NORTH & MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

MINUTES

of a meeting of the Executive held on

Friday 12th June 2026 at 10.30am by zoom

Present were:
Cllr Ian Hodge Chair
Cllr Norma Davies Vice Chair
Cllr Joan Butterfield MBE President
Cllr Michael Davies
Cllr Lynnette Edwards
Cllr Patrick Heeson
Robert Robinson MBE Secretary
Apologies from:
Cllr Vivienne Blondek
Cllr Alan Manship
Cllr Peter Morgan
Cllr Bernise McLoughlin

1. Welcome by the Chair
The meeting received a welcome from the Chair.

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

3. Annual Accounts
The meeting received the annual accounts for the year ending 31st March 2026. (see appendix A) It was noted that there was a shortfall this year, mainly due to the reduction in fee with costs already set from before July in that year.

4. Fees and expenditure for 2026-2027
The meeting considered the annual fees for the year to 31st July 2027 and the annual budget. (see appendix B) The meeting agreed to recommend these to the annual meeting.

5. Railway matters
The meeting held a general discussion and considered an updates on railway matters including the 3rd July 2026 meeting to be held in Shrewsbury. (see appendix C). The agenda for this meeting was agreed with some extra items added.

6. Annual meeting
The meeting considered and agreed the agenda for the annual meeting to be held on 17th July 2026. (see appendix D)

7. Quarterly meeting

The meeting considered and agreed the agenda for the quarterly meeting - to be held on 17th July 2026. (see appendix D)

8. October meeting

It was noted that some MP's wish to attend our October meeting. They are very welcome but they will be asked to join the in the meeting rather than give any presentations..

9. Date of next meeting

To note the date of the next meeting.

APPENDIX A

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND FEES

	2026	2025	2024	2023
INCOME				
Membership	780.00	999.00	1140.00	1350.00
Meals income *	486.15	816.00	802.00	1194.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debtors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fees from last year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	80.00	0.00	113.00
TOTAL	1266.15	1895.00	1942.00	2657.00
EXPENDITURE				
Meals **	581.00	760.60	1130.00	1300.45
Hall hire	0.00	0.00	1049.18	157.00
Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	95.00
Administration **	575.00	900.00	925.00	1100.00
Translation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Toucan	365.94	0.00	0.00	0.00
Web hosting	0.00	0.00	0.00	84.00
Web site	87.00	87.00	325.00	0.00
Bank charges	52.00	4.25	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
TOTAL	1660.94	1751.85	3429.18	2836.45
BALANCE	-394.79	143.15	-1487.18	-179.45
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	4137.21	5624.39

APPENDIX B

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

APPENDIX C

NORTH & MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

AGENDA

For a meeting of the North Coast & Cambrian Lines Committee to be held on Friday 3rd July 2026 at 12noon in Gateway House Shrewsbury

1. Welcome from the Chair
To receive a welcome from the Chair.

2. Minutes from the January 2026 meeting
To consider the minutes of the last meeting.

3. Actions from January 2026 meeting
To consider the actions taken since the last meeting. See below:

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 3rd July meeting of the joint groups to meet in person at Shrewsbury.	Secretary with Gail Jones

4. Rail survey presentation
To receive a presentation on the latest rail surveys held in May and June 2026.

5. Transport for Wales
To receive reports/presentations/questions regarding:

Incident management
Hourly train service on Cambrian update
Safety – how safe do the passengers feel
Service changes on North Coast line
Signage
Access
New trains into the future

6. Network Rail
To receive a presentation from Network Rail.

7. STIG
To receive an update on the STIG meetings (Shrewsbury Station)

8. Open forum
To host an open forum on North Coast and Cambrian Line rail matters.

APPENDIX D

NORTH & MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

AGENDA

For the annual meeting of the Association to be held on
Friday 17th July 2026 at 10.30am in the Civic Halls Connah's Quay
and by zoom

1. Welcome by the Chair
To receive a welcome from the Chair Cllr Ian Hodge

2. Minutes of the last annual meeting
To approve the minutes of the last annual meeting. (see website)

3. Chairs annual report
To receive an annual report from the Chair.

4. Election for a chair for the ensuing year
To elect a Chair for the ensuing year.

5. Election of a vice chair for the ensuing year
To elect a Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

6. Election of a secretary/treasurer for the ensuing year
To elect a secretary/treasurer for the ensuing year.
To note 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. This is not a request to review the sum but the secretary felt that it should be recorded as good governance.

7. Election of an Executive for the ensuing year
To elect an executive for the ensuing year made up of:

Chair
Vice chair
President
Secretary
Immediate past chair
Up to 5 other members

Elected members for the year to May 2026 were:
Cllr Michael Davies Beaumaris Town Council
Cllr Lynette Edwards Caerswys Community Council part of time)
Cllr Bernise McLoughlin Towyn and Kinmell Bay Town Council
Cllr Patrick Heeson Mostyn Community Council
Cllr Alan Manship Connah's Quay Town Council

8. Annual Accounts
To consider the annual accounts as attached.

9. Fees and expenditure for 2026-2027
To consider the fees and budget recommendation for the ensuing year. (see attached)

10. Any other business
To consider any other relevant business to the annual meeting.

11. Date of next meeting
To note the dates for meetings in 2026-2027 and venues for each.

Quarterly meetings (10.30am in person and by zoom):
23rd October 2026
21st 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 – 11.145am)):
2nd October 2026 in Aberystwyth and by zoom
14th January 2027 Joint by zoom
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
28th January 2027 Joint by zoom
9th April 2027 by zoom
9th July 2027 Joint in Shrewsbury in person only

NORTH & MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

AGENDA

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

1. **Welcome by the Chair**
   To receive a welcome from the Chair.

2. **Guest**
   To receive a presentation Cllr Charlie McCoubrey to address the Association on the subject of funding formula for Wales.

3. **Minutes of the last meeting**
   To consider and approve the minutes of the last meeting. (see website)

4. **Actions taken since the last meeting**
   To consider actions taken since the last meeting:

Ref	Subject	Actions
1	Governance	Issue minutes and post on website
2	Elections	Circulate Senedd election details
3	Consultation	Letter in response to carers consultation.
4	Highways	Meeting and letter to the Senedd regarding highways.
5	Funding	Letter to Chief Executives and Political parties regarding issues of concern and in particular funding.
6	Funding	to invite Cllr Charlie McCoubrey to address the Association on the subject of funding formula.

5. **Railway matters**
   To consider any rail matters from the 3rd July 2026 meeting in Shrewsbury.

6. **October meeting**
   To consider the format and visiting speaker on rail matters for this meeting.

7. **Any other business**
   To consider any other business including any topics for future meetings.

8. **Date of next meeting**
   Friday 23rd October 2026.