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Meeting

CAMBRIAN COAST RAILWAY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Date and Time

10.30 am, FRIDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 2025

Location

Virtual Meeting

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CAMBRIAN COAST RAILWAY LIAISON COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP

Cyngor Gwynedd

Councillors:

Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn

Louise Hughes

Elin Hywel

Anne Lloyd Jones

Eryl Jones-Williams

Gwilym Jones

Dewi Owen

Gwynfor Owen

Richard Glyn Roberts

Vacant Seat – Plaid Cymru

Craig ab Iago – Cabinet Member for Environment

Ceredigion County Council

Awaiting Nomination

Powys County Council

Councillor Alwyn Evans

Co-opted Members:

Aled Williams

Aled Jones-Griffith

Ann Elias

Chris Wilson

Awaiting Nomination

Claire Williams

Councillor Meryl Roberts

Councillor Alun Wyn Evans

Vacant Seat

Councillor Trevor Roberts

David Crunkhorn

David Thorp

Delwyn Evans

Joyce Watson

Liz Saville Roberts

Mabon ap Gwynfor

Cefin Campbell

Bill Redfern

Lorraine Simkiss

Ysgol Ardudwy

Coleg Meirion Dwyfor – Grwp Llandrillo Menai

Ceredigion County Council

Ceredigion County Council

Ffestiniog Railway

Cambrian Railway Partnership

Snowdonia National Park Authority

Meirionnydd Representative of One Voice Wales

Dwyfor Representative of One Voice Wales

Shrewsbury/Aberystwyth Railway Committee

Arriva Trains Wales

Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn

Meirionnydd Access Group

Member of Senedd Mid and West Wales

Member of Parliament Dwyfor Meirionnydd

Member of Senedd Dwyfor Meirionnydd

Member of Senedd Mid and West Wales

Shrewsbury-Aberystwyth Passenger Association

Talyllyn Railway

Other Members:

TBC

Gail Jones

Rhian Williams

Tomos Davies

Network Rail

Transport for Wales

Integrated Transport Manager and Road Safety Cyngor Gwynedd C

British Transport Police

A G E N D A

1. ELECT CHAIR FOR 2025/26

To elect Chair for 2025/26

2. ELECT VICE CHAIR FOR 2025/26

To elect Vice chair for 2025/26

3. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declaration of personal interest

5. URGENT MATTERS

To consider any business which the Chairman decides is urgent.

6. MINUTES

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The Chairman shall propose that the minutes of the previous meeting of this committee, held March 28th 2025 be signed as a true record.

7. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM SERVICES

To receive an update from representatives.

- Network Rail
- Transport for Wales
- British Transport Police

8. FORMAL QUESTIONS

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To receive responses to questions received since the previous meeting.

Date of Next meeting

27th March 2026 10:30am

CAMBRIAN COAST RAILWAY LIAISON COMMITTEE

28 March 2025

Virtual Meeting

Present:

Cllr Anne Lloyd Jones (Cyngor Gwynedd)
Cllr Eryl Jones-Williams (Cyngor Gwynedd) – Chair for this meeting only
Cllr Gwilym Jones (Cyngor Gwynedd)
Cllr Elin Hywel (Cyngor Gwynedd)
Cllr Meryl Roberts (Eryri National Park Authority)
Bill Redfern (Shrewsbury – Aberystwyth Rail Passengers' Association)
Lorraine Simkiss, Kate Day and Barbara Fuller (Tal-y-llyn Railway)
Shane Brennan (Plaid Cymru Office – Dwyfor Meirionnydd)
Gail Jones (Transport for Wales)
Lowri Haf Evans (Democracy Services Officer, Cyngor Gwynedd)

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cllr Dewi Owen (Cyngor Gwynedd), Cllr Gwynfor Owen (Cyngor Gwynedd), Cllr Elfed Wyn ab Elwyn (Cyngor Gwynedd), Cllr Louise Hughes (Cyngor Gwynedd), Cllr Richard Glyn Roberts (Cyngor Gwynedd), Cllr Alwyn Evans (Powys County Council), Cllr Trevor Roberts (Shrewsbury / Aberystwyth Railway Committee), Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd MP), Mabon ap Gwynfor (Dwyfor Meirionnydd MS), Llio Hughes (Plaid Cymru Office), Delyth Griffiths (Plaid Cymru Office, Dolgellau), Joyce Watson (Mid and West Wales MS), Gwyn Rees and Tomos Roberts (Network Rail) and Clare Britton (Ffestiniog Railway).

It was noted that Cllr Alwyn Evans had been appointed as the Powys County Council representative.

