



Future Plan 2020-2025

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1. Introduction

1.1 Document

This document sets out details of the Shrewsbury Aberystwyth Rail Liaison Committee (more information within its constitution) and sets out the aims and objectives of the Committee over the next 5 years from 2020 to 2025.

1.2 Plan

The plan was approved following consultation with Members and Transport Operators and will form the policy, aims and objectives of the Committee.

1.3 Transport

The plan widens the remit of the Committee to include all public transport in the Mid Wales Cambrian Lines area including bus services.

1.4 Cambrian Coast

The Committee shall liaise and work with the Cambrian Coast Conference.

1.5 The 2017-2020 Plan

The objectives in this plan are set out below together with the status of each at the start of the new plan:

No	Item	Status
1	Completion of surveys for Welsh Government in 2017	Completed
2	Full hourly train service on the main line	In the programme by TFW for no later than 2023
3	Improvements to stations along the main line	Station Audit completed. Some works have been completed.
4	Extended car parking at Machynlleth, Caersws and Welshpool	On-going.



2. Membership

2.1 Membership

The membership of the Committee shall be as set out at appendix B.

2.2 Other members

Any other organisation that wishes to join the Committee shall meet the following criteria and be approved by a full meeting.

- a) Be directly involved in transport within the defined Cambrian Lines area as set out at appendix A.
- b) Confirm that they accept the policies of the Committee as contained in this plan.

3. Meetings

3.1 Constitution

The organisation and its meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the constitution.

3.2 Meeting dates

There shall be 6 meetings each year as follows:

January	SARLC
March	SARLC
May	SARLC
July	Joint SARLC and Cambrian Coast Conference
September	SARLC
October	SARLC

3.3 Location and times of meetings

All meetings shall be held at the Bowling Club Machynlleth at 11.15am on the agreed dates.

3.4 Agenda, minutes and reports

Agendas for all meetings shall be emailed to Members at least 7 clear days before any meeting and shall be posted on the web site.

Minutes of meetings shall be produced as soon as possible following meetings and shall be emailed to all Members and posted on the web site.

All reports received shall be noted in the minutes and posted on the web site where possible.

3.5 Welsh language

All material is to be made available in Welsh upon request.



4. Executive

4.1 Day to day business

The day to day running of the affairs of the Committee shall be carried out by the executive formed to action instructions from the Committee.

4.2 Membership of the executive

The executive shall comprise the Chair, Vice Chair and the Secretary.

5. Remit of the Committee

5.1 Objects

The objects of the Committee shall include:

- i) Discussion on common issues between its membership regarding the main line between Shrewsbury and Aberystwyth and local bus services serving areas along the Cambrian Lines.
- ii) To receive updates on matters affecting the main line from Transport for Wales, Network Rail, Rail Partnership, Police, Local Bus Operators and other relevant bodies.
- iii) To influence and aid enhancements to the main line services between Shrewsbury and Aberystwyth and the local bus services.

5.2 Constitution

The constitution objects shall be reviewed in line with this plan when approved.

6. Cambrian Coast Conference

6.1 Joint Meetings

There shall be at least one meeting of both the Shrewsbury Aberystwyth Rail Liaison Committee and the Cambrian Coast Conference held in July of each year.

6.2 Liaison

The Committee shall through its officers liaise with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Cambrian Coast Conference on matters of joint interest.

The Shrewsbury Aberystwyth Rail Liaison Committee to attend Transport for Wales Liaison Groups.



7. Funding

7.1 County Councils

Grant aid shall be requested when-ever possible.

7.2 Grant Aid

Surveys and work for Welsh Government or Transport for Wales shall be funded by grant aid.

7.3 Accounts

The accounts shall be kept by the secretary in accordance with the constitution.

7.4 Funding plan

To prepare for approval and monitor regularly a funding plan for the group.

8. Recent history

8.1 General

The Committee has worked with both Welsh Government and Transport Operators regarding the delivery of rail services on the Cambrian Lines. This relationship has been developed over the past 10 years in particular.

8.2 Infrastructure & signals

In July 2013 the Executive met with the Minister to discuss possible timetable improvements for the line. This cumulated in a major survey being undertaken funded by Welsh Government together with follow up surveys. The results were impressive and lead to an implementation group being set up to bring forward the new services.

8.3 Work with Welsh Government

The Committee has worked with Welsh Government not only in the introduction of the new services but also with surveys to provide information for the Minister.

8.4 Improved rail services

The above work has led to improved rail services as follows

- i) An hourly service for most of the day along the Shrewsbury Aberystwyth railway line – a full hourly service by 2023.
- ii) A full two hourly service on the Coast Line.
- iii) Some improvements to stations to support the new services.



9. Purpose of the plan

9.1 General

The purpose of the plan is to give direction to the Committee with an agreed plan and set of policies. This in turn will inform the Principle Authorities and Rail Companies of the aims and objectives for the line and which will aid working together to achieve such aims.

9.1 Monitoring and surveys

The Committee may from time to time conduct surveys to inform the Committee and others. These may be for Welsh Government, Rail Operators, Bus Operators or the Committee itself.

9.2 Decisions

Decisions of the Committee shall be in accordance with this plan unless there are overriding reasons for such deviation.

