



THE ASSOCIATION TO REPRESENT AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL IN NORTH & MID WALES



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This booklet is available in Welsh upon request.

Web Site: <http://northwalesassociation.org>



PREFACE

Dear All,

Welcome to this introductory booklet about the Association. I hope you will find it useful in deciding if joining us is for you.

If you have any queries without obligation please do call the Secretary who I am sure will be able to help.

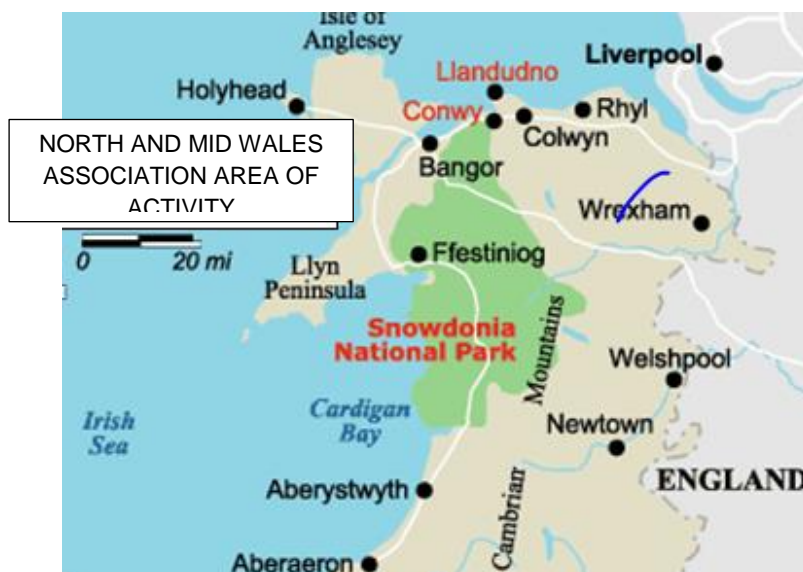
Any City, Town or Community Council located in the principle authority areas of Anglesey, Ceredigion, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Gwynedd, North Powys (Montgomeryshire) or Wrexham are welcome to apply for membership.

The Association values all Town and Community Councils and the work that they do, if we can support this in any way we have achieved something.

Kind regards.

Cllr Peter Morton

Chair of the Association 2019 to 2021





HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

The North Wales Association was formed over 45 years ago to represent the interests of the larger Town and Community Councils along the North Coast areas of Wales.

Over time Membership was increased to include smaller Town and Community Councils and then extending Membership to those Councils who were located in Montgomeryshire (now North Powys) and North Ceredigion.

The Association has grown in stature over the years and gives a forum for the Local Councils of North and Mid Wales to discuss common issues and take forward actions in the interests of its Membership.

The Association liaises with Welsh Government, Principle Authorities, Rail Operators and other organisations to put forward the views of the Member Councils.

The Association responds to both Westminster and Welsh Government consultations where the subject matters affect the communities represented.

A new rail liaison committee is being set up to ensure that the Local Councils have a larger voice in the development of the North Coast lines. This will complement the Cambrian Lines Liaison Committee which represents Mid Wales.



WHY JOIN?

Here are 10 reasons to consider joining the Association:

- 1 It is not expensive to be part of the Association.**
- 2 Regular update on matters affecting local councils.**
- 3 Take part in debates on local and national issues affecting North and Mid Wales.**
- 4 A voice on issues specifically for the North Coast and Mid Wales Council areas.**
- 5 Be part of influencing transport, health and other major issues through discussion and debate followed by actions taken forward.**
- 6 Quarterly meetings where you can meet fellow Members and share good practise and ideas.**
- 7 General advice to support your Council.**
- 8 A chance to take forward your Council's own ambitions with the support of the Association.**
- 9 Be part of a progressive association representing the views of Councils in a specific part of Wales.**
- 10 Supports the Welsh Language with all material available in Welsh upon request.**

The Association compliments One Voice Wales and is not in place of.

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WHAT DOES IT COST TO BE A MEMBER?



The Association does not employ any staff and it is run by volunteers with only expenses paid. In this way the Association is independent and provides value for money to its Members.

The current annual cost of Membership (from 1 August to 31st July) is:

Larger Councils (population over 10,000) - £90pa

Medium Councils (population 5-10,000) - £65pa

Smaller Councils (population under 5,000) - £50pa

The annual subscriptions are approved by the Membership at its Annual Meeting held in July of each year.

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WHAT DO I GET FOR MY MEMBERSHIP?

