



SHREWSBURY ABERYSTWYTH RAIL LIAISON COMMITTEE

AGENDA

**For an Executive meeting of the Shrewsbury Aberystwyth Rail Liaison Committee in liaison with the Cambrian Coast Conference
Monday 7th September 2020 at 12 noon
Goat Hotel High Street Llanfair Caereinion SY21 0QY**

1. Record of attendance

To record attendance any apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the meeting held by Zoom June 2020

To consider and approve the minutes of the last meeting as per issue with this agenda.

3. Actions to be taken forward from last meeting

To consider the list of actions to be taken forward and their status as follows:

No	Item	Status
1	Publish minutes on web site	Completed
2	Publish final future plan 2020-2025	Completed
3	Letter to TfW regarding action plan from Welsh Government meeting. If no satisfactory response a letter to be sent to Welsh Government.	Reminder sent, response received confirming a reply is on the way.
4	Confirm to TfW concern over platforms and access when trains with more central doors are in use.	General letter sent to TfW.
5	Consultation on Wales Transport Strategy from Welsh Government	Completed

4. Financial Report

To consider a financial update.

To note the issue of annual grant aid applications.

5. Letters and responses

To consider an update on the following letters::

- 1) Minister – Letter regarding concerns regarding new trains.
- 2) TfW – schedule of actions from Welsh Government Meeting.



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6. Future Plan 2020-2025

To consider the final draft of the above plan taking into account members comments. See attached final draft.

7. Transport for Wales, Network Rail and British Transport Police

To consider any matters relating to any of the above including:

- i) Timetable changes
- ii) Stations with short platforms and their closure for a period

8. Wales Transport Strategy Conference

To note the date of the conference (14th October 2020) and the cost of £51 for the secretary to attend. (Cost shared with North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils).

9. Any other issues around the Cambrian Lines

To consider any other issues relating to the Cambrian Lines.

10. North Wales Liaison Committee

To note and consider an update for a move by the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils.

11. Carno Station

To note the current situation with regards the re-opening of Carno Station.

12. Local Buses

To note the attached evidence (appendix A) (last information produced) showing the local bus usage in Wales.

13. Meeting with Welsh Government and action plan

To consider progress on the action plan since the meeting with Welsh Government. (see appendix B)

14. Coast Line services in the summer months

The idea of a 4 car unit to Barmouth, leaving 2 cars there while 2 go onto Harlech where the trains pass. The returning 2 units would join the 2 already in Barmouth and form a 4 car unit back in the summer months.

To consider if this is worth pursuing and if so how to assess its practical delivery.



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15. Freight on the Cambrian Lines

To consider an update on freight and the Cambrian Lines.

16. Any other business

To consider any other business notified to the Chair or Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

15. Date of next meeting

To set a date for the next Zoom Meeting.

