



## NORTH COAST TRANSPORT LIAISON COMMITTEE

### MINUTES (meeting no 5)

held by Zoom on  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 10.30am

#### 1. Present were:

Cllr Peter Morton	Chair & St Asaph City Council
Cllr Alyn Ashworth	Vice Chair and Denbigh Town Council
Nick Smith	West Coast Partnership (Avanti)
Cllr Eric Faulkner	Connah's Quay Town Council
Cllr Gill Faulkner	Connah's Quay Town Council
Cllr Barry Mellor	Rhyl Town Council
Bob Saxby	Rail Future
Cllr Andrew Wood	
Cllr Peter Davies	
Vivienne Blondeck	Buckley Town Council
Cllr Paul Richards	Bay of Colwyn Town Council
Robert Robinson	Secretary

#### Apologies for absence were received from:

Glenys Baker, Gail Jones (TFW) and Ian Hodge.

#### 2. Chairs welcome

The meeting received a welcome from the Chair.

#### 3. Minutes

The meeting received the minutes of the last meeting.

#### 4. Actions since last meeting

The meeting noted the actions taken since the last meeting as follows:

No	Item	Action by
1	Minutes to be posted on web site and emailed to members.	Completed
2	Avanti updates to be added to the minutes.	Completed
3	Transport for Wales to report back on issues raised asap.	None received
4	Train announcements issues to be addressed urgently.	Ongoing
5	Agenda to be sent out to members for the next meeting and posted on the web site.	Completed



## 5. Transport for Wales

The meeting considered matters relating to TfW including the topics covered at the last meeting. The report was given by the Secretary following a meeting with TfW earlier that day.

- i) Apparently the new trains will have better toilet facilities – however there is still only one toilet per 2 car unit. Alex is to take back the dissatisfaction that this is the case. *This subject is ongoing.*
- ii) There is poor audible announcements on most of the trains. This is probably down to training. Alex is to take this back for action. *It has been pointed out TfW that this is a training issue and needs to be addressed.*
- iii) Disabled access was raised, this is improving and more is being done. *TfW accept that they have learned a lot about bus replacement services and accept access has to improve.*
- iv) Llandudno was cited as a Community Hub, however it closes at 3pm at the present time. Alex is to take this away to seek longer opening hours. *No change proposed at this time.*
- v) Overcrowding in the summer months is still an issue. Transport for Wales is working on solutions to this. *Little evidence has been noted that this is being addressed.*
- vi) The Station Audit and Dementia is progressing albeit slowly. *A new Dementia Officer has been appointed so it is hoped things will now move forward. Station improvements are progressing albeit slowly.*
- vii) *Many of the Liaison Groups set up have felt that they need to be more effective to be worthwhile. TfW accepts this and a remit for all groups will be sent out in the next 2-3 weeks and will be circulated to members for comment when it arrives.*

## 6. Avanti

The meeting received a report from Avanti with the following of note:

- i) There are more Holyhead to London services from May which include:

Ex Euston	Ex Holyhead
0910	0448
1010	0551
1610	1257
1810	1450
1910	



## 7. Network Rail

The matters relating to Network Rail for the meeting were:

- i) £20k has been allocated to continue preparation of the business case for re-opening Holywell Station.
- ii) £690,000 has been allocated to improve both Chester and Shotton railway interchange stations.
- iii) Deganwy Crossing – the issues around the footpath crossing remain with this causing restrictions on services from Llandudno Junction to Llandudno.

## 8. Buses

There was not representative of Arriva Buses present.

The meeting noted the consultation by Welsh Government with regard to centralising the bus service deliver in Wales.

The general view expressed was that this was a good way forward.

The Secretary is to prepare a response for members to consider by email before submission.

## 9. Date of next meeting

The meeting noted the dates for the coming year for meetings as follows:

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 10.30**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 10.30**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 10.30**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 10.30**

Meetings held by Zoom unless otherwise agreed.

## 10. Actions taken forward from the meeting:

NO	ITEM
1	Prepare and circulate minutes
2	Post minutes on Website
3	Circulate remit from TFW to members
4	Prepare and circulate consultation response on an all Wales bus service.
5	Continue with liaison with TFW
6	Continue with liaison with Avanti
7	Continue to try and get an Arriva Buses rep to the meetings.
8	Monitor the Deganwy crossing situation.