



## **MINUTES**

of a meeting of the Executive held on  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 10.30am**  
by Zoom

**Present were**

Cllr Ian Hodge Chair  
Cllr Norma Davies Vice Chair  
Cllr Joan Butterfield President (part)  
Cllr Michael Davies  
Cllr Lynette Edwards (part)  
Cllr Peter Morton (part)

**Apologies received from**

Cllr Vivienne Blondek  
Cllr Patrick Heeson  
Cllr Bernise McLoughlin

**1. Welcome by the chair**

The meeting received a welcome from the chair.

**2. Declarations of interest**

No declarations of interest were recorded..

**4. Minutes of the last**

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

**5. Actions since the last meeting**

To meeting noted the actions taken since the last quarterly meeting as set out below:

<b>No</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Complete draft minutes, circulate and post on website	Completed
2	Members to offer presentations to the local councils near to them and/or have left recently.	See below
3	A draft heading for presentations to be circulate.	Completed
4	Arrange for a Welsh Government official or minister to visit the Association regarding road matters.	Being arranged
5	Complete Holyhead ferry/train surveys. Circulate adopted rail survey report.	Completed

	Arrange for meeting with Stena Line, TFW and Avanti regarding Holyhead ferry/rail information.	Being arranged
	Send shopping centre report out with free parking added as an issue.	Completed
	Letter to Welsh Government on Tourism Tax.	Completed
	Prepare a press release for circulation.	Completed

## 6. Finance and governance

To consider the following:

### 6.1 Financial report

The secretary gave a short report on the finances. The current bank balances are around £4,300.

### 6.2 Membership

Membership fees are coming in. A full picture will be available for the January full Association meeting. All existing members renewing.

Members were asked to contact their local councils to seek to attract more members. A presentation was to be prepared by the secretary and circulated.

## 7. Rail matters

### 7.1 Committee meeting (January 2026)

There are 21 members booked to attend the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 with TFW senior officials. Bookings are now closed.

The meeting starts at 12noon and there will be a light lunch provided afterwards.

The agenda was considered and confirmed. See appendix A.

### 7.2 Holyhead Port

The secretary has met with Stena Line Ferries and it was a good and co-operative meeting by zoom with the Belfast office.

## 8. Agenda for quarterly meeting

The meeting considered and approved the agenda for the quarterly meeting to be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026.

## 9. Any other business

### 9.1 Copyright

An update was given regarding a company claiming that we have used two general pictures from the web. The company is seeking £400 for their use. The secretary has looked at their website the standard fee for this type of picture is £24 each. The pictures were not noted as copyrighted on the web.

## 10. Date of next meeting

To note the dates of meetings as follows:

Quarterly meeting by zoom – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

Executive meeting by zoom – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Both meetings start at 10.30am.

**CAMBRIAN AND NORTH WALES COAST TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA**

For a meeting to be held on  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 12noon  
at Gateway House Shrewsbury  
(in person only)

**1. Welcome by the chair**

To receive a welcome from the Chair.

**2. Record of attendance and introductions**

To record attendance and effect introductions.

**3. Minutes of the last joint transport meetings**

To consider and approve the minutes of the last meeting.

**4. Topics for discussion:**

**4.1 Stations**

**a) Welshpool**

Taking forward station improvements.

**b) Dementia friendly**

Looking at the Dementia Audit by the Association and progress towards implementation of a Dementia programme.

**4.2 Train timetables**

In particular the hourly train service issues where currently the path for the new Cambrian Line trains will be on the same path as the Holyhead trains. Need to consider capacity when train split at Shrewsbury.

**4.3 Capacity of trains**

To discuss capacity issues on trains including:

Trains missing out stations to gain back time or due to overcrowding.

Trains turned around before its destination to make up time.

**4.4 New trains in 2033**

To discuss train classed when the leases of the 197 fleet come to an end or review in 2033. This relates to the suitability of the 197 class as introduced in Wales for longer journeys.

**4.5 Surveys**

To consider the survey work and how they would be helpful into the future.

To receive an update on discussions with Holyhead Port.

#### **4.6 Remit of the liaison committees**

To consider the recommended user group remit as suggested by the Association.

- To receive updates and reports from rail operators and Network Rail.
- To discuss topics and respond to consultations.
- To make recommendations to the operators/Network Rail on rail matters.
- To complete survey and other consultation works to support TFW and Network Rail.
- To lobby both Parliament and the Welsh Government with regards to rail matters.

The meetings need be informative, meaningful and the members need to feel they do have some influence.

#### **4.7 Deganwy crossings**

To receive an update on what is happening.

