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Shrewsbury Aberystwyth Rail Liaison Committee**

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JOINT MEETING
SHREWSBURY ABERYSTWYTH RAIL LIAISON COMMITTEE
AND
THE CAMBRIAN COAST CONFERENCE

AGENDA

**For a meeting of the Liaison Committee to be held on
Friday 10th May 2019 at 11.15am in the
Bowling Club Machynlleth**

1. Record of attendance

To record attendance and receive any apologies.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

To consider and approve the minutes of the last meeting. (see appendix A)

3. Freight on the Cambrian Lines

To receive a presentation from Robin Smith on rail freight.

4. Matters from the last minutes

4.1 To consider the following matters from the last meeting.

4.2 Welshpool Rail Users Facebook Page.

5. Financial

To consider a financial report.

To approve the following banking resolution:

Cllr Mansell Williams (Dec'd) be removed from the bank account at Lloyds Bank PLC and that Cllr Trevor Roberts and Cllr Michael Williams be added as signatories to the account. For the avoidance of doubt each transaction must be signed by Robert A Robinson (existing signatory) and one of either Cllr Trevor Roberts or Cllr Michael Williams.

We hereby certify that the above resolution is in accordance with the constitution.

6. Station Audits

To consider a station audit for the line, see attached schedule.

To consider an update on Dementia Friendly Line work.

7. Reports:

To receive reports from the organisations as below:

- a. Transport for Wales**
- b. Cambrian Rail Partnership**
- c. Network Rail**
- d. British Transport Police**
- e. Matters raised by rail users chart (see appendix B)**

8. Stations:

a. Carno re-opening

To consider an update on this subject.

b. Welshpool improvements

To consider an update on progress with regards to Welshpool Station.

c. Machynlleth improvements

To consider an update on progress with regards to Machynlleth Station.

9. Review of Future Plan

To consider an update on progress towards meeting the objectives of the Shrewsbury Aberystwyth Rail Liaison Committee Plan. (see appendix C)

10. Any other business

To consider any other relevant business.

11. Date of next meeting

To consider dates for the next meetings.

Please note: Coffee/tea and biscuits will be served but no lunch.

SHREWSBURY ABERYSTWYTH RAIL LIAISON COMMITTEE

WITH

THE CAMBRIAN COAST LINE CONFERENCE

Minutes

of a meeting held at Y Plas Machynlleth on

Friday 13th July 2018 at 11.15am

Present were:

Name	Representing
Cllr T Roberts	Chair SARLC
Cllr S Griffiths	Chair Cambrian Coast Conference
Cllr M Williams	Vice Chair SARLC
Cllr E Jones-Williams	Vice Chair Cambrian Coast Conference
Robert Robinson	Secretary and Welshpool Town Council
Cllr D Lewis	Aberystwyth Town Council
Cllr R Quant	Ceredigion County Council
Chris Wilson	Ceredigion County Council
Claire Williams	Cambrian Rail Partnership
Roger Whitehouse	Tallyllyn Railway
Cllr J Barnes	Carno Town Council & Action Group
John Ellison	Carno Action Group
Dewie Owen	Gwynedd County Council
Ann Lloyd-Jones	Gwynedd County Council
Cllr A Williams	Ceredigion County Council
Cllr P Adams	Shropshire Council

Name	Representing
Ann Elias	Growing Mid Wales Partnership
Cllr M Douglass	Welshpool Town Council
David Taylor	Rail Future
General Manager	Tallyllyn Railway
Roger Goodhew	SARPA
Ben Davies	Arriva Trains Wales

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting approved the minutes of the last combined meeting.

2. Actions taken since the last meeting

The meeting considered any actions taken forward from the last meeting:

a) Meeting with Franchise Companies.

These did not take place due to the poor weather at the time.

b) Support for a Dementia Friendly Cambrian Lines.

A report is noted later in the minutes but progress is slow.

c) Chase up installation of new shelters.

The new shelters have still not arrived and even with extensive chasing there appears to be little progress.

d) Accommodation crossings

Cllr M Williams wishes the minutes to note the successful completion of alterations to the accommodation crossings along the line.

e) Toilets at Machynlleth

Those responsible were congratulated on the standard of the new toilet block at Machynlleth Station.

3. Financial report

The meeting receive a short financial report from each group as follows:

Shrewsbury Aberystwyth Rail Liaison Committee

There needs to be a re-appraisal of how this group is financed as there is limited support from the County Councils (Ceredigion has contributed, Shropshire has not contributed this year and Powys County Council is showing no interest).

This item will be put on the next agenda.

Cambrian Line Conference

No issues to report.

4. Freight on the Cambrian

Robin Smith was not able to attend. A future date can be set.

