# CYNGOR GWYNEDD COUNCIL

### Complete Agenda

Democratic Service Swyddfa'r Cyngor CAERNARFON Gwynedd LL55 1SH

### Meeting

### **CAMBRIAN COAST RAILWAY LIAISON CONFERENCE**

Date and Time

1.00 pm, FRIDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 2015

Location

Y Ganolfan (ger yr Harbwr), Porthmadog

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### **Cyngor Sir Ceredigion**

Disgwyl am enwebiad

### **Cyngor Sir Powys**

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Y Cynghorydd Trevor Roberts, Cynrychiolydd Pwyllgor Ymgynghorol Rheilffordd Amwythig/Aberystwyth, 6 LLys Dedwydd, Abermaw, Gwynedd. LL42 1HP

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Mr Tudur O Williams, Prifathro, Ysgol Ardudwy, Harlech, Gwynedd.

Mrs Helen Lewis, Pennaeth Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn, Tywyn, Gwynedd.

Pennaeth, Coleg Meirion-Dwyfor, Safle Penrallt, Pwllheli, Gwynedd.

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Mr William Powell, AC Rhanbarthol dros Ganolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru, Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru, Bae Caerdydd CF99 1 NA

Ms Joyce Watson, AC Rhanbarthol dros Ganolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru, Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru, Bae Caerdydd, Caerdydd. CF99 1NA

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Ms Rebecca Evans, AC Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru, Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru, Bae Caerdydd, Caerydd. CF99 1NA

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Mr Delwyn Evans, Meirionnydd Access Group, 5 Islwyn Terrace, Lombard Street, Dolgellau, Gwynedd.

Cyng. Alun Wyn Evans, Cynrychiolydd Cylch Meirionnydd Un Llais Cymru, Fferm Penllyn, Ffordd Neifion, Tywyn, Gwynedd, LL36 0DP

Cyng. Trefor Jones, Cylch Dwyfor Un Llais Cymru, Talar Deg, Chwilog, Pwllheli, Gwynedd.

Disgwyl Enwebiad o Grwp Mynediad Dwyfor / Awaiting Nomination from Dwyfor Access Group

### AGENDA

1. <u>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</u>

To elect a Chairman for 2015-16.

2.	ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN		
	To elect a Vice-chairman for 2015/16.		
3.	<u>APOLOGIES</u>		
4.	DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST		
5.	URGENT MATTERS		
	To consider any business which the Chairman decides is urgent.		
6.	MINUTES	1 - 5	
	To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 April 2015.		
7.	REPORT BY NETWORK RAIL		
	To receive a report by Mr Dylan Bowen, Network Rail.		
8.	REPORT BY ARRIVA TRAINS WALES LTD	6 - 8	
	To receive a report by Mr Ben Davies, Arriva Trains Wales.		
9.	REPORT BY THE CAMBRIAN RAILWAY OFFICER	9 - 10	
	To receive a report by the Cambrian Railway Officer.		
10.	REPORT BY BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE	11	
	To receive a report by a representative of the British Transport Police.		
11.	FORMAL QUESTIONS	12 - 13	
	<ul> <li>(a) To receive responses to the questions enclosed herewith received since the previous meeting.</li> <li>(b) Membership -</li> </ul>		
	(a)	14 - 17	

To discuss a request received by the Chairman to invite a representative from all the Community Councils where the railway runs through their wards to become members of this Committee.

### CAMBRIAN COAST RAILWAY LIAISON CONFERENCE

Minutes of a meeting of the Cambrian Coast Railway Liaison Conference that took place at Y Ganolfan, Porthmadog on Friday, 24 April 2015 from 12.00 pm until 1.30 pm

### **PRESENT**

Councillors Selwyn Griffiths, Annwen Hughes, Anne Lloyd Jones, Eryl Jones-Williams, Dewi Owen, Eirwyn Williams, (Cyngor Gwynedd), Lord Dafydd Elis Thomas (Dwyfor Meirionnydd Assembly Member), Mr Philip Sayers (Talyllyn Railway), Mr Roger Goodhew (Shrewsbury-Aberystwyth Rail Passenger Association), Mr Alun Wyn Evans (Un Llais Cymru (Meirionnydd), Trefor W. Jones (Un Llais Cymru Dwyfor), Mr D. Woodhouse (Aberdyfi and Tywyn Tourism), Mr Delwyn Evans (Meirionnydd Access Group), Mr Ben Davies (Arriva Trains Wales), Mr Dylan Bowen (Network Rail), Mr Rhydian Mason (Cambrian Railway Partnership), Llinos Roberts (Community and Public Transport Officer), Mrs Mererid Watt (Translator), Mrs Glynda O'Brien (Members and Scrutiny Support Officer).