It was noted that Tomos Roberts (Network Rail) had accepted a new post and that Gwyn Rees would represent the company in the near future. Tomos was thanked for his support to the Committee.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

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

3. URGENT ITEMS

None to note

4. MINUTES

The Chair accepted the minutes of the previous meeting of this committee, held on 29 November 2024, as a true record.

5. UPDATE FROM THE SERVICES

Transport for Wales (TfW)

Gail Jones was welcomed to the meeting.

A video was shared of recent work undertaken by Transport for Wales on the Cambrian Railway which included engineering works to replace tracks, reinforce the embankment and key maintenance activities between Shrewsbury and Machynlleth from 21/3/25 until 3/4/25.

A request was made for a Welsh medium video to be shared with the Members so that they could share it on other social media platforms.

It was reported that the recent disruption due to an accident in Talerddig in October 2024 had ended on 21/3/25, with trains now running between Newtown and Aberystwyth and Machynlleth to Pwllheli.

The impact on children who attend Tywyn High School and others travelling to the College in Newtown was highlighted due to road closures and the closure of the railway at the same time. It was noted that some students had been unable to attend college for a fortnight and had stayed at home to work and had not been able to undertake any practical work. The Chair noted that the complaint was valid and had a significant impact on local people. When road and rail services close it makes life difficult for people in rural areas, with very long diversions and the bus replacement service was ineffective.

In response to the comments, it was noted that the essential work undertaken by Network Rail had been planned in advance.

Gail was thanked for her contribution.

2025 – 2026 Timetable

Attention was drawn to the cuts in the Cambrian Winter timetable, and it was noted that losing the last train would be significant to the local economy and the hospitality sector. Although the Welsh Government sought to encourage people to use public transport, due to the lack of service in rural areas, cars had to be used, and by withdrawing the last train service on the Cambrian Railway, it was considered that this was contrary to the Welsh Government's policies.

Some members added that several businesses had been impacted because of the loss of the last train, stating that establishments such as the Magic Lantern in Tywyn and the Dragon Theatre, Barmouth had had to re-arrange many of their events. It was also noted that the impact on some was 'fairly destructive'. It was considered that the winter service was already insufficient, and the connections between towns and villages were now impossible. A reference was made to one day journeys (such as a trip to Shrewsbury for the day) and to passengers spending evenings in Pwllheli, Barmouth or Aberdyfi, which was now impossible. It was noted that there was a lack of understanding or appreciation of what was happening in our communities because of what was controlled by the railway timetable.

Reference was made to a petition with 3500 signatories who were in favour of saving the night-time services, which drew attention to the difficulties facing businesses with examples of losing employees and having to take-on additional costs. An appeal was made for a better solution and a means to resurrect the railway.

Attention was drawn to the Impact Assessment completed by the Tal-y-llyn Railway staff which included information about the negative impact of the train service on the local economy. Reference was made to several responses that had been received from individual users and organisations and a request was made for the information to be shared with Members and Transport for Wales.

It was reported that the concerns had been highlighted in a meeting of the Full Council and that the matters had also been addressed by Mabon ap Gwynfor who had raised these matters in the Senedd.

Gail Jones highlighted that she would share the messages with the Senior Officers of Transport for Wales, but she stated that Members and the MSs needed to continue to lobby and draw attention to the impacts. She added that the new trains would keep a better record of the number of passengers which would strengthen the evidence that there was good use made of the service.

Network Rail

There was no representative present from Network Rail at the meeting to present an update but their willingness to receive observations / feedback about the service was noted.

British Transport Police

There was no representative from the British Transport Police present at the meeting to give an update.

It was reported that a public meeting would be held in Tywyn with Network Rail and Transport for Wales (date to be confirmed). Details of the meeting would be shared with the Committee Members when the information was available.

6. FORMAL QUESTIONS

Questions were received from Llanbedr Community Council

- *The name Talwrn Bach on the sign as well as Llanbedr. This would be acceptable before the summer.*
- *Bin near the site – jointly with Cyngor Gwynedd (litter bin and dog mess bin)*
- *Safety barriers on the road.*
- *Improvement to the Shelter – there was a need to strengthen the roof so that it was waterproof.*

- *A scheme to buy a map of public footpaths to promote these – similar to the one in the Village and install it on the back of the Shelter.*

In response, it was noted that time had been set aside during the railway closure period to make improvements in the Station. It was noted that arrangements to build a new shelter were in the pipeline and information about the shelter would be communicated in an e-mail directly to the Community Council. This would be funded via the Community Budget. In the context of including the name Talwrn Bach, it was noted that there was sufficient space on the sign to include this.