5. Transport for Wales

The meeting noted the published list of proposals for all lines in Wales and note the high level of investment proposed. (see attached information)

Most activity for the Cambrian Lines is a few years away.

However the hourly train service is confirmed.

6. Dementia Friendly Cambrian Lines

The meeting received an update on work to make the line a dementia friendly line. There has been limited progress but nothing happens quickly. Work to achieve the aims and objectives will continue.

Areas such as Porthmadog, Welshpool, Machynlleth and Newtown are progressing locally with Dementia Friendly status.

A copy of the Welshpool Town Council Access for All Plan (including Dementia) is to be copied to Claire Williams.
Some other areas are beginning to add Dementia aims and objectives in their plans.

7. Report on meeting with Welsh Government

The management team of the SARLC is meeting the Ministers Office on 7th August 2018 and will report back to the next meeting.

8. Reports from:

The meeting received reports as follows:

a. Arriva Trains Wales

Ben Davies was detained in Cardiff so was not able to attend.
There were a lot of concerns over the current service delivery with various reasons given by various staff within Arriva Trains Wales. The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary are to meet with Ben Davies over the issues identified.

b. Network Rail

There was not report from Network Rail.

c. Cambrian Rail Partnership

Claire Williams gave an update on activities by the Cambrian Rail Partnership – a copy will be posted on the web site.

d. British Transport Police

There was no report from the British Transport Police.

9. Machynlleth Transport Hub

The Chair reported on a meeting attended to take forward proposals relating to this subject.

10. Date of next meeting

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

SARLC Meetings:

Friday 19th October 2018 in Welshpool
Friday 8th February 2019 in Welshpool

Joint Meetings:

Friday 10th May 2018 at 11.15am in Machynlleth

11. Data Protection Act 2018

Members were invited to sign the form of consent for receipt of information under the new Data Protection Act.

12. Actions to be taken forward

The following actions are to be taken forward:

- i) Meeting with Ministers Office in Cardiff to be held.
- ii) Welshpool Access for All Plan to be passed to Claire Williams.
- iii) Financing of SARLC to be added to next agenda.
- iv) Date of next Dementia Meeting in Welshpool to be passed to Claire Williams. (Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 6pm in the offices of Welshpool Town Council)
- v) Re-arrange presentation on Freight.
- vi) Meeting with Ben Davies to be arranged asap over service delivery issues.
- vii) Agenda to be issued in both paper and email form. The web site does carry dates and information at <http://shrewsburyaberystwythrailway.org/>

SHREWSBURY ABERYSTWYTH RAIL LIAISON COMMITTEE

UPDATE ON RAIL SERVICES

The new Wales rail franchise will be up and running in October, promising a "ground breaking transformation of transport across the country".

Target timetable for change:

2018

- More capacity on the Valley lines and refurbished diesel trains
- All stations will be deep-cleaned
- New services between Liverpool and Chester and additional Sunday services between Wrexham and Bidston

2019

- First new ticket machines at stations, a new app and website and smartcard
- Refurbished trains for the North Wales Metro, including extra seats and power sockets
- Pacer trains completely phased out and 12 class 170 trains introduced
- New train assembly starts at factory in Newport
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2020

Start of new fare initiatives, including half price for 12 to 18-year-olds
Keolis UK moves UK headquarters to Wales, booking app for passengers who need assistance launched and 22 customer ambassadors will work across the network

New station will open at Bow Street in Aberystwyth in March

Pay-as-you-go scheme launched for South Wales Metro (rolling out further in 2021)

2021

- South Wales Metro's new service from Ebbw Vale to Newport
- First of the 148 new trains start being rolled out
- Free wi-fi for trains and stations, promising "seamless" internet

2022

- Introduction of Metro vehicles. By May, four an hour will serve Aberdare and Merthyr followed by Treherbert by December
- New station opens at Crwys Road in Cardiff
- Seven extra services from Shrewsbury to Aberystwyth, 16 more Cardiff to Cheltenham and two on the Heart of Wales line
- Passengers will be able to board on the same level as the train across Cardiff and the Valley lines
- A new Liverpool to Cardiff service via Wrexham General and Shrewsbury

2023

- More Sunday services introduced
- Metro services come to Cardiff City line. The Loudon Square and The Flourish stations open in Cardiff Bay, offering first on-street trams in Cardiff for 70 years
- New tri-mode (diesel/battery/electric) trains to operate from Coryton, Rhymney to Barry Island and Penarth to Bridgend via Cardiff

2024

- Treherbert, Aberdare, Merthyr and Rhymney services increase to two per hour on Sundays
- First class introduced on Swansea to Manchester service
- A target of 100% by 2025 for secure station accreditation