**Apologies:** Councillors John Brynmor Hughes, Angela Ann Russell, Gethin Glyn Williams (Cyngor Gwynedd), Cllr. Michael Williams (Cyngor Powys), Cllr. Trevor Roberts (Shrewsbury-Aberystwyth Railway Liaison Committee), Mr Simon Thomas (Assembly Member for Mid and West Wales), PC Rob Newman (British Transport Police), Mr Tudur Williams (Ysgol Ardudwy).

### 1. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received from any member present.

#### 2. URGENT ITEMS

No urgent matters were received for discussion.

### 3. MINUTES

**Submitted:** Minutes of the conference meeting that took place on 28 November 2014.

**Resolved:** To accept and approve the above minutes.

### 4. REPORT BY NETWORK RAIL

A summary of the Wales Railway Routes study was submitted to Members and Mr Dylan Bowen reported that the consultation document had been launched recently at the Senedd and there was an opportunity up to the end of June to send observations on the recommendations.

Members were given an opportunity to ask questions to the officer and he responded as follows:

(a) He would investigate what was happening to the old bridge at Machynlleth as a result of building the new lift bridge and would forward the information to the Cambrian Railways Partnership Officer.

(b) It was noted that the Welsh Government was promoting the use of the Wales Coastal Path and suggested that there was access on the path to Aberdyfi from the Glandyfi Station to avoid having to walk inland. It was asked if any discussions had taken place with Network Rail regarding this. The above was supported by a Member serving on the South Eryri Access Forum and it was suggested that it was possible to bolt the footbridge to the Network Rail railway bridge at Dyfi station.

Mr Bowen explained that he was not aware of any discussions, however, whilst accepting that the path crossed the railway in certain places it was important to bear in mind that Network Rail was trying to prevent the public from crossing the railway in order to reduce risk and for public safety. Members were aware that the intention of Network Rail was to close level crossings rather than create them. Network Rail could not attract or contribute financially but certainly any possible plans could be discussed giving consideration to public safety.

Resolved: (a) To accept and note the contents of the summary.

(b) To request that Mr Dylan Bowen investigates the above and sends any further information to the Members' Support Officer to be circulated further to Conference Members.

### 5. **REPORT BY ARRIVA TRAINS WALES LTD**

A written report was presented by Mr Ben Davies on behalf of Arriva Trains Wales Ltd, and specific reference was made to improvements to the whole Cambrian railway train time-table for May 2015. Copies of the timetable were available at Train Stations. It was noted that the changes included:

- Improved services during the week and weekend on the Cambrian line (this included four additional return journeys from Aberystwyth to Shrewsbury from Monday to Saturday and two additional return journeys on Sunday).
- Additional services during the week on the Heart of Wales line which entailed significant changes to the current timetable.
- The Shrewsbury to Crewe service left a minute earlier at 05.32 to connect to the 06.27 service from Crewe to Manchester.
- The 17.04 service from Cardiff to Tenby would now also call at Llanharan.

It was explained that the morning train (5.00 am) from Machynlleth to Pwllheli had been removed due to lack of use following undertaking a survey undertaken and an evening train had been added in its place. Conference Members were of the view that this was a sensible arrangement as no use was made of the morning train.

It was explained that in terms of the Arriva Trains Wales' language policy that one new company provided and prepared a Welsh recording to be used at the stations and on the trains. It was explained that the Welsh language was important to Arriva Trains Wales and following the recent appointment of the Railway Officer there would be more marketing of Wales in towns such as Birmingham, Manchester and Liverpool. In addition, there would be television adverts at peak times and adverts would also be placed on buses etc.

