NORTH AND MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS
CYMDEITHAS CYNGHORAU TREFI A CHYMDEITHASAU MWYAF GOGLEDD CYMRU

MINUTES

of a meeting of the quarterly meeting of the Association held on Friday 23rd October 2026 at 10.30am in the Town Hall Abergele and by zoom

Present were:

Cllr Ian Hodge Chair	Holywell Town Council
Cllr Norma Griffiths Vice Chair	Flint Town Council
Cllr Joan Butterfield MBE	Rhyl Town Council
Cllr Vivienne Blondek	Buckley Town Council
Cllr Bill Cooper	Hawarden Community Council
Cllr Pat Corbett	Holywell Town Council
Cllr Lynette Edwards	Caerwys Town Council
Cllr Lynda Griffiths	Towyn and Kinmell Bay Town Council
Cllr Patrick H eesom	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 Debbie Owen	Connah's Quay Town Council
Cllr Bernise McLoughlin	Towyn and Kinmell Bay Town Council
Cllr Lorraine Rathbone	Buckley Town Council
Cllr Helen Roberts	Conwy Town Council
Cllr T Thomas	Reform UK
Cllr Jackie Webster	Conwy Town Council
Cllr Antony Wren	Connah's Quay Town Council
Robert Robinson MBE Secretary	Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Michael Davies	Beaumaris Town Council
Cllr Charlie McCoubrey	Abergele Town Council
Cllr Carol Holiday	Prestatyn Town Council
Cllr Ross Griffiths	Broughton and Bretton Town Council
Cllr Andrew Wood	Abergele Town Council

1. Welcome by the Chair

The meeting received a welcome from the Chair of the Association and Cllr Shirley Jones Roberts of Abergele Town Council.

2. Guest speaker

Cllr Charlie McCoubrey was unable to attend so the secretary provided a presentation on 'Place Making Plans' and how Llanfair Caereinion did their and how they have progressed to date. The slides which were the basis of the presentation are attached to these minutes.

The main differences between the North Wales Counties and Powys County Council is that the Town Council's in Powys lead and prepared the plan with a consultant paid for by a grant from the County Council. In the North Counties it appears that the county has taken the lead and presented the plan to the Town Councils.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

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

4. Actions taken since the last meeting

The meeting noted the actions taken since the last meeting – all had been completed.

5. Railway matters

The meeting was updated on rail matters affecting North and Mid Wales.
The meeting noted the rail closures along the North Coast during 3 weeks in January and 1 week in February for improvement works.

The meeting noted the appointment with the Transport Minister in Cardiff on 11th November 2026.

The meeting considered the final plan for new rolling stock to go to Welsh Government and TFW following the July meeting of the Association and the two rail group meetings held earlier in October 2026. This was approved as a recommendation to go forward to Welsh Government and TFW.

6. Health care in Powys

The meeting received details of the Powys Teaching Health Board proposals called 'Better Together'. See attached report from Llanfair Caereinion Town Council. Following consideration the meeting **agreed** to write in support of the position of the residents in Montgomeryshire which to object to the downgrading of hospitals and the removal of beds and MIU's across Powys.

7. Health care in North Wales

The subject of health care in North Wales is again a concern and much discussion took place around the issues.

It was noted that the Royal Alexandra Hospital was now under say.
A representative from Betsi Cadwallader Hospital Trust is to be invited the January quarterly meeting (in particular communications).

8. Speed limits in Wales

The meeting noted that there is to be a review of all speed limits in Wales in 2027.
An update on progress will given at the January quarterly meeting.

9. Parking in Llandudno

Parking issues in Llandudno have been highlighted around the prebooked tickets not registering on the system and people getting fined. The notice of fines is coming through some time after the parking day by which time any evidence would have gone.
Llandudno Town Council is to be informed of our concerns.

10. Electoral boundaries.

It is noted that electoral boundaries are to be revied around the Senedd electoral areas.

11. Re-organisation of local councils

Cllr Joan Butterfield asked that the re-organisation of local councils is put on the next agenda, perhaps with a speaker from Welsh Government so we can get up to date.

12. Street cleaning

It appears that some authorities are moving towards drones and robots to aid cleaning of towns and their streets. This was noted at this time. It could be a future subject for a visiting speaker.

13. Date of next meeting

The date of the next quarterly meeting is to be Friday 22nd January 2027.
The date of the joint rail meeting with TFW is Friday 8th January 2027.

14. Actions from the meeting

The actions to be taken forward are set out below:

Ref	Activity	By whom
1	Issue minutes of the meeting and post on web site.	Secretary
2	Circulate slides on Place Making Plans Powys	Secretary
3	Arrange speakers for the next meeting.	Secretary
4	Take forward with TFW and WG rail matters.	Secretary
5	Gain update on council re-organisational matters.	Secretary
6	Seek update on review of speed limits in Wales.	Secretary
7	Letter to Llandudno Town Council on parking.	Secretary
8	Items for January quarterly meeting. i) Speaker from BCHT ii) Speaker from Highways at Welsh Gov	Secretary