

NORTH AND MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

NORTH WALES COAST TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of a meeting of the group held on
Friday 10th April 2026 at 10.30am by zoom.

Present were

Cllr Ian Hodge	Chair and Holywell Town Council
Cllr Norma Davies	Vice Chair and Flint Town Council
James Nichols	TFW
Cllr Michael Davies	Bearus Town Council
Cllr Patrick Heeson	Mostyn Community Council
Cllr Ian Lifford	Prestatyn Town Council
Cllr Alan Manship	Connah's Quay Town Council
Debbie Owen	Connah's Quay Town Council
Cllr Andrew Wood	Abergele Town Council

Apologies for absence

Cllr Trevor Roberts	Chair Cambrian Line Transport Committee
Cllr James Kenney	Rhyl Town Council
Cllr Andrew Wallbank	Caersws Community Council

1. Welcome by the chair

The meeting received a welcome from the Chair to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting considered and approved the minutes of the last North Wales Coast Transport meeting.

3. Actions update from last meeting

The meeting received a report on the actions taken since the last meeting see list attached at appendix A.

4. Shrewsbury Station

The meeting received a report from the Shrewsbury Area Group meeting hosted by Julie Buckley MP with regard to the future proposals for Shrewsbury Station. This included new track layouts, more platforms and a re-organisation of the station and car parking.

5. Report from Transport for Wales

The meeting received a report and update from Transport for Wales.
Please see slides with these minutes.

The main points of interest were:

- i) Reports of poor toilet provision on some trains causing a lot of issues.

- ii) Shotton station incident – lessons learned.
- iii) Abergele train times noted and to be followed (particular reference to lack of trains via Manchester) – See letter attached at appendix B from TFW to Darren Miller.

6. Report from Avanti Trains

No update from Avanti Trains for this meeting.

7. Report from network Rail

Network rail not in attendance but report on crossings included in TFW report.

8. Rail surveys for 2026

The rail surveys (North Coast) were considered.

Date set for 13th May 2026

Train service to be covered Flint – Bangor – Birmingham International – Flint
 Survey to cover numbers, safety on the trains, getting on and off trains (levels) and anything special to report.

9. Buses

There were no matters relating to buses discussed at this meeting.

10. Date of next meeting

The meeting noted the date of the next meeting. Friday 3rd July 2026 at 12noon in Shrewsbury Friday 9th October 2026 at 10.30am by zoom.

Actions to be taken forward.

The following actions are to be taken forward from the meeting:

No	Item	By
1	Minutes to be issued and published	
2	Meeting with Colin Lee to be arranged	
3	Painting of railings at Welshpool	
4	Complete train surveys	
5	How does TFW calculate passenger capacity to be researched.	
6	Follow up Abergele train provision to Manchester	
7	Follow up funding for user groups	

Proposed agenda for 3rd July meeting in Shrewsbury

The following to be included in agenda for this meeting:

1. Trains not stopping at Abergele (Manchester service)
2. Timetabling (Birmingham to Cambrian/Chester
3. Funding of user groups
4. Maintenance department rep re toilets provision
5. Toilets at Prestatyn Station
6. New trains (for Cambrian and North Coast tourists) to be discussed.

APPENDIX A

Ref	Item	By whom
1	Prepare and circulate minutes	Secretary
2	Post minutes on website	Secretary
3	Prepare proposal for committee remit/membership/funding	Secretary
4	Gain update from Network Rail on the Deganwy crossing	Secretary
5	Arrange for a representative to attend the STIG meetings in Shrewsbury	Secretary with Julie Buckley MP
6	Arrange meeting between IH/TR/RR and Gail Jones of TFW to follow up any TFW matters	Secretary
7	Review with TFW markings on platform 5 at Shrewsbury	Secretary with TFW
8	Add new trains to the July join meeting agenda	Secretary
9	Meeting with Colin lee to be taken forward regarding the hourly train service paths on the Cambrian/Holyhead services.	Gail Jones TFW
10	Chase up painting and ramp situation at Welshpool Station.	Robert Gravelle
11	Replacement bus services at Welshpool to be discussed further offline.	Secretary with TFW
12	Update on bi-lingual announcements on the Cambrian Line to be clarified.	Gail Jones
13	Investigate if smart signage can be installed at other stations on the Cambrian line – like that at Porthmadog.	Gail Jones
14	Level platform boarding to be monitored.	Secretary with TFW
15	Integrated map of rail/bus services to be discussed further.	Secretary with TFW
16	Bob Saxby and Ross Rondel to make contact over buses.	Bob Saxby and Ross Ronel
17	Monitor bilingual announcements on the Cambrian Line when class 197 trains are in service.	All
18	Arrange for 3 rd July meeting of the joint groups to meet in person at Shrewsbury.	Secretary with Gail Jones

APPENDIX B



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Darren Millar MS
Member of the Senedd for Clwyd West

31 March 2026

Dear Darren

Thank you for the email on behalf of your constituent Mr Brian Wood regarding the upcoming May 2026 timetable change.

For Transport for Wales (TfW) to provide a more reliable and faster network across North Wales, including an overall 50% increase in services on the line, we have had to balance stopping patterns with passenger demand. While this means some long-distance services will no longer call directly at Abergele & Pensarn, the station will benefit from a new, consistent hourly service between Llandudno and Liverpool.

We have designed the new timetable to ensure that connections at key interchange stations are maintained and improved. This allows passengers to continue accessing Manchester, Birmingham, Cardiff and Holyhead, often with shorter overall journey times than the current schedule allows. These changes are also made possible by significant infrastructure and level crossing upgrades.

These timetable changes are made using the data we have from existing journeys to ensure that we are providing the best possible services for passengers based on current and forecast of future demand.

I hope the information above is helpful and should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

James Price
Prif Weithredwr / Chief Executive