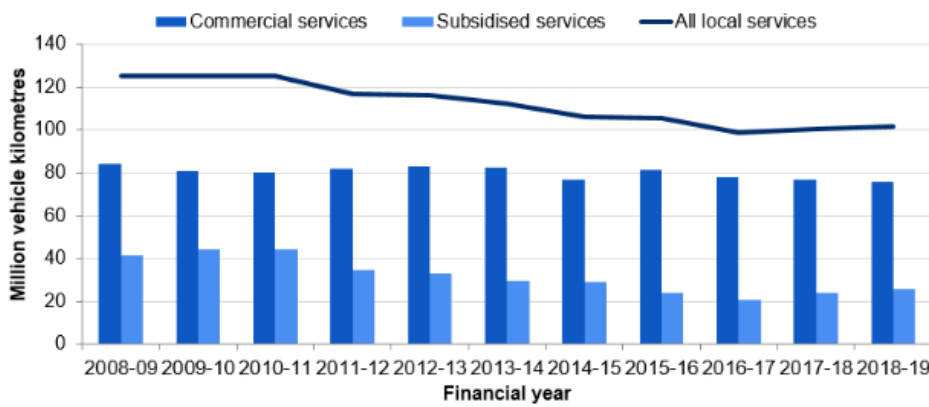


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APPENDIX A

INFORMATION ON BUSES IN WALES THROUGH CHARTS

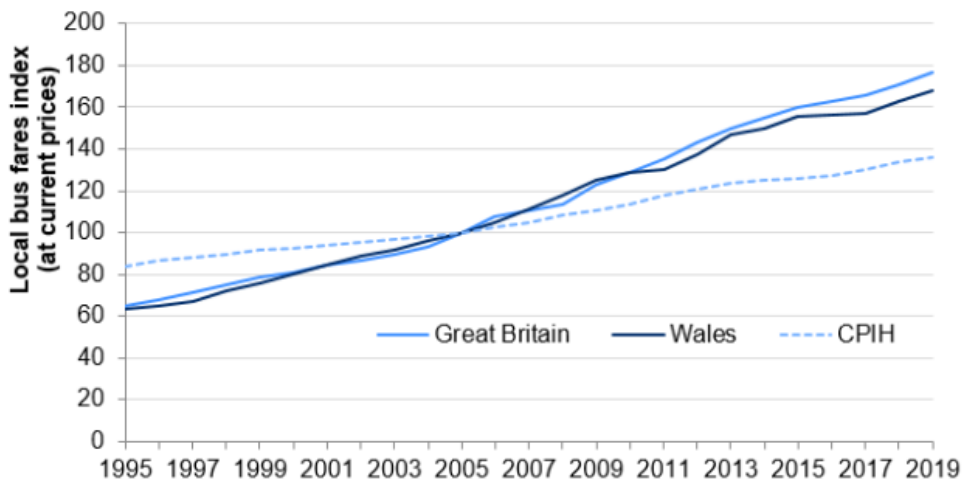
Chart 2: Distance travelled on local bus services, 2008-09 to 2018-19



Source: Welsh Government analysis of Department for Transport 'Public Service Vehicle Survey'

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Chart 6: Local bus services fare indices for Wales and Great Britain, 1995 to 2019 (a)



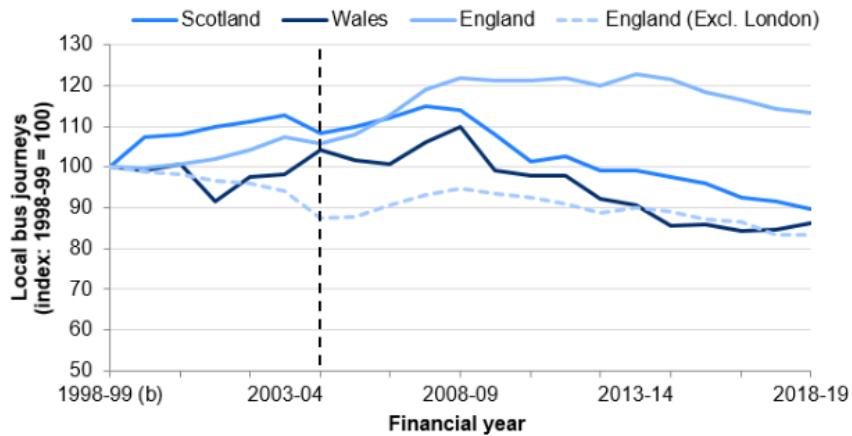
Source: Welsh Government analysis of Department for Transport 'Fares Survey'

(a) Index as at 31 March. Index (2005 = 100).



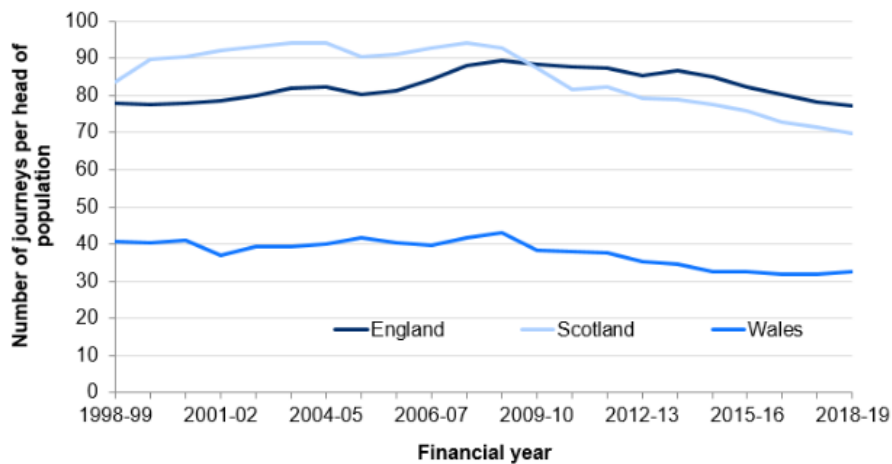
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Chart 7: Local bus journeys by Great Britain country, 1998-99 to 2018-19 (a)



Source: Welsh Government analysis of Department for Transport 'Public Service Vehicle Survey'
(a) There was a break in series in 2004-05. In order to provide this longer run comparison, the older data were linked onto the post 2004-05 data before indexing onto the 1998-99 database.
(b) The year 1998-99 was chosen as the base year as that was the low-point in bus travel for Great Britain as a whole.

