

NORTH & MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS



NORTH WALES TRANSPORT LIAISON COMMITTEE

AGENDA

for a meeting of the North Wales Coast Transport Committee

to held on **Friday 4th July 2024 at 10.30am**

1. Welcome from the Chair

To receive a welcome from the Chair.

2. Record of attendance

To record of attendance.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

To consider and approve the minutes of the last North Wales Coast Transport meeting. Minutes attached.

4. Actions from the last meeting T

To consider an update on the actions taken since the last meeting.

Ref	Action	Status
1	Minutes to be prepared, sent out in draft and then published on the web site at www.northwalesassociation.org.uk	Completed
2	TFW to report back to the secretary on all items listed in minute no 5.	Awaited
3	Meeting to be arranged with parties involved with footbridge at Welshpool.	Awaited
4	Meeting with station audit manager.	Awaited
5	Meeting with Welsh Government and TFW senior staff	Held – see attached minutes

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5. Transport for Wales

Report from Transport for Wales with the following of note:

i) Prestatyn

The station at Prestatyn still has two issues which are of concern:

- a) Passengers not being able to access trains in busy times with security guards stopping people boarding is not acceptable.
- b) Toilets not being located either on the station or close to the station is still an issue – particularly due to the town being a holiday destination.

ii) Station audit meeting

iii) Performance details

iv) Number of 2 car units being in service

v) Services Shrewsbury via Chester to Holyhead

vi) Request stops (trial at Tygroes and Llanfair PG)

vii) Deganwy crossing

6. Avanti

Report from Avanti.

7. Welsh Government announcement on more trains for North Wales

To note the announcement of more trains for north coast. TFW to report on how this is being completed as we have previously been told they do not have enough units to strengthen the current services.

8. Meeting with Welsh Government and Transport for Wales

Report on the meeting with the CEO of TFW along with Welsh Government. See appendix A.

9 Dates of future meetings

The meeting noted the dates for meetings of both the North Coast, Cambrian and Joint Transport Committees as follows:

Cambrian Lines Hybrid	North Coast By zoom	Joint meeting
Friday 14 th March 2025	Friday 7 th March 2025	Friday 4 th July 2025

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APPENDIX A

MINUTES

Meeting between Russell George (Senedd), Transport for Wales and the Association

held by video link on Tuesday 20th August 2024 at 10am
Cambrian and North Coast Lines

1. Present were:

Russell George Senedd Member
Cllr Ian Hodge Chair of the Association
Cllr Trevor Robinson Chair Cambrian Lines Committee
Robert Robinson Secretary to the Association
James Price CEO Transport for Wales
Jan Chaudhry-van-der-Velede
Gethin Jones Transport for Wales
Steve Whiteley Transport for Wales
In attendance Diane Ellis

2. Issues from last meeting

The main issues surrounded actions agreed at previous meetings which have not been taken forward.

3. Improvements

The improvements observed on the network included:

- i) Slight improvement in train punctuality. (told 93% - actually trains on time out of Shrewsbury 65%)
- ii) Extra train on Cambrian 1630 out of Shrewsbury welcome.
- iii) No cuts in services welcome
- iv) Station staff at main interchanges working well.
- v) On board staff still amazing.
- v) Lifts at Newtown welcomed.

4. Current issues

The current issues are either still outstanding or need thought:

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A	Welshpool Station footbridge	Agreement still not in place, now more than overdue.
B	Welshpool Station improvements	Study completed, no action to improve to date whilst other stations are being improved.
C	Prestatyn Station overcrowding	Still issues of trains not letting passengers on at rush hour periods.
D	Trains between Chester and Shrewsbury	Size of units – confirmation awaited.
E	Main Line train formations: TFW confirmed that with the 21 units predominately being used for the Cambrian Lines only that (with very few exceptions) will all comprise 4 carriages between Birmingham International and Aberystwyth.	Written confirmation awaited.
F	Station Audit meeting	To be arranged but no action to date.
G	Disabled meeting held	No action – still stations not dementia friendly (particularly Welshpool)
H	Deganwy crossing (Llandudno branch)	Still awaiting news.
I	Meeting with Colin Lee still not held	Regarding the splitting of trains on paths to both Holyhead/Cambrian together.
J	Minister promised a meeting on the rail surveys and A55 issues. Still not happened.	No action from WG end.
K	Cambrian Lines stock	158's v 197's timing.
L	Overcrowding still an issue. More surveys in 2025.	How do we move this issue forward.
M	Signage at Shrewsbury and Birmingham still not clear. Meeting with Shrewsbury station manager suggested by TFW.	Not arranged to date.

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Note: Still a lot of comments around the new units – uncomfortable ride in particular. It is accepted that we ‘are stuck with them’ for quite a while.

5. Actions to be taken forward:

Ref	Subject	Action
A	Welshpool Station footbridge	TFW to investigate and report back by 30/9/24
B	Welshpool Station improvements	TFW to investigate and report back by 30/9/24
C	Prestatyn Station overcrowding	TFW to investigate and report back by 30/9/24
D	Trains between Chester and Shrewsbury	Meeting with Colin Lee as promised at the last meeting to be arranged.
E	Main Line train formations: TFW confirmed that with the 21 units predominately being used for the Cambrian Lines only that (with very few exceptions) will all comprise 4 carriages between Birmingham International and Aberystwyth.	To be discussed at meeting noted in D above.
F	Station Audit meeting	Date to be arranged.
G	Disabled meeting held	TFW to investigate and report back by 30/9/24
H	Deganwy crossing (Llandudno branch)	Russell George to pass on request for information to Network Rail.
I	Meeting with Colin Lee still not held	See D above
J	Minister promised a meeting on the rail surveys and A55 issues. Still not happened.	Copies of emails etc to be sent to Russell George so he can follow this up.
K	Cambrian Lines - 197 stock introduced.	Expected later in 2025 or early 2026.

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L	Overcrowding still an issue. More surveys in 2025.	The Association will action these.
M	Signage at Shrewsbury and Birmingham still not clear. Meeting with Shrewsbury station manager suggested by TFW.	TFW to investigate and report back by 30/9/24
N	Slides with 93% train reliability presented issued by TFW.	Robert Robinson to supply a copy of the slides to TFW.

Target timescale for actions to be completed is 30th September 2024.