issued for the current and may have paid. Those who have not yet renewed membership have received a reminder.

The meeting discussed the issue of the cost of meetings which currently is not sustainable. It was agreed to use venues which are at a lower cost level and to allow for a buffet lunch at a lower price to members.



After some discussion the venues for future meetings were noted as:

April and July 2024 meetings	Connah's Quay
October 2024 meeting	Beaumaris Others
Rhyl, Towyn & Kinmell Bay	
	and Flint

5. Agenda for next quarterly meeting – 19th April 2024

The meeting considered and approved the proposed agenda as set out at appendix 1 of these minutes.

7. Membership

The meeting agreed to invite local councils who are not members to a 'taster' meeting to try and encourage more to take part in the Association.

8. Date of next meeting

The meeting noted the date of the next executive meeting which is to be held on Friday 21st June 2024 at 10.30am by Zoom.



APPENDIX 1

AGENDA

For the quarterly meeting of the Association
to be held on
Friday 19th April 2024 at 10.30a
Civic Halls, Connah's Quay

1. Welcome

To receive a welcome from the Chair.

To receive a welcome to the meeting by the

2. Record of attendance

To record attendance and any apologies for absence.

3. Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting

To consider and approve the minutes of the last meeting held in
October 2023 - see appendix A

4. Visiting speaker

To receive a presentation regarding the new re-cycling rules.

5. Actions taken from the last meeting

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6. Executive

To note the executive meeting minutes from the meeting held on 22nd March 2024.

See appendix B.



7. Finance and governance

To note the current bank balances.

To consider the cost of quarterly meetings and buffet lunch provision.

8. Transport update

To receive a report on the February rail surveys to be an appendix to the main survey report – September 2023. See separate information.

9. Charities managed by local councils

To consider some basic information on the management of Trusts and Charities administered by Local Councils. Presentation to be available at the meeting.

10. Martyn's Law standard tier consultation – anti terrorism and Local

Councils Following the publication of the long-awaited Martyn's Law standard tier consultation in February the Home Office have announced details of the proposed law with interested public sector bodies which may own or manage buildings and premises falling in scope of the standard tier of the draft Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, including local (town, parish and community) councils. Presentation available at the meeting.

11. Libraries – contributions by Local Councils

To share information on how each member council supports its local library service.

12. Future delivery of services by county councils

To consider the new approach by county councils regarding future delivery of services – i.e. enabling approach.

13. Elections and governance of Welsh Government

To consider the attached paper at appendix and any response to Welsh Government. See appendix C.

14. Meeting with Minister for North Wales and Transport

The secretary is to see if he can arrange a meeting with the Minister on transport issues in North Wales.



15. Any other business Any other business notified to the Chair or Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

16. Date of next meeting

To note the date of the next meeting on Friday 19th July 2024 at 10.30am in the Civic Halls, Connah's Quay.