10. Cambrian Lines Policy

The following are the policies of the Committee with regards the Main Cambrian Railway Lines:

Ref	Heading	Details
R1	Timetable – Main Line	A full hourly clock-face timetable 7 day a week service on the Main Line.
R2	Timetable – Coast Line	A full 2 hourly clock-face 7 day a week service in the summer on the Coast Line.
R3	Complete station audit	To complete a station audit with a list of improvements required for each station on the main line. See appendix C.
R4	New trains	To secure new trains with more seats per train, adequate toilet provision and enough of the new trains to ensure that the full hourly service is delivered.
R5	Welshpool	To support the purchase of land to increase station facilities at this station including extended car parking and bus interchange for national bus service to Cardiff.
R6	Dovey Junction	To support the provision of a footpath from the station to the Dovey Osprey Project. This station will be more important with more usage for changing trains. To support an additional shelter and improved indicator boards on the platforms (Aberystwyth end)



R7	Machynlleth	To support improvements to create more car parking and a bus interchange.
R8	Carno	To support the station re-opening subject to such provision not inhibiting the full hourly train service on the main line.
R9	Ticketing	To support improved and more understandable ticket systems for public transport.
R10	Information	To support information initiatives along the main and coast lines.
R11	Coast Line	To support improvements to rail services along the coast line.
R12	Parcels and freight	Support any Welsh Government initiative to bring forward a proposal to introduce parcels/freight onto the Cambrian Lines as long as it does not inhibit the passenger train policies noted in policy A1.
R13	CLIMATE CHANGE	To support the Welsh Transport Strategy to reduce emissions from transport and to take part in the consultations relating to the plan.
R14	Resilience	To support resilience infrastructure to protect the lines into the future. (i.e. flood defences).
R15	London Service	To support the introduction of a daily direct Aberystwyth to London service.

11. Local Buses Policy

The following are the policies of the Committee with regards the Local Buses serving areas along the Main Cambrian Railway Lines:

Ref	Heading	Details
B1	Integration	To support any initiative which leads to better integration between different public transport services.
B2	Local bus services	To support the retention of local bus services along the Cambrian Main Line areas.
B3	Information	To seek good information for those using buses and to support improvements to the issue of information.

12. Review and monitoring

This plan shall be the subject of a monitoring report presented the general meeting of the Committee at its October meeting.



13. Action Plan

The following items comprise the action plan to be completed during the life of the plan:

Ref	Heading	Details
A1	Hourly train services on Main Line	To ensure the policy of an hourly train service is delivered on a 7 day a week basis by 2023.
A2	Two hourly train services on the Coast Line	To ensure the policy of a by hourly train service is delivered by 2023 on a 7 day week basis in summer.
A3	Station Audit Detail	To complete a detailed station audit. See appendix C.
A4	Station improvements	To identify improvements required for each station and to follow up on delivery of such improvements –see appendix C.
A5	Buses policy plan	To prepare a bus plan for the Main Line areas.
A6	New Stations	To support the completion of a new station at Bow Street and the re-instatement of Carno Station subject to Policy A1.
A7	Trains	Focus on gaining new trains with improved seating numbers, adequate toilet provision and enough units to provide the full hourly train service.
A8	Freight	Support any Welsh Government initiative to bring forward a proposal to introduce parcels/freight onto the Cambrian Lines as long as it does not inhibit the passenger train policies noted in policy A1.
A9	Climate Change	To support the Welsh Transport Strategy to reduce emissions from transport and to take part in the consultations relating to the plan.
R10	Resilience	To support resilience infrastructure to protect the lines into the future. (i.e. flood defences).
R11	London Service	To support the introduction of a daily direct Aberystwyth to London service.

14. Signatories

Cllr Trevor Roberts Chair

Cllr Michael Williams Vice Chair

Robert Robinson Secretary

Dated – 4th December 2020



APPENDIX A

Map of Cambrian Lines Area





APPENDIX B

Membership List:

No	Heading	Representative
	Officers	Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary as elected as per the constitution.
	Cambrian Coast Conference	Chair.
	Transport Operators	Transport for Wales Network Rail Cambrian Rail Partnership British Transport Police Bus operators
	National government	Members of Parliament for each area
	Welsh Government	Assembly Members for each area
	County Councils	Ceredigion County Council Gwynedd County Council Powys County Council Shropshire Council
	Town and Community Councils	Shrewsbury Town Council Welshpool Town Council Newtown Town Council Caersws Community Council Machynlleth Town Council Borth Community Council Aberystwyth Town Council
	Other interest groups	WCR 250 Rail Focus Rail Future Carno Action Group SARPA Talylyn Railway Vale of Rheidol Steam Railway Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway



APPENDIX C

SHREWSBURY ABERYSTWYTH RAIL LIAISON COMMITTEE

STATION AUDIT

STATION AUDIT 2019		SHREW	WPL	NTWN	CSW	MACH	DOVEY	BORTH	ABER
No	Station								
1	Car parking	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Yellow	Yellow
2	Shelters	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Yellow	Yellow
3	Help point	Green							
4	CCTV	Green							
5	Ticket machine	Green							
6	Booking office	Green	Blue	Green	Blue	Green	Blue	Blue	Green
7	CIS Boards	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
8	Audio system	Green							
9	Disabled access	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue
10	Information centre	Green	Blue	Green	Blue	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue
11	Toilets	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue
12	Refreshments	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue
	KETY	Green	Yellow						
		Green	Yellow						
		Yellow	Red						
		Red	Blue						
		Blue							



**SHREWSBURY ABERYSTWYTH RAIL LIAISON COMMITTEE
AUDT FOR SHREWSBURY TO ABERYSTWYTH STATIONS – February 2019**

No	Item	Shrewsbury	Welshpool	Newtown	Caersws	Machynlleth	Dovey Junc	Borth	Aberystwyth
1	Passing place	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES
2	Car Parking	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
3	Information on Platform	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
4	Information outside stn	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
5	Shelters on platform	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
6	Ticket Office	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES
7	Ticket machines	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
8	Public toilets	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES
9	Disabled access	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
10	Lifts	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
11	cctv	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
12	Lighting	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
13	Station adopter in place	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
14	Demential friendly	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

CAMBIAN LINE STATION AUDIT