



MINUTES

of the annual meeting of the Association held on
Friday 17th July 2026 at 11am in the
Civic Halls Connah's Quay
and by zoom

Present were

Cllr Ian Hodge Chair	Holywell Town Council
Cllr Norma Davies Vice Chair	Flint Town Council
Cllr Una Abott	Penmaenmawr Town Council
Janet Atherton	Hawarden Town Council
Cllr Vivienne Blondek	Buckley Town Council
Cllr Steven Consterdine Clerk	Penmaenmawr Town Council
Cllr Pat Corbett	Holywell Town Council
Cllr Bill Cooper	Hawarden Community Council
Cllr Michael Davies	Beaumaris Town Council
Cllr Ash Dunbobbin	Connah's Quay Town Council
Cllr Lynnette Edwards	Caerwys Town Council
Cllr Ross Griffiths	Broughton & Bretton Town Council
Cllr Patrick Heesom	Mostyn Community Council
Cllr Shirley Jones Roberts	Abergele Town Council
Cllr Doreen Mackie	Shotton Town Council
Cllr Alan Manship	Connah's Quay Town Council
Cllr Bernise McLoughlin	Towyn & Kinmell Bay Town Council
Cllr Debbie Owen	Connah's Quay Town Council
Cllr Helen Roberts	Conwy Town Council
Susan Wilson Clerk	Connah's Quay Town Council
Cllr Antony Wren	Connah's Quay Town Council
Robert Robinson MBE Secretary	Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

Apologies received

Cllr Joan Butterfield MBE	Rhyl Town Council
Cllr Carol Holliday	Prestatyn Town Council
Cllr Jackie Webster	Conwy Town Council
Cllr Andrew Wood	Abergele Town Council

1. Welcome by the Chair

The meeting received a welcome from the Chair.

2. Chairs annual report

The meeting received an annual report from the Chair which included some the highlights such as the rail reports, Town and Community Council review and working with the Welsh Government and local councils.



3. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting considered and approved the minutes of the annual meeting held in July 2025.

4. Election of a chair for the ensuing year

Cllr Ian Hodge handed over the chair to Cllr Dunbobbin of Connah's Quay Town Council to oversee the election of the chair for the ensuing year.

The secretary reported that only one nomination had been received by the due date of 10th July. Cllr Ian Hodge was therefore elected unopposed.

5. Election of a vice chair for the ensuing year

Cllr Ian Hodge returned to the chair to oversee the election of the vice chair for the ensuing year.

The secretary reported that only one nomination had been received by the due date of 10th July. Cllr Norma Davies was therefore elected unopposed.

6. Election of a secretary/treasurer for the ensuing year

The secretary reported that only one nomination had been received by the due date of 10th July. Robert Robinson was therefore elected unopposed.

7. Expenses for the secretariat

The meeting noted the expenses covered by the secretary allowance of £480pa.

Zoom meeting annual fee	£191.88
3 trips to North Coast (45p a mile)	£200.00
Paper and stationery	£100.00
Total expenditure	£491.88

Sometimes there maybe an overnight stay if the venue is a long way from Welshpool.

8. Election of an Executive for the ensuing year

The meeting elected an executive for the ensuing year as follows:

Cllr Ian Hodge Chair Cllr Norma Davies Vice Chair

Cllr Joan Butterfield President Robert Robinson Secretariat

Cllr Michael Davies Cllr Vivienne Blondek

Cllr Alan Manship Cllr Lynette Edwards

Cllr Patrick Heeson Cllr Pat Corbett

9. Annual Accounts

The meeting considered and approved the annual accounts for the year ending 31st March 2026. (see attached)



10.Fees and expenditure for 2026-2027

The meeting considered and approved the fees and budget recommendation for the ensuing year. (see attached) There is no increase in fees for the year 2026-2027.

11.Date of next meeting

The meeting the dates for meetings in 2026-2027 and venues for each.

Quarterly meetings (10.30am in person and by zoom):

23rd October 2026

22nd January 2027

23rd April 2027

23th July 2027 (annual and quarterly meetings)

Executive meetings 10.30am by zoom):

18th September 2026

18th December 2026

19th March 2027

18th June 2027

Transport meetings (Cambrian – 11.15am):

2nd October 2026 in Aberystwyth and by zoom

8th January 2027 in person in Shrewsbury

2nd April 2027 in Aberystwyth and by zoom

2nd July 2027 Joint in Shrewsbury in person only

Transport meetings (North Coast- 10.30am)

9th October 2026 by zoom

8th January 2027 in person in Shrewsbury

9th April 2027 by zoom

9th July 2027 Joint in Shrewsbury in person only



ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND FEES

	2026	2025	2024	2023
INCOME				
Membership	780.00	999.00	<u>1140.00</u>	1350.00
<u>Meals</u> income *	486.15	816.00	<u>802.00</u>	1194.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	0.00
Debtors	0.00	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	0.00
Fees from last year	0.00	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	0.00
Other	0.00	80.00	<u>0.00</u>	113.00
TOTAL	1266.15	1895.00	<u>1942.00</u>	<u>2657.00</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Meals **	581.00	760.60	<u>1130.00</u>	1300.45
Hall hire	0.00	0.00	<u>1049.18</u>	157.00
Expenses	0.00	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	95.00
Administration **	575.00	900.00	<u>925.00</u>	1100.00
Translation	0.00	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	0.00
Toucan	365.94	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	0.00
Web hosting	0.00	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	84.00
Web site	87.00	87.00	<u>325.00</u>	0.00
Bank charges	52.00	4.25	<u>0.00</u>	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	100.00
TOTAL	1660.94	1751.85	<u>3429.18</u>	<u>2836.45</u>
BALANCE	-394.79	143.15	<u>1487.18</u>	<u>-179.45</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

General Funds	4137.21	4137.21	5624.39	5803.74
Income/Expend			-	
Acct	-394.79	143.15	1487.18	-179.35
Total	3742.42	4280.36	<u>4137.21</u>	5624.39

**ANNUAL FEES AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2027****FEES (suggested):**

Larger council (pop over 10,001)	£80
Medium council (pop over 5,001)	£60
Smaller council (pop under 5,000)	£50

INCOME

Annual fees larger councils	£720	
Annual fees medium councils	£300	
Annual fees smaller councils	£150	
Associate (rail members)	£60	
Total fee income		££1,230

EXPENDITURE

Hall hire	£150	
Secretariat	£480	
Website	£90	
Banking	£50	
Contingency	£200	
Total expenditure		£970
Surplus		£260