In terms of dealing with the formal question sent regarding arrangements for passengers with mental disorders, Mr Ben Davies explained that cards (called the

orange wallet) were available for passengers which indicated that they required assistance from train staff. These cards had been operational on the Cambrian line for approximately 3/4 years and staff were aware of the arrangements and what they needed to do. The cards were also in operation on Arriva buses.

The Railway Officer added that Mr Phil Caldwell had produced a film to promote good behaviour by young people on trains and it was proposed to produce a second film to include information about the orange wallet and this would be an excellent opportunity to launch this formally at the end of June/July.

Members suggested that this should be advertised/circulated to specific groups, Siop Gwynedd, Council Website, local papers as well as the Council's Communications Department.

In the context of WiFi on the Cambrian railway trains, Mr Ben Davies noted that Arriva Trains Wales would submit a bid for funding to have WiFi on every train in Wales.

### Resolved (a) To accept and note the report.

(b) To request that the Integrated Transportation Unit organises for information to be circulated to specific groups regarding the orange wallet and to organise with the Communications Department to advertise in the local papers, Siop Gwynedd and on the Council's website.

### 6. REPORT OF THE INTEGRATED TRANSPORT UNIT MANAGER

Members were guided through the contents of the report by the Manager of the Integrated Transport Unit, by Llinos Roberts, Community and Public Transport Officer drawing attention to the update on

- Pont Briwet that the programme of work on the bridge would finish at the end of June 2015.
- Cambrian Railway Officer that the post had now been transferred to Ceredigion County Council and Mr Rhydian Mason had been appointed to the post on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014. It was noted that the Integrated Transport Unit was collaborating with the officer in order to develop an Access to Health service in the Harlech area to improve connections with the train as well as connections with TrawsCymru at Maentwrog.

In response to a query regarding the position of TraCC and TAITH (North Wales Regional Transport Consortium) and specifically the decision of Gwynedd Council to include the whole of Gwynedd within the TAITH network plan, what impact was this likely to have on the Meirionnydd area, it was suggested:

- that the Community and Public Transport Officer should be requested to look into the above; and
- that the Railways Officer should provide further information regarding TraCC having contacted Ann Elias.

In terms of the financial situation, it was understood that it was local authorities who contributed financially to TraCC and the importance of considering other sources was noted such as European funding to finance TraCC considering the financial climate facing local authorities.

Resolved: To accept, note and thank the officer for the report.

### 7 REPORT BY THE BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE

The Chairman noted the absence of PC Rob Newman, however, it was possible for any member to raise any questions they wished and arrangements would be made for these to be forwarded to him.

Resolved: To accept and note the above and no questions were received to be forwarded on.

### 8. REPORT OF THE CAMBRIAN RAILWAYS OFFICER

A report was presented by the Cambrian Railways Officer on the activities thus far, including his attendance at various meetings, marketing and promotion of the Cambrian Line.

- (a) The Cambrian Railways Officer guided Members through the report and drew attention to the following:
  - Contributions to the Cambrian Action Group established by the Minister for the Economy, Science and Transport.
  - Collaboration with other colleagues who work on the Line and sharing information.
  - Working on a film for people with special needs to enable them to travel confidently.
  - Had been filming in Euston and organisations such as Arriva Trains,
     Virgin, Network Rail had been included and they had taken an interest in the work.
  - A local film company had been used and there was collaboration with Coleg Derwen in order to use their expertise.
  - It was trusted that this would be an opportunity for the film to be used nationally.
  - During the next few months they would promote new elements such as commuting in order to open the market and promote this by working jointly with the Welsh Government.
- (b) The Chair stated that partnership and joint-working were vitally important especially in the current financial climate and bearing in mind that financial sources were getting scarcer.
- (c) A Member noted that the Minister was listening to the Cambrian Action Group and the next three years would be essential in terms of using the facilities to ensure the continuation of the service and justify the need to invest more in the provision.
- (d) Reference was made to the laudable contributions and the tireless work of Cllr. Mansel Williams, Cllr. Trevor Roberts and Mr Robert Robinson in the Cambrian Action Group.
- (e) The following matters were raised by a Member:
  - That the steam train service should be restored.

