



# MINUTES

of a meeting held on  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 11.15am**  
**in the Town Hall Welshpool**

## Attendance record:

Cllr T Roberts	Chair
Cllr M Williams	Vice Chair, Machynlleth & Powys County Councils
R A Robinson	Secretary and Welshpool Town Council
Cllr R Norris	Newtown Town Council
Cllr E Jones-Williams	Gwynedd County Council
C Wilson	Ceredigion County Council
Ann Elias	Growing Mid Wales Partnership
R Whitehouse	Talyllyn Railway
D Taylor	Rail Future Cambrian Branch
Clare Williams	Cambrian Rail Partnership
J Barnes	Carno Station Action Group
J Eillison	Carno Station Action Group
I Morris	S A R P A
George Collinson	Network Rail

## Apologies for absence

G Evans	Arriva Trains Wales
D Crunkhorn	Arriva Trains Wales
Clare Britton	Festiniog and Welsh Highland Railways
Ray Quant	Ceredigion County Council
Dylan Lewis	Aberystwyth Town Council

## 1. Elections

The following persons were elected:

Chair	Cllr Trevor Roberts
Vice Chair	Cllr Michael Williams
Secretary	Robert Robinson

Note: The term of office is until 2022 and the Chair and Vice Chair must be serving Councillors.



## **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The Chair signed the approved minutes of the last meeting.

## **3. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

## **4. Financial Report**

The meeting received financial report.

The current bank account figure is

Both Shropshire and Ceredigion have paid a £250 grant.

Powys still is not contributing. Michael Williams will chase this up.

## **5. Actions taken since the last meeting**

The secretary gave a short report on the actions taken since the last meeting.

## **6. Report to Minister on Cambrian Lines**

A confidential copy of the survey report was circulated. A meeting with the Ministers Office and Senior Civil Servants has been arranged for 17<sup>th</sup> November.

A presentation on the survey was given by the Secretary and a discussion took place.

There are to be two alterations to the recommendations to add:

Through trains.

Improved service on the Coast Line.

The full report will be published online after Welsh Government approval.

**Until the report is published it is to be considered confidential.**

## **7. Reports**

To consider reports as follows:

### **i) Arriva Trains Wales**

A brief report was given by the Chair.

### **ii) Cambrian Rail Partnership**

The Meeting welcomed Clare who has been post for just 4 weeks.



**iii) Network Rail**

A report was given by George Collinson Network Rail as follows:

Crossings

PPM figures are currently at 90%

Barmouth Bridge is due to be refurbished.

Bow Street Station is progressing to a 2019 opening.

Penhelig station closure for works.

Part of the coast line is closed for works in October/November.

Other items raised for Network Rail were:

Manual gates operation at Barmouth and the need for automatic servicing.

The signalling alterations needed to get the best use of Platform 3 at Shrewsbury.

**iv) British Transport Police**

No report.

**8. Carno Station re-opening.**

An update was given by J Barnes on the re-opening of Carno Station which has moved into the second stage and is now on a list in place of Bow Street. SARLC has a policy of supporting this but subject to the one hourly service being able to be maintained.

**10. Station Shelters**

The secretary is to chase up the following 2 shelter provisions:

- i) Dovey Junction – find out why this one is not proceeding.
- ii) Welshpool – Town Council sourcing contractor to install.

**11. Meetings**

The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary are attending various meetings including those which involve the Shrewsbury Birmingham line and which might affect the Cambrian Lines.



## **12. Dates of meetings for 2017**

The meeting noted the following dates for meetings in 2017/2018:

### **Shrewsbury Aberystwyth Rail Liaison Committee**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

All meetings are to be held at Welshpool Town Hall at 11.15am

### **Joint meetings with Coast Line**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

All meetings are to be held in Machynlleth at 11.15am

## **13. Actions to be taken forward**

The following actions are to be progressed:

- i) Report to Minister to be adjusted under recommendations.
- ii) Check on why the Dovey Junction shelter is not progressing.
- iii) Chase up Welshpool Shelter installation – being arranged by Welshpool Town Council.
- iv) Report back on various meetings planned in the next few months.