Here are 10 of the things you will get from your Membership:

1. A chance to meet with fellow Local Councils in North Wales.
2. A chance to debate local issues which are taken forward for actions.
3. Be kept up to date with essential consultations and have your say in what is said.
4. Bring forward topics which concern your council seeking support from the Association.
5. General advice on your Council's activities when requested.
6. A voice on the committee discussing transport and in particular the North Coast and Mid Wales main lines.
7. Be part of the liaison with Welsh Government, Principle Authorities and other organisations.
8. Receive updates on the activities of the Association with a pro-active web site.
9. Attend quarterly meetings with fellow members to debate common issues.
10. Be part of a progressive organisation specifically for North & Mid Wales.

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CURRENT AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The current aims and objectives of the Association include the following:

- 1 To give a forum for member councils to discuss common issues.
- 2 To respond to relevant consultations with regard to both Parliament and the Welsh Government.
- 3 To support and act upon subjects agreed by the members.
- 4 To represent members views wherever they are needed.
- 5 To hold regular meetings for Members to express their views, set the activities of the Association and share good practice between Member Councils.
- 6 To monitor a way forward for funding for Local Councils to support local service delivery.
- 7 To take part in the debate about electoral and representation arrangements in Wales.
- 8 To monitor and seek better delivery of health provision in the hospitals.
- 9 To take part in the debate about public transport provision.
- 10 To seek a review of both Council Tax and Business Rates.



TRANSPORT MATTERS IN NORTH WALES



The North Coast has a main line rail service from Holyhead to Chester and London/South Wales. It is an important lifeline for the coast for both business, commuter and leisure travel. Local buses are also very important.

To enable the Local Councils to have an input into transport matters more fully a separate Committee of the Association has been put in place. Members are welcome to be part of this important work. Non-Members can take part as guests with the approval of the Membership.

The main interests of the Association at this time are:

- i) Main Line timetables into the future.
- ii) Performance of the train services.
- iii) New train designs including seating capacity & toilet provision.
- iv) Infrastructure improvements.
- v) Station provision.
- vi) Buses and their routes.



DEMOCRACY



The Association is a democratic organisation and the following should be noted:

- i) There is an annual meeting held each year to elect officers, committees and approval annual accounts.
- ii) The Members elect a president every 5 years as a figurehead for the Association.
- iii) At the annual meeting the Membership elects a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer.
- iv) At the annual meeting the Membership elects a small Executive meeting to act on matters between meetings.
- v) All Members have the right to place items on the agenda by notifying the Chair or Secretary in advance of a meeting.
- vi) All meeting information is published on the web site.
- vii) All Member Councils have equal voting rights on all matters.

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MEMBER COUNCILS AS AT October 2020

ABERGELE TOWN COUNCIL
ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BANGOR CITY COUNCIL
BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL
BROUGHTON & BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BUCKLEY TOWN COUNCIL

CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL
CAIA PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL
CONWY TOWN COUNCIL

DENBIGH TOWN COUNCIL

FLINT TOWN COUNCIL

HAWARDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL

LLANASA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
LLANDUDNO TOWN COUNCIL
LLANFAIRFECHAN TOWN COUNCIL

MENAI BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

PENMAENMAWR TOWN COUNCIL
PRESTATYN TOWN COUNCIL

RHYL TOWN COUNCIL
RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL

SHOTTON TOWN COUNCIL
ST ASAPH CITY COUNCIL


TOWYN AND KINMEL BAY TOWN COUNCIL




APPLICATION FORM FOR LOCAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Name of Council
Address
Post Code..... Telephone Number
Email Address.....
Named Contact.....
Population of Individual City, Town or Community Council.....
Has your Council had previous membership: No / Yes
Authorised Signature.....
Application Date.....

**Annual fees payable upon acceptance of membership at present charged
AT THE FOLLOWING RATES**



Local population level	Current fees
Over 10,000	£90pa
5,000-10,000	£65pa
Under 5,000	£50pa



1. Once your application has been received by whatever means of delivery it will be acknowledged and put to the membership at the first available quarterly meeting held January-April-July & October
2. Original Hand Signed applications should normally be mailed by Royal Mail to -The Association Secretary, direct to the Associations contact address listed on the official Website.

**If sending by standard email with an attachment
Send your Application to - namwalc@mail2world.com**

3. If the Association Secretary is for whatever reason not available (**Exceptional Circumstances**) and any prior contact or a discussion may have taken place with a Councillor member of the Executive about membership and acknowledged, your Council are provided with a telephone number or email address or Land-mail address of that Councillor.

The application will follow due process as mentioned at item 1. Paragraph 1 above. If a facility is provided to directly enter your Council details- via the Association Website. - **Do not forget your Local Council's digital signature if provided with one.** Your Town or City Clerk will probably upon request provide you with that facility if available.

The Association represents Larger and Smaller Town Councils along with two City councils within North And Mid Wales looking at common issues that may often affect their local individual communities



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