



# MINUTES

of the Quarterly Meeting of the Association held on  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at the Civic Halls Connah's Quay

## Attendance Record

Council	Present	Apologies
<b>Officers</b>	Cllr B C Roberts (Chair) Robert Robinson (Secretary)	Cllr H Meredith (Vice Chair) Cllr Joan Butterfield (President)
<b>ABERGELE TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr Richard Waters Cllr S Jones-Roberts	
<b>ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b>	Cllr J Holiday	
<b>BANGOR CITY COUNCIL</b>	Cllr D Hainge I Jones Town Clerk	Cllr I James
<b>BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b>	Cllr C R Williams	
<b>BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr J Pearson Cllr B Barton Cllr P Richards	Tina Earley Clerk
<b>BUCKLEY TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr A Woolley Cllr Blondek	
<b>CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr L Edwards	
<b>CAIA PARK COMMUNITY CONCIL</b>		
<b>CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr C Risley Cllr P Atridge Cllr E Faulkner Cllr P Davies S Goodrum (Clerk)	
<b>CONWY TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr S Barber Bailey Cllr H Roberts	
<b>DENBIGH TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr R Tickle	
<b>FLINT TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr A Loveridge	
<b>HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b>	Cllr A Diskin	
<b>HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr