



AGENDA

for a meeting of the **Executive** to be held on
Friday 23rd October 2020 at 10.30am
 by ZOOM

Executive	Cllr J Butterfield MBE (President), Cllr P Morton (Chair), Cllr B Roberts, Cllr B Bertola, Cllr D Hainge, Cllr B McLoughlin and Cllr L Edwards. Robert Robinson (Secretariat)
Responsibilities	To prepare the agenda for the main meetings, to consider governance in more detail, to make decision on matters which need to be completed before a full Association meeting.

1. ZOOM

The meeting will be held by Zoom - Instructions:

2. Record of attendance

To record a record of attendance.

3. Minutes of the last Executive Meeting

To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

4. Actions from last meeting

To consider the actions taken since the last meeting:

No	Activity	Status
1	Minutes to be issued for approval and posted on the web site as well as emailed to member Councils	Completed
2	Circulate the paperwork on a new Transport Liaison Group to the Executive for consideration at the next meeting on 23 rd October 2020	Completed
	A paper on ideas for the new Transport Liaison Committee	Completed
3	Forms for signatories at Lloyds Bank to be sent to Cllr J Butterfield and Cllr D Hainge for completion.	Being enacted
4	Members to be informed of the cancellation of the October meeting and the plans for a January meeting.	Completed
5	A chart of North Wales closed railways to be prepared for consideration at the next Executive Meeting.	Completed

5. Financial Report

To consider a financial report.

- a) To note the current bank balance.
- b) Banking –signatories to the account.



6. Covid 19 – Lockdown of North Wales Counties

To consider if there are any actions the Association should take with regard to the lockdown of the North Wales Counties.

7. Next quarterly meeting

To consider the next quarterly meeting when Covid 19 restrictions allow:

- i) Current restrictions for Covid 19 – North Coast Lockdown on 1st October 2020
- ii) Agenda to go out following the 23rd October Executive Meeting as normal.
- iii) To confirm the notice of election of a Vice Chair with nominations received in advance as per the constitution to be elected at the Zoom Meeting on 22nd January 2021

8. Agenda for an October full meeting

To consider an agenda for the full quarterly meeting to be held in October 2020 – suggested list of headings are set out below:

- i) Notice of Meeting
- ii) Welcome by the Chair
- iii) Record of attendance
- iv) Minutes of the last meeting (January 2020).
- v) Election of a Vice Chair
- vi) Future Plan – debate and approval
- vii) To receive an update on consultations responded to since January 2020
- viii) To consider the details of the North Coast Rail Committee proposal
- ix) Update on seeking a dedicated Minister for North Wales
- x) To receive a Health report for both North and Mid Wales
- xi) To consider a report on both Business Rates and Council Tax
- xii) Any other business notified to the Chair or Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.
- xiii) To note dates of future meetings.

9. North Coast Railways

To consider the attached report on formation of a North Coast Rail Committee at appendix A.

To consider the chart produced showing the rail network before closures set out at appendix B.

10. Consultations

To note the Welsh Government Consultation on non-domestic property and empty rates provisions.



11. Dates for 2020-2021 Meetings

To consider the suggested dates for the 2020-2021 meetings of the Association:

Quarterly Meetings

Friday 22nd January 2021 - to be held by Zoom unless restrictions are relaxed.

Friday 23rd April 2021

Friday 26th July 2021 at Connah's Quay

Meetings start at 10.30am

Executive Meetings

Friday 23rd October 2020

To be held by Zoom.

Friday 11th December 2020

Friday 12th March 2021

Friday 11th June 2021

All Executive Meetings are held at Rhyl Town Council Offices at 10.30am (when restrictions allow) or by Zoom.

12. Any other matters of business

To consider any other items of business raised by Members of the Executive.

13. Actions to be taken forward

To note actions to be taken forward from the meeting.



APPENDIX A

NORTH WALES TRANSPORT SUB COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

1. Introduction

This constitution covers the administration of the North Coast Transport Liaison Committee as a sub-committee of the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils.

2. Name of the Committee

The sub-committee shall be called the NORTH WALES TRANSPORT LIAISON COMMITTEE

(Hereinafter referred to as the sub-committee)

3 Objects

The objects of the sub-committee shall include:

- i) Discussion on common issues between its membership regarding the rail and bus services in North Wales.
- ii) To receive updates on matters affecting the main line from Arriva Trains Wales, Network Rail, Rail Partnership, Police and other relevant bodies.
- iii) To influence and aid enhancements to the main line services between Holyhead, Chester and London.
- iv) To deliver the objectives set in the current Future Plan as agreed between the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils and the Transport Liaison Committee.