Chart 8: Passenger journeys per head on local bus services by country, 1998-99 to 2018-19 (a)



Source: Welsh Government analysis of the Department for Transport 'Public Service Vehicle Survey'
(a) The journey figures relate to all bus journeys, including non-residents. Population figures (residents only and are as at June).



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APPENDIX B

CHART OF ACTIONS FROM WELSH GOVERNMENT MEETING

No	Heading	Action	By who	Status	SARLC response 24/6/2020
1	Station Audits	A copy of the revised station audit to be provided to SARLC	LJ	Things have developed slightly here. We have met with the lead on Station Improvements and a lot of the scope for stations is being reviewed at the moment. Initially we were looking at regional reports but our fear was that they would become dated quickly. We are still looking at the best way to report on Station Improvements and feed in stakeholder input - I will keep you informed of the plan going forward.	
2	Welshpool Station shelter	A new shelter to be considered in station audit review.	LJ	In the meantime, I will ask about the shelters and indicator boards – just to confirm, do you mean the departure board?	As we were offered a copy of the one at the time can this not be issued with the proviso that is now being updated. The departure board is an indicator in the car park so people do not have to all over the bridge before finding their train is late or cancelled.
3	Dementia & publicity Publicity to be altered to be visually impaired and dementia friendly in next issues.	Dementia & publicity Publicity to be altered to be visually impaired and dementia friendly in next issues.	CW	No action	Can we help here. I am a Dementia Friendly Trained person.



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4	Train designs	A mock up being prepared, details to be provided to SARLC when ready.	LJ	We have the mock ups and a virtual option ready to go once social distancing/essential travel is no longer in place.	We wish to know what is happening regarding keeping seating capacity the same or more than now and what is being done to meet the toilet requirements for long journeys such as the Cambrian. As time goes on the trains are progressing and it may all be too late for comment.
5	Indicator boards in car parks	Indicator boards in car parks at Welshpool and Caersws to be taken forward through the station audit.	LJ	See above	See above.
6	Indicator boards on platforms	Indicator board at the Aberystwyth end of the Dovey Junction platform to be taken forward through the station audit.	LJ	See above	The indicator board required is one at the Aberystwyth end of the long platform so people can see what is happening in the area where the train stops.
7	Train connections	Further consideration to be given to extending the time for the Cambrian Line trains to link with London & Cardiff Trains at Shrewsbury.	LJ	As per the report issued via Trevor, we won't be able to progress with any new timetable changes this December however, if you are to offer more detail we can look at current demand and diagrams and see how	I will work up some detail for you over the coming week.



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				we can progress this further.	
8	Machynlleth-Barmouth	Further consideration to be given to Re-enforcing the seating provision during summer months along this stretch of line. See suggestions at 3.3 above in these minutes.	LJ	Nothing confirmed	What we need is an assurance this is being addressed for the future. If you would like me to prepare a detailed paper on it for consideration I can do this.
9	Survey/Evaluation work	TfW to come back to SARLC regarding this work in time for the summer months.	LJ	I don't think we'll be able to look into this this year – in light of travel restrictions, we are doing a lot of survey work at the moment (based upon changing circumstance and passenger's attitude to future rail use) and I think it would be best to discuss this again once we understand what "business as usual" looks like. I would appreciate any virtual support you can give in sharing information and encouraging users to fill in online surveys where possible (I am grateful for everything you have shared to date)	Understand this year. However I think we will need one next year as well as on the Coast Line. If it is confirmed that this is to happen next year we can prepare survey manual for approval in readiness.
10	Events List	A list of major events to be provided by SARLC to TfW.	RAR	Issued	Nothing we can do this year. I issued the list so it will not be so different when things get back to normal.
11	Peak fares	The peak fares reference to be removed from	LJ	I will chase this.	Completed.



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		publicity as it does not apply to the Cambrian Lines.			
12	Reservations	Reservations and their relationship with carriage numbering to be investigated.	LJ	We are looking at reservations/pre booking seats at the moment through our IT team – I'll see whether it can be addressed through this work.	Being worked on, TFW hope to have something ready by end of August or early September.
13	North Wales Liaison	Consideration to be given to a Liaison Committee for the North Coast Lines – TFW to come back to RAR in time for the N&MWA meeting on 25 th April.	LJ	On-going	Initial letters sent out, constitution being prepared for approval by the N&MWALC
14	Minutes of meeting	To be circulated for comment before being made available to SARLC members.	RAR	Completed	Completed
15	Station audit	SARLC to issue their station audit to TFW	RAR	Completed	Completed