- Concern regarding the lack of parking spaces along the Cambrian Line.
- Network Rail was thanked for the new graded humps installed in stations.
- Gwynedd Council should contribute financially to the Cambrian Railway.
- (f) A Member further noted that there were complaints from passengers regarding the lack of seats on trains.

In response to the above, the Railways Officer noted that some trains were full but it was trusted that by implementing the new timetable with additional trains from Machynlleth, that this would solve the problem of a lack of seats.

(g) It was understood that Cllr. Mansel Williams, Chair of the Shrewsbury-Aberystwyth Railway Liaison Committee, was unwell and it was suggested that best wishes be sent to him for a complete and speedy recovery.

Resolved: (a) To accept, note and thank the Cambrian Railway Partnership Development Officer for the report.

(b) To request that the Members' Support and Scrutiny Officer sends a word to Councillor Mansel Williams to convey the best wishes of this Committee to him for a complete and speedy recovery.

### 9. **FORMAL QUESTIONS**

It was noted that the formal question received from a Member of the Conference had received attention above.

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

### 10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- (a) It was reported that the next meeting of the Joint Meeting with the Shrewsbury-Aberystwyth Railway Liaison Committee would take place on 18 September 2015, with the details posted on the Welshpool Town Council website.
- (b) It was reported that the Chair and the Members' Support and Scrutiny Officer would organise a convenient date for the next meeting sometime in March.

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

### **CHAIRMAN**

# Agenda Item 8

### Arriva Trains Wales, November 2015

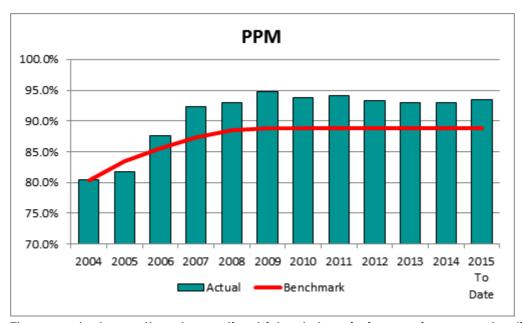
Connecting people & communities to what is important to them

### **Key Achievements**

- Customer satisfaction at record levels 89% (Spring 2015)
- Outstanding Performance we are consistently one of the top 'right time' performing rail operators in the UK.
- £45million of investment since the start of the Franchise vs £400k contractual requirement.
- One of the largest employers in Wales, employing more than 2,000 people and creating an extra 300 jobs since the beginning of the franchise.
- Recent recruitment has included 21 apprentices and 13 graduate trainees.

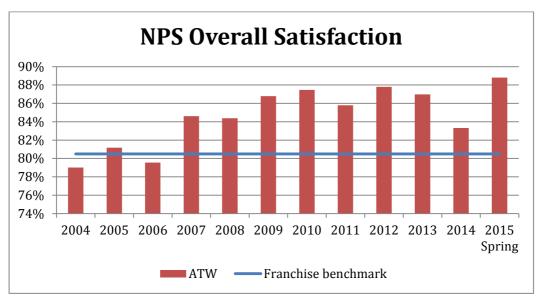
### **Key Performance Measures**

- 1. Public Performance Measures (Industry standard measures for Reliability and Punctuality)
- Annual reliability and punctuality currently 97.9% and 93.5% respectively.
- Top 5 industry performer
- Second-best right-time operator (Trains arriving and departing within 1 minute of scheduled time)



The graph shows the dramatic strides taken in improving punctuality and reliability as per the industry PPM measure. We consistently outperform the benchmark set at the start of the franchise, which represented the levels of performance considered challenging but achievable at that time.

- 2. National Rail Passenger Survey
- Overall satisfaction has now risen to 89%, up 10% from when the franchise started and 8% above the franchise benchmark.
- 31 out of the 32 different areas of measurement have improved over the past decade



The independent National Rail Passenger Survey demonstrates customers' opinions of the work we have done over the years.