4 Membership

4.1 Membership of the sub-committee shall be open to Member Councils of the North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils, Rail Partnership, Rail Future, the Train Operator, Network Rail, British Transport Police, Passenger Focus and other interested parties approved by the sub-committee from time to time.

4.2 If any other Town or Community Council who has a station within its area wishes to join the sub-committee they are invited to write to the Association and request this or become a member of the Association.

4.3 Welsh Government Officers, County Council Rail Officers, local MP's and AM's will be kept informed of the Rail Committee's activities.



4.4 There will be a restriction on numbers of the sub-committee in that only one member from each organisation represented unless by leave of the Chair may attend.

5 Management

5.1 The affairs of the sub-committee shall be conducted at the sub-committee Meetings led by the officers (The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer).

5.2 The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary shall be appointed by the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils at each Association AGM. Each person taking up such positions should have some knowledge of the subject matter.

6 Governance

6.1 Any expenditure in the administration of the sub-committee shall be approved by the Association with an allowance being put in place at the beginning of each year.

6.2 The sub-committee shall not have a separate bank account but will keep records to show how the allocated monies have been spent. Signatories to the bank account shall remain with the Association.

6.3 The annual meeting shall consider changes to the sub-committee administration and make recommendations to the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils for such changes to take effect.

6.4 The independent examiners for the Committee accounts shall be the same as appointed by the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils.

7. General Meetings

7.1 The meetings of the sub-committee shall take place 4 times a year in January, April, July and October or as otherwise agreed with the membership.

7.2 The times and locations of such meetings to be agreed by the sub-committee membership at its meeting held immediately following 31st March each year.

7.3 An Extraordinary Meeting of the sub-committee shall be called by an application in writing to the Secretary supported by at least six members of the Forum. The Chair and Secretary shall also have the power to call an extra meeting through the Secretary.



7.4 At least 14 days' notice shall be given to all members of any Meeting. Such notice to be given via the Web Site or by post if so requested. (Notice shall be deemed to be given if it is posted on the web site) but shall also be emailed to each member as well.

8. Voting

8.1 Decisions put to a vote shall be resolved by simple majority at ordinary meetings.

8.2 The Chairman shall hold a deliberative as well as a casting vote.

8.3 Voting shall be by a raising of hands except where the Chair or two members request then it shall be a secret vote.

9. Quorum

9.1 The quorum at Meetings shall be at least 6 members.

10. Web site

10.1 The secretary shall maintain a web site with information for the sub-committee membership.

10.2 The web site to include dates of meetings, agenda, minutes, news and up to date information.

10.3 The web site is to have a clear link to and from the N&MWALC web site.

11. Welsh Policy

11.1 The Policy of the sub-committee shall be that all information can be made available in Welsh upon request.

12. Working with other transport groups

The Association would seek to work with other groups with the same interests including the Shrewsbury Aberystwyth Rail Liaison Committee and the Cambrian Coast Conference with regard to railways in Mid and North Wales.