#### **5. Membership**

To consider the membership of the committee's bearing in mind centralisation of them by TFW.

Suggested membership of both Committees as follows:

##### **Cambrian Lines (both Cambrian Main Line & Cambrian Coast Line)**

Community Councils within 10 miles of a station serving their community.

A County Council representative.

The Members of Parliament.

Senedd Members.

SARPA

Rail Future

Transport for Wales

Network Railways

##### **North Coast Lines (Main Line, Conway Valley)**

Community Councils within 10 miles of a station serving their community.

A County Council representative.

The Members of Parliament.

Senedd Members.

Rail Future

Transport for Wales

Network Railways

##### **Joint Committee Meting**

Members of both lines membership.

## **6. Dates for 2026 meetings**

Cambrian Transport – Friday 9th January 2026 at 12noon in Shrewsbury in person.

Cambrian Transport – Friday 3rd April 2026 at 11.15am at Aberystwyth Town Council and by zoom

North Wales Coast Transport – Friday 10th April 2026 at 10.30am by zoom.

Joint Cambrian and North Wales Coast – Friday 3rd July 2026 at 10.30am by zoom.

Cambrian Transport – Friday 2nd October 2026 at 11.15am at Aberystwyth Town Council and by zoom.

North Wales Coast Transport – Friday 9th October 2026 at 10.30am by zoom.

## APPENDIX B

### NORTH AND MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

## AGENDA

For the quarterly meeting of the Association to be held on  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 at 10.30am**  
by Zoom

#### **1. Welcome by the chair**

To receive a welcome from the chair.

#### **2. Record of attendance**

To record attendance.

#### **3. Declarations of interest**

To record any declarations of interest.

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

To consider and approve the minutes of the last meeting held in October 2025. See attached.

#### **5. Visiting representative from the Senedd regarding North Wales**

To receive a visiting speaker from the Trunk Road Agency for North Wales via Zoom.

#### **6. Actions since the last meeting**

To consider the actions taken since the last quarterly meeting as set out below:

No	Actions	Status
1	Complete draft minutes, circulate and post on website	Completed
2	Members to offer presentations to the local councils near to them and/or have left recently.	Update at this meeting
3	A draft heading for presentations to be circulate.	Completed
4	Arrange for a Welsh Government official or minister to visit the Association regarding road matters.	Being arranged
5	Complete Holyhead ferry/train surveys.	Completed
6	Circulate adopted rail survey report.	Completed
7	Arrange for meeting with Stena Line, TFW and Avanti regarding Holyhead ferry/rail information.	Under way
8	Send shopping centre report out with free parking added as an issue.	Completed
9	Letter to Welsh Government on Tourism Tax.	Completed
10	Prepare a press release for circulation.	Completed

## **7. Finance and governance**

To consider the following:

### **7.1 Financial report**

To receive a financial report.

### **7.2 Membership**

To receive an update on membership.

### **7.3 Audits**

To review what has been going wrong with audits with so many returning qualified and even notices in the public interest.

See appendix A.

## **8. Cambrian and North Wales Coast rail meeting**

To receive a report on Rail Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 in Shrewsbury

To consider membership of future meetings of these groups.

## **9. Section 6 Biodiversity Duty Reporting**

To receive an update on this new reporting requirement from this year and how it may affect your audit.

## **9. Current legislation**

### **9.1 Police and Crime Commissioners**

To note that the role of the Police and Commissions role is to end in 2028 (date next elections).

### **9.2 Fire and ambulance service**

A report on governance.

### **9.2 Martyn's Law**

To note the introduction of Martyn's Law and what it means for you.

## **10. Any other relevant businesses**

To discuss any relevant business notified to the Chair or the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

## **11. Date of the next meeting.**

To note the date of the next meeting and to confirm a venue.

Exhibit 2: Qualified audit opinions 2022-23

Income/expenditure	Number of councils	Audits completed	Qualified Opinions	Qualified opinions % of completed audits	Full audits completed	Qualified Opinions Full audits	Qualified Opinions % of full audits
Less than £10,000	209	191	104	54%	62	37	60%
£10,001 - £20,000	142	125	72	58%	37	23	62%
£20,001 - £50,000	155	146	58	40%	48	21	44%
£50,001 - £100,000	81	77	35	45%	26	16	62%
£100,001 - £200,000	67	63	36	57%	19	15	79%
More than £200,000	83	79	32	41%	24	13	54%
<b>Total</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>58%</b>

Source: Audit Wales analysis of 2022-23 audit outcomes. These include councils where the audit work has been completed but are to be reviewed prior to certification. The proposed draft opinions are subject to review before issue to councils.