### Investment in franchise

We have invested £45 million against a franchise requirement of only £400,000. ATW investment includes:

- Over £11m on train refurbishments (Class 158 fleet & loco hauled services)
- Chester station (£2m)
- Train Driver simulators (£2m)
- Improved staff facilities (£2m)
- Ticket gates (£3m)
- 123 Ticket vending machines all across the network (£5m)
- Brand new depot at Machynlleth (£3m)
- New wheel lathe (£2m)
- Numerous other smaller projects, such as station lighting enhancements worth a total of £10m
- National Stations Improvement Programme in partnership with others, plus numerous improvements to accessibility.
- Major station refurbishments included Aberystwyth, Llandudno and Rhyl and new stations at Ebbw Vale Town, Pye Corner, Energlyn and Churchill Park, Fishguard and Goodwick.

### New and improved services

ATW has consistently acted to add capacity and improve services whilst working with a limited fleet size. We provide 20% more services (65,000 services every year) than the franchise agreement specifies and added over 525,000 annual seats to the timetable in 2012 alone. Around 5000 extra trains a year were added in May 2013 for Gowerton following the station improvements and Loughour viaduct redoubling – all at no additional cost to the tax payer. In 2015 at the request of the Welsh Government, extra services were added on the Heart of Wales and Cambrian lines and timetables extended to the new Ebbw Vale Town station. Two new innovative Smartphone mticket products were launched as were the UK's first video assisted train Ticket Vending Machines. ATW is a key supporter of community projects including Disability Sport Wales, Velothon Wales and Cardiff Half Marathon.

### Franchise Overview

Our network extends throughout Wales and the border counties of England, providing local and long distance services to destinations including major cities such as Swansea, Cardiff, Newport, Birmingham, Chester and Manchester.

- 2,204 employees
- Franchise started in December 2003 for 15 years
- 1,009 route miles
- 956 services operated per day
- 27.4 million passenger journeys per year
- A fleet of 128 trains
- 247 stations, 55 of which are staffed

Passionate, proud people delivering excellent service - every time.



### LDO's report 06/11/15:

### A Helping Hand – film project:

Since the last meeting we have now completed our major project for this year, namely the 'Helping Hand' / 'Help Llaw' film for young people with special needs, and it was shortlisted for an ACoRP award in the 'Passengers Matter' Category, which it won, much to our delight.

The film has also been submitted to the UK Rail Industry Awards, a national corporate awards event which, if successful, would present further opportunities for this partnership in terms of the far-reaching and positive impact that the film as a whole, and indeed our other projects and publications could achieve.

In addition to this, during meetings with Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas, he has agreed to present opportunities to us (as a sponsor) where we would be able to show the film and address members of parliament, assembly members, peers and senior civil servants at both the Senedd in Cardiff and at the Palace of Westminster in London. Arrangements for this are ongoing between myself and Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas' office.

The film has now been shown to a number of organisations and groups and is receiving hugely positive feedback.

### Aberystwyth Station Shopmobility

Continuing on an accessibility theme, I have been working with CAVO on improving access to Shopmobility at Aberystwyth Station. Working in conjunction with David Crunkhorn, we now have the beginnings of an agreement in principle to have a designated 'shopmobility meeting point' at Aberystwyth station, where Rail passengers who have pre-booked a shopmobility scooter will be met at the station at a designated point, where they will be given any instructions required on using their scooter in a dry/covered environment. We are also looking in conjunction with ATW locally and CAVO on the option of being able to store one or more scooters in an additional designated site.

### **School Posters Campaign**

I have been working to assist Phil Caldwell of ATW with the School Poster Campaign which is the culmination of the schools' outreach programme which was brought about the first film that the CRP Produced – "First Class Safety". The posters have been part of a programme in which each pupil was tasked with designing a safety poster, with a number of them to be displayed at stations local to their school.

#### **Publications:**

Preliminary work is underway on a Shrewsbury based leaflet to encourage the use of Shrewsbury as a rail head for days out by train on the Cambrian, Heart of Wales, and Chester line. This is being led by CRP, and we are in the early process of identifying suggested ideas for 'days out by train' on each of our lines, and also to identify suggestions for what to do during the evenings at Shrewsbury. I have already met with Tim King of Shropshire Tourism, David Edwards of the HOWL and Sheila Dee of Shrewsbury Chester line to discuss this project and we are all in agreement that this would be an excellent example of a joint-project between our organisations.