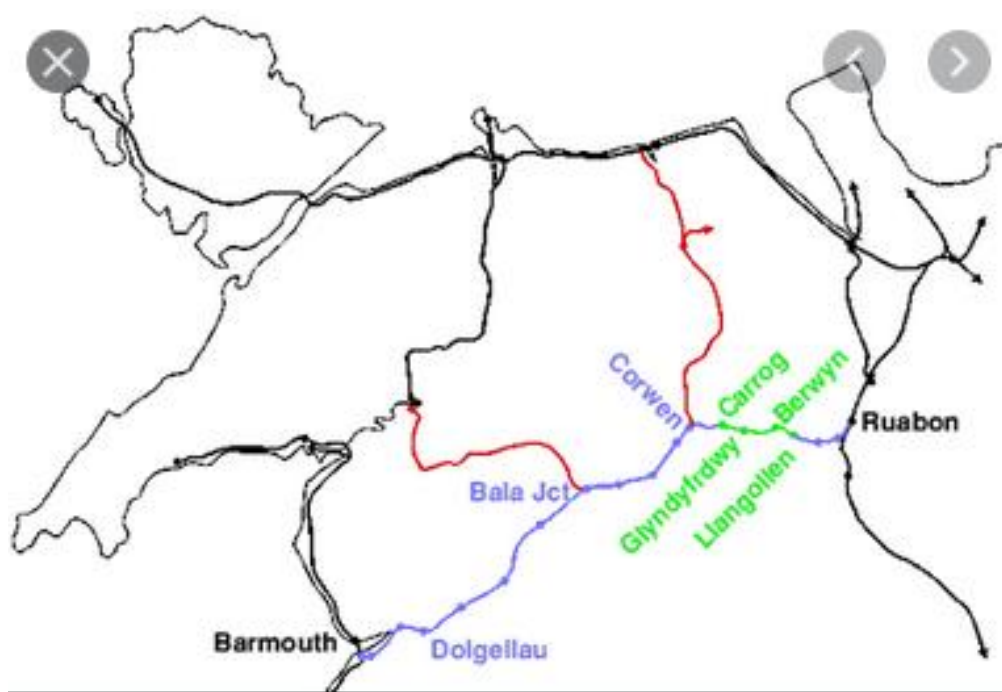
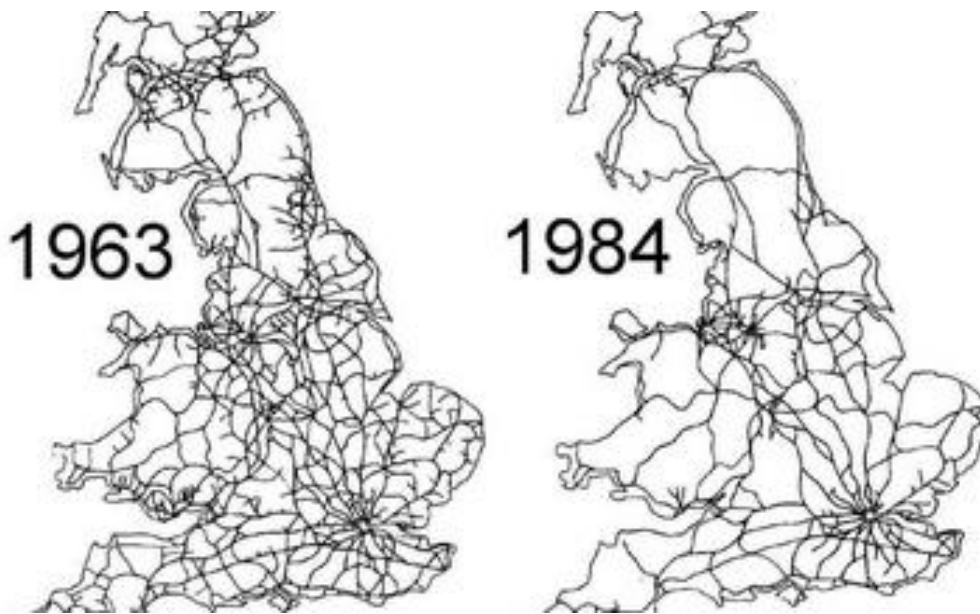
13. Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the sub-committee, any assets thereof shall not be distributed amongst the members of the Committee in any way whatsoever but must be passed to the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils.