No response had been received regarding the bin. LHE to contact them again.

The next meeting to be held in November 2025 – LHE to arrange.

The meeting commenced at 10:30 and concluded at 11:30.

CHAIR

**PWYLLGOR CYSWLLT RHEILFFORDD ARFORDIR Y CAMBRIAN
21 Tachwedd 2025**

**CAMBRIAN COAST RAILWAY LIAISON COMMITTEE
21 November 2025**

Cwestiwn i TRAFNIDIAETH CYMRU / Question for TRANSPORT FOR WALES

Rydw i wedi cael cwyn gan un o drigolion o Borthmadog. Roedd wedi teithio o Borthmadog i Amwythig ac yn ôl ar y 6ed a'r 8fed o Fedi ar Reilffordd Arfordir Cambrian ac nad oedd un gair o Gymraeg yn y cyhoeddiadau trên.

I have had a complaint from a Porthmadog resident. He had traveled from Porthmadog to Shrewsbury and back on the 6th and 8th of September on the Cambrian Coast Railway and that there was not a single word of Welsh in the train announcements.

Cwestiwn i NETWORK RAIL/ Question for NETWORK RAIL

Cwestiwn i'r PWYLLGOR / Question for COMMITTEE

**Cwestiwn i UNED CLUDIANT CYNGOR GWYNEDD / Question for
TRANSPORT UNIT CYNGOR GWYNEDD**

**Cwestiwn i HEDDLU TRAFNIDIAETH PRYDEINIG / Question for BRITISH
TRANSPORT POLICE**

Oddiwrth / From:

Cynghorydd Gwilym Jones, Gorllewin Porthmadog

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10-11-2025

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**CAMBRIAN COAST RAILWAY LIAISON COMMITTEE
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Would TfW be prepared to work with Cyngor Tref Pwllheli (Pwllheli Town Council) in investigating the possibility of housing the refurbished historical horse drawn tram (that once connected Pwllheli station with Plas Glyn y Weddw Arts Centre in Llanbedrog) under the canopy at Pwllheli Station?

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A fyddai'r Pwyllgor yn hapus, mewn egwyddor, i gefnogi cartrefu'r ased hanesyddol wedi'i adnewyddu hwn yng Ngorsaf Pwllheli?

Would the Committee be happy, in principle, to support the housing of this refurbished historical asset at Pwllheli Station?

Cwestiwn i UNED CLUDIANT CYNGOR GWYNEDD / Question for TRANSPORT UNIT CYNGOR GWYNEDD

Gan fod yr orsaf ym Mhwillheli yn derfynfa, a fyddai gan y pwyllgor neu eraill unrhyw wrthwynebiad i Gyngor Tref Pwllheli gael rhan/cynrychiolaeth ffurfiol ar y pwyllgor hwn?

With the station at Pwllheli being a terminus, would the committee or others have any objection to Pwllheli Town Council having a formal part/representation on this committee?

Cwestiwn i HEDDLU TRAFNIDIAETH PRYDEINIG / Question for BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE

A fyddai'r BTP yn hapus pe bai rhyw fath o ddyfeisiau gwyliaidwriaeth cytunedig, teledu cylch cyfyng er enghraifft, a/neu rwystrau ffisegol yn cael eu gosod i amddiffyn yr ased hanesyddol hwn?

<p>Would the BTP be happy if some form of agreed surveillance devices, CCTV for example, and/or physical barriers were installed to protect this historical asset?</p>	
<p>Oddiwrth / From:</p> <p>Cyngor Tref Pwllheli</p>	
<p>I'w dychwelyd at To be returned to:</p>	<p>Lowri Haf Evans Gwasanaethau Democratiaeth / Democratic Services Cyngor Gwynedd / Gwynedd Council Stryd y Jel, Caernarfon Gwynedd LL55 1SH 01286 679 878 lowrihafevans@gwynedd.llyw.cymru</p>
<p>Erbyn / By:</p>	<p>10 Tachwedd / November 2025</p>

**PWYLLGOR CYSWLLT RHEILFFORDD ARFORDIR Y CAMBRIAN
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Can the Criccieth station building be given a coat of paint? It would improve the look significantly. Good work is being done by Criccieth in Bloom to beautify the stations with the planting of flowers and edible plants and there are also community art decorations. A grant has been secured to create a piece of creative work for the station, for the 200-year celebration under the Cambrian Railway Partnership. Painting the stations would be a significant boost to this great work. With thanks for your consideration.

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