



SHREWSBURY ABERYSTWYTH RAIL LIAISON COMMITTEE

AGENDA

**For an Executive meeting of the
Shrewsbury Aberystwyth Rail Liaison Committee
Monday 26th October 2020 at 11am
Crown House Street Llanfair Caereinion SY21 0QY**

1. Record of attendance

To record attendance any apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the meeting held in September 2020

To consider and approve the minutes of the last meeting.

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	Heading	Action	Status
1	Minutes	The minutes are to be posted on the web site.	Completed
2	Newsletter	A draft to be prepared for approval before circulation.	Completed
3	WG and TfW Chart	Update TfW concerns and questions chart	Completed
4	Emails	Update email addresses	Started
5	Conference	Secretary to attend conference on 14 th October and report back to SARLC	Will be complete by meeting
6	Train set provision in December 2022	SARLC to join a Microsoft Team Video Link with the Mid and North Wales Association of Local Councils on 18 th September with Welsh Government.	Completed
7	Constitution	The revised constitution is to be posted on the web site.	Completed
8	Funding	An approach to be made to Welsh Government to see what funding might be available.	Response awaited
9	Carno Station	Seek update on Carno Station funding progress.	Update awaited
10	Cambrian Coast rail service whilst Barmouth Bridge is closed	Ask TfW if a service could be taken to Morfa Mawddach during reduce train time period.	Completed
11	Tallylyn Railway	Reply to R Woodhouse	Completed



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4. Financial Report

To consider a financial update.

To consider the WG response to funding suggestions.

5. TfW Action List and Welsh Government Meeting

To consider an update on:

- 1) Meeting with Welsh Government Officers regarding rail issues.
- 2) TfW action list review. (see appendix A)

6. Full SARLC Meeting November 2020

To consider the agenda for the above meeting as per appendix B.

To consider dates for meetings.

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

To consider any matters relating to any of the above.

8. Wales Transport Strategy Conference

To consider a response regarding the conference (14th October 2020).

9. North Wales Liaison Committee

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

10. Carno Station

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

11. Any other business

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

12. Date of next meeting

To set a date for the next Executive Meeting.



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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 we can progress this further.	I will work up some detail for you over the coming week.



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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 publicity as it does not apply to the Cambrian Lines.	LJ	I will chase this.	Completed.



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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



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for a meeting to be held on
Friday 13th November 2020 at 11.15am
by Zoom

1. Zoom Meeting details

The meeting will be held by Zoom - Instructions:

Go into Google, type in ZOOM, when the heading Zoom comes up (1st one) enter main site. On home page click (top right) join meeting. It will ask for meeting ID which is 565 686 6079. Click to join meeting, put in password 100001 and then click to enter meeting. When you join meeting click on the information bar at the bottom of the page and then click on participants. This will allow you to raise your hand to speak or to vote. Any problems call me on 01938 811378 and I will guide you through it on the day. I will be online from 11am.

2. Record of attendance

To record attendance at the meeting and to record any apologies for absence.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

To consider and approve the minutes of the last full meeting. (see separate document)

4. Report from the Executive

To consider actions taken by the Executive since the last meeting as follows:

No	Activity
1	Monitoring the TfW action list from February 2019
2	Attending remote meeting with Welsh Government
3	Preparation of a Future Policy plan for SARLC
4	Kept Web Site up to date to inform members
5	Completed consultations on rail matters

5. Financial Report

To consider a financial report from the Secretary.

To consider future funding of the group.



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6. Future Plan

To consider, adopt (with our without alterations) the Future Plan – see separate document.

7. Meeting with Welsh Government

To consider the minutes of a meeting with Welsh Government – see separate attachment.

8. Transport for Wales Report

To receive a report from Transport for Wales.

9. Reports from

To consider any reports from the following:

- i) Network Rail**
- ii) Cambrian Rail Partnership**
- iii) British Transport Police**

10. Any other business

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

11. Date of next meeting

To note the date of the future full meeting as follows:

Friday at 11.15am

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Meetings will be held at Machynlleth Bowling Club (if restrictions allow) or by Zoom.