APPENDIX B

SCHEDULE OF CLOSED RAILWAYS IN NORTH WALES



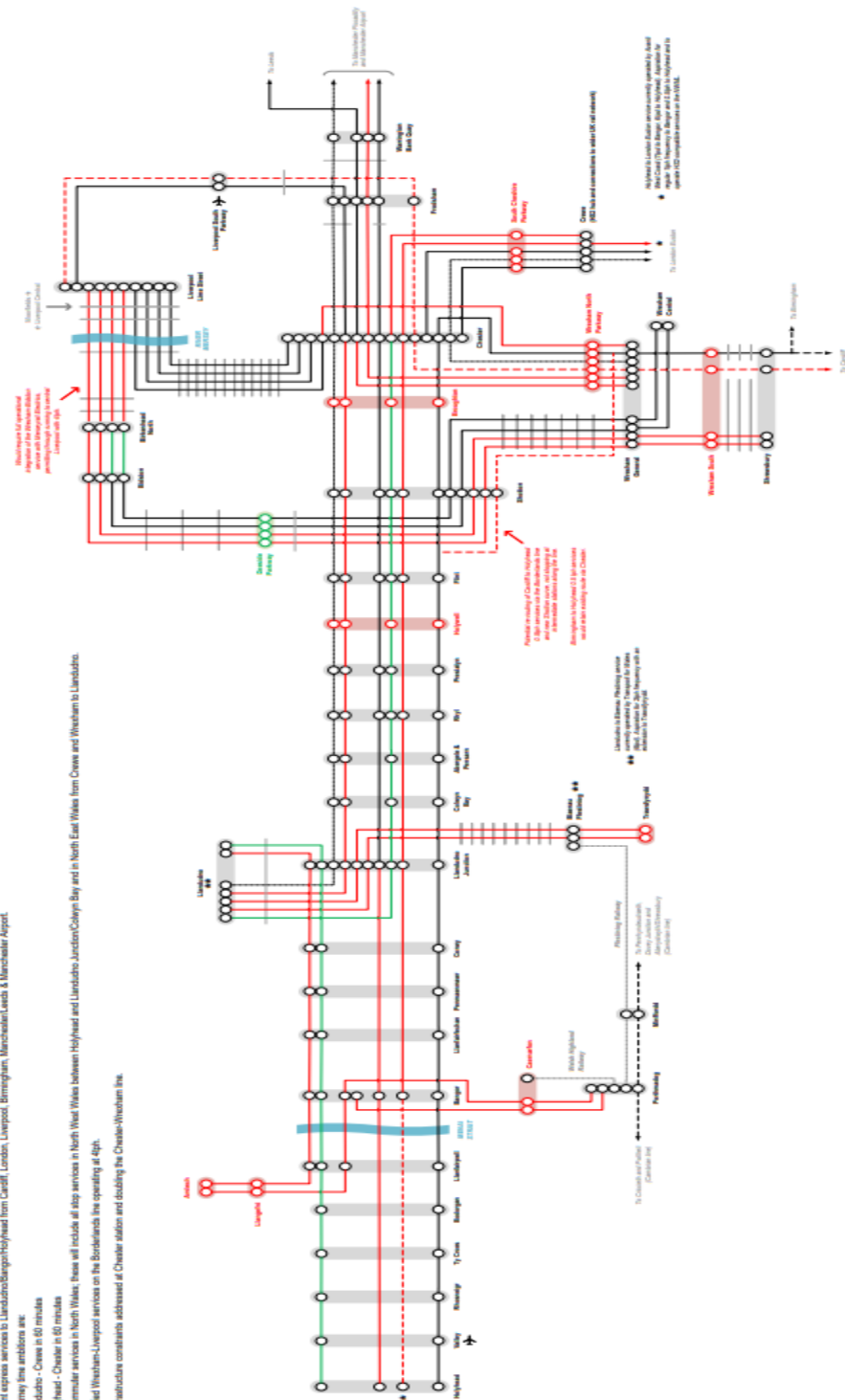
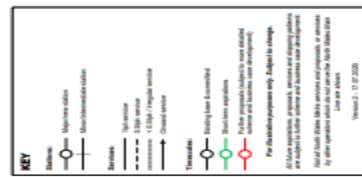


No	Railway	Status
1	Chester to Holyhead	Still running
2	Llandudno to Blaenau-Ffestiniog	Still running
3	Bangor to Pwllheli	Closed 1963
4	Beaumaris to Amlwch (Anglesey)	Closed pre 1963
5	Whitchurch to Dolgellau (branch to Bala)	Closed pre 1963
6	Hope to Ruthin via Mold	Closed pre 1963
7	North Coast to Corwen via Llangollen	Closed
8	Stations at Connah's Quay and Holywell	Closed

Note: Part of a closed line from Llangollen to Corwen is now operated by a Heritage Railway Company.



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North Wales Main Line (NWML) – Aspirations & Proposals

A major upgrade of the NVAL and Borderlands line in terms of capacity, line speed, rolling stock and widespread electrification to enable

- Frequent express services to Luton/Doncaster/Hayward from Cardiff, London, Liverpool, Birmingham, Manchester/Leds & Manchester Airport.
- Our journey time solutions are:
 - Luton/Doncaster/Hayward - 100 minutes
 - Hayward - Chester in 60 minutes
 - New commuter services in North Wales, these will include all stop services in North West Wales between Hayward and Llandudno Junction/Colwyn Bay
 - Dedicated Wrexham-Liverpool services on the Borderlands line operating at 150mph
 - Any infrastructure constraints addressed at Chester station and including the Chester-Wrexham line.