

SHREWSBURY ABERYSTWYTH RAIL LIAISON COMMITTEE

REPORT ON ADMINISTRATION AND ACTIVITIES FOR PERIOD TO 30.12.2020

Introduction

From Government announcements there is going to be an effect on the Committee in that meetings will be difficult, particularly as many of our members are within the venerable category.

The statement yesterday by health experts was that restrictions may well be in place for the remainder of this year in some form.

The operation of the Liaison Committee is important and therefore this paper sets out how we can conduct ourselves for the remainder of this year.

The main effects of any plan include:

- a) Liaison with the rail operators and authorities.
- b) Any financial decisions.
- c) Subjects that need to be taken forward without meetings
- d) Updates on subjects of interest to the Committee.

Activity

The main activity of the Committee has in recent months been around the following subjects:

- a) Train strengthening on main line and a proposal for coast line**
New trains seating arrangements, 4 carriage trains along coast to Barmouth.
- b) Timetabling for connections**
Issues around connections at Shrewsbury in particular.
- c) Welshpool Station Improvements**
Actions to be taken forward to gain improvements and new station layout.
- d) Station Audits**
To gain copies of station audits and improvements programme.
- e) Survey (SARLC)**
Seeking a further survey – defer until Coronavirus situation is resolved.
- f) Extra shelters for Welshpool and Dovey Junction**
To take forward extra shelters for both stations.
- g) Additional indicator Boards (CIS) .**
Extra indicator boards at Welshpool and Caersws in car park areas and an extra unit on the platform at Dovey Junction.

There will no doubt be other consultations and matters to which the Committee should show an interest and be involved.

Administration

In these unprecedented times it is suggested that the following proposal be put to the Membership:

- a) Decisions to be taken between the Officers consulting the Membership when appropriate.

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- b) The annual accounts to be issued to all Member Councils for comment.
- c) Members are asked in a Monthly report to let the Secretary know of any concerns and matters that the Committee should be involved with.

For the Welsh Government, Transport for Wales and Network Rail it is business as usual with extra strains due to the virus effect.

Financial

The finances are steady with no income or outgoings so in fact are static at this time.

Communication

The communication method for each Member would be:

- a) Web site: www.shrewsburyaberystwythrailway.or.uk
- b) Email
- c) Hard copy for those who need it.
- d) A full report on activities and matters of interest to be presented to all Members on a monthly basis.

The Officers would be given copies of reports and communications at least 48 hours before general circulation for comment etc.

Activities to be taken forward

The Secretary is to monitor the following and take actions as approved by the Executive:

- a) Secretary to follow up outstanding matters from last meeting.
- b) Any other consultations or matters raised by Members.
- c) Seek regular updates from Transport for Wales and inform Members.
- d) All updates to be posted on the web site.
- e) The monthly reports to be issued starting with May 2020.
- f) A gallery of stations along both main and coast lines has been added to the Web Site under the 'news' heading.

The situation to be reviewed monthly with the Officers being back to normal as soon as Government advice allows. The Secretary shall liaise with the Chair and Vice Chair over how soon any restrictions can be reviewed.

It is not expected that any main meeting could take place until October 2020. It maybe with some restrictions lifted that the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary could meet along with the Coast Line Chair from time to time.

R A Robinson
Secretary.
23.4.2020

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