R A Robinson
Secretary

APPENDIX B



WELSHPOOL RAIL USERS FACEBOOK PAGE – May 2019

This is not an official rail page but does present some of the issues that rail users have concerns about. The key points raised are listed here:

NO	Item	Response from Shrewsbury Aberystwyth Rail Liaison Committee with Transport for Wales
1	Timetabling – missing 4.30pm train ex Shrewsbury to Aberystwyth	
2	Timetabling – first train on Sunday is 10.57 – to late for many travellers	
3	Seat reservation issues – either not being put out or people not turning up for reserved seats	
4	Train information when trains are cancelled mixed	
5	Ticket machine – mainly user issues	
6	Number of two carriage trains increasing with overcrowding	
7	Shelters on platform need to be extended	

**SHREWSBURY ABERYSTWYTH RAIL LIAISON COMMITTEE
FUTURE PLAN ADOPTED IN 2017
AIMS AND OBJECTIVES
MONITORING REPORT – MAY 2019**

The following is the action plan included in the report and progress to date.

No	Aim or objective	Status
1	Main Line An hourly service for most of the day along the Shrewsbury to Aberystwyth Line.	This has been supported by surveys and is planned to be in place in December 2022.
2	Coast Line service on the Coast Line	This has been supported by surveys and is planned to be in place by December 2022.
3	Shrewsbury Station The Committee supports and will actively aid the completion of the redevelopment of Shrewsbury Station to provide better facilities. Also better access to platform3.	Refurbishment delayed. Some improvements taking place. Still poor access to Platform 3.
4	Welshpool The Committee supports and will actively aid the completion of the following: i) Improved disabled access to the platforms. ii) Rail ticket sales on the platform and at the Tourist Information Centre. iii) Town Bus Service provision at the station with improved signage.	The survey for Dementia has been completed. Improvements to the rail station are now progressing. Ticket machine on the platform and Tourist Info Centre sells rail tickets. A bus station is progressing.
5	Newtown The Committee will consider supporting the completion of any improvements to this station as they come forward	The survey for Dementia has been completed.
6	.Caersws The Committee supports and will actively aid the completion of improved car parking facilities.	Investigations continue.
7	Machynlleth The Committee supports and will actively aid the completion of the following: i) Completion of works to the footbridge and lift provision. ii) Improved car parking and bus arrangements.	Further facilities have been completed. The provision of the lifts is completed. The car park improvements are still under review.

No	Aim or objective	Status
8	Dovey Junction The Committee supports and will support any further improvements to access to serve the station.	Footpath access from the station to the Osprey Project would be supported.
9	Borth The Committee will consider supporting the completion of any improvements to this station as they come forward.	No further actions at this time.
10	Bow Street New station to be completed.	Progressing.
11	Aberystwyth The Committee will consider supporting the completion of any improvements to this station as they come forward.	Various improvements have been completed and are continuing.
12	Further stations To support the re-opening of intermediate stations (subject to such actions not impeding the full hourly train service with its connections)	Support for the re-opening of Carno has been confirmed subject to the hourly service requirement.
13	Flooding and sea defences To support any infrastructure works to protect the line from the effects of the sea and in particular flooding. To support any remedial actions that is taken to reduce the risk of flooding on the main line.	Various actions have been taken. The sea defences along the line have been much improved.
14	Seven Day Timetabling To support a full train service every day of the week.	Plans to introduce same in Dec 2022.
15	On board catering On board catering to be continued and extended as needed to all trains.	There are more trains with catering, more to be done.
16	Ticketing to gain a more understandable ticketing system for rail services including 'Bus Plus' ticketing.	No real progress on the Cambrian Line.
17	Information To support improvements to the information boards, displays on platforms and other printed material for the public.	New display boards are on all platforms. Printed material for the public remains in place.
18	Train stock To support the introduction of new rolling stock and the upgrading of the existing stock.	New stock due in 2023.

No	Aim or objective	Status
19	London services To support the retention of London services from Shrewsbury.	Shrewsbury-London service being improved.
20	Cross border rail services To support the retention of services from Mid Wales to Birmingham International and to other main centres.	Through trains to Birmingham have been confirmed as existing.
21	Welshpool Town Bus Service calling at the railway station.	The bus calls at the station.
22	Signage To improve signage at stations giving information on buses and where they serve.	Limited improvements.
23	Local buses To support the retention of rural bus services where there is no other form of public transport available.	Being monitored.
24	Local bus linking main stations Support for the provision of buses along the rail line towns stopping at the villages as well as the main line stations linked to train times.	No progress to date.

The above list does not indicate that the Committee has been involved in any of the above actions although in some cases they have been part of the delivery of such improvements.

R A Robison FRICS FSLCC
Secretary
March 2019