Looking ahead, I am gathering information slowly to put together a visitors/tourists leaflet based on Beaches and Castles – this will tie in somewhat with Visit Wales' Year of Adventure theme. I have been given copies of some French railway brochures which are quite effective in promoting destinations with beaches and castles (aimed squarely at tourists) and I would like to think that we would be able to run our own version of this campaign bearing in mind the fantastic beaches and castles that we have in this area.

### **Cambrian Implementation Group:**

As part of our involvement in the Minister' sanctioned group, I have been involved in the organising of focus groups and surveys during October. The results of the focus groups and surveys will be presented in due course once the Minister has acknowledged her own sight of it.

I am also dealing with Caersws Community Council in looking at potential opportunities for a more suitable car parking arrangement for the station there along with the Implementation Group.

### **Community Rail Wales**

I along with my counterparts on other lines in Wales have met with the Minister in October to see how the partnerships work could be further (or better) supported by Welsh Government. The meeting was a very positive one and are jointly working on a report for the Minister to outline how Community Rail in Wales could feature more prominently in any future franchise arrangement.

#### Website

Visitor numbers to the website are still increasing, with the majority of visits coming via facebook and then twitter links.

Gyda diolch am eich cefnogaeth.

Rhydian.

# Report to Cambrian Coast Railway Liaison Committee. 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015

This year has again shown a marked decrease in most type of offences on the Cambrian Coast.

The majority of cases dealt with are Road Traffic Offences, mainly the ongoing problems of vehicle drivers miss-using level crossings. In the period from April to October 2015 ten offenders have been issued with Fixed Penalty Notices, fining them £100 and resulting in 3 penalty points being put on their driving licences.

Of these, six were for more serious miss-use, meaning the drivers were dealt with for the offence of Careless Driving, three of which were for driving across Talwrn Bach crossing at Llanbedr whilst trains were at a stand in the station platform. All three drivers were from outside the area and used the excuse that they thought it was safe to cross as the train was stopped in the station, or that they didn't know how to use a level crossing without barriers.

### Red lights mean STOP. Simple!

### Anti- Social Behaviour.

Historical issues on the Saturday evening 19:30 hours, last train from Aberystwyth to Shrewsbury seem to have abated, although the reciprocal working from Shrewsbury to Aberystwyth has seen a marked increase in patronage between Shrewsbury and Newtown. This is being closely monitored by BTP in Shrewsbury to prevent any issues with Anti - social behaviour. Last Christmas the last trains from Shrewsbury to Newtown on Friday and Saturday nights were busy and noisy, so it is clear the trend of travelling at weekends to Aberystwyth is changing to Shrewsbury. This will be monitored by BTP, Dyfed-Powys Police and West Mercia Police jointly working together over the Christmas period.

The opening of the J.D. Wetherspoons pub opposite the station in Pwllheli has impacted on the amount of passengers on the 20:12 hours service from Pwllheli to Machynlleth on Friday and Saturday evenings. Some reports have been received from train crews reporting abuse from passengers, particularly in relation to the time access is given to the train before departure from Pwllheli.

This is unacceptable, and we will be working closely with BTP officers from Bangor and Rhyl to monitor any further problems. Passengers should be able to complete their journeys, and Train Crews should be able to carry out their duties, without fear of intimidation and violence from drunken and unruly passengers.

In the run-up to the Christmas period we will be endeavouring to police as many of these trains involving anti-social behaviour as possible, bearing in mind the constraints the large geographical area, and other calls for service, places on us.

# Agenda Item 11a

\$1.11.20	Fubyn / By:
Glynda O'Brien Swyddog Cefnogi Aelodau a Chraffu Cyngor Gwynedd Cae Penarlag Gwynedd, LL40 2YB	I'w dychwelyd i / To be returned to:
2msi)[14)	Oddiwrth / From:
Question for LIAISON MEETING	Cwestiwn i'r PWYLLGOR /

Cwestiwn i TRENAU ARRIVA CYMRU CYF. / Question for ARRIVA TRAINS LTD

Would DR Consider a moratorium on in the planning I construction phase?

Cwestiwn i / Question for NETWORK RAIL

# CYNHADLEDD RHEILFFORDD ARFORDIR Y CAMBRIAN CAMBRIAN COAST RAILWAY LIAISON CONFERENCE

### Cwestiwn i TRENAU ARRIVA CYMRU CYF. / Question for ARRIVA TRAINS LTD

What steps will be taken to facilitate the way that the trains run between Aberystwyth – especially from Machynlleth / Dovey Junction to Pwllheli – since the wait and delay for a connection is unacceptable.

### **Cwestiwn i / Question for NETWORK RAIL**

Same Question

### Cwestiwn i'r PWYLLGOR / Question for LIAISON MEETING

Same Question

Oddiwrth / From: Councillor OWAIN WILLIAMS

Llais Gwynedd Leader

I'w dychwelyd i / To be returned to: Glynda O'Brien

Swyddog Cefnogi Aelodau a Chraffu

Cyngor Gwynedd Cae Penarlag DOLGELLAU

Gwynedd. LL40 2YB

Erbyn / By: 02.11.15

# Agenda Item 11b

### CAMBRIAN COAST RAILWAY LIAISON CONFERENCE

### **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

### 1. Name and Constitution

- (a) The Committee shall be called the "Cambrian Coast Line Liaison Committee" (hereinafter called "the Committee).
- (b) The constitution shall be as set out in the Schedule hereto.

### 2. Objectives

The objectives of the Committee shall be:

- (a) To disseminate information regarding the Cambrian Coast Line between Machynlleth and Pwllheli (hereinafter called "the Line").
- (b) To obtain long-term financial security for the line.
- (c) To seek improvements to the train service.
- (d) To encourage greater use of the line.
- (e) To consider complaints regarding the line.
- (f) Such other objectives connected with the line on which the Committee may from time to time determine.

### 3. **Meetings**

- (a) The Committee shall meet each Spring and Autumn in each year and at such other time as the Chairman shall determine. Additionally, in July each year there shall be a joint meeting with the Shrewsbury-Aberystwyth Railway Committee to be hosted in alternate years by the Cambrian Coast Railway Liaison Conference.
- (b) The proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Standing Orders of Gwynedd Council insofar as they are applicable.
- (c) A Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be appointed at the Autumn meeting each year.
- (ch) The Committee shall meet at Y Ganolfan, Porthmadog, unless the Chairman determines otherwise.
- (d) The meetings shall be convened and minuted by Committee Officers within the Democratic Services of Gwynedd Council.

### 4. <u>Co-oped Members</u>

The Committee may co-opt individuals or representatives of companies, organisations or Community Councils either as permanent members of the Committee or for such term as the Committee may determine.

### 5. **Amendments**

These Articles may be amended at any time by a single majority of members present and voting.

### 6. **Resignation**

Any member of the Committee may resign at any time or change its representative(s) by giving notice to the Head of Democratic Services, Gwynedd Council.

### <u>SCHEDULE – CONSTITUTION</u>

10 elected members of Gwynedd Council: 5 representing the Dwyfor area 5 representing the Meirionnydd area

- 1 elected members of Ceredigion Council
- 1 elected member of Powys Council
- 1 representative of Ysgol Ardudwy
- 1 representative of Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn
- 1 representative of Coleg Meirion-Dwyfor
- 1 representative of Talyllyn Railway
- 1 representative of Festiniog Railway
- 1 representative of Fairbourne Railway
- 1 representaive of Welsh Highland Light Railway (1964) Ltd
- 1 representative of Regional Railways
- 1 representative of the Transport Users Consultative Committee
- Assembly Member for Dwyfor / Meirionnydd
- Member of Parliament for Dwyfor/ Meirionnydd
- Regional Assembly Members for Mid and West Wales
- 1 representative of the Shrewsbury/Aberystwyth Liaison Committee
- 1 representative of the Wales Tourist Board
- 1 representative of the Chamber of Trade / Commerce
- 1 representative from the North Wales Police Authority
- 2 representatives from One Voice Wales (one from the Dwyfor area and one from the Meirionnydd area)
- 1 representative from Merioneth Access Group

1 representative from Dwyfor Access Group

Each constitute local authority / organisation / body listed above may nominate a deputy to attend (with power to vote) in the absence of any of its elected members or representatives.

Officers of the constitute local authorities / organisations / bodies listed above may attend meetings of the Committee with the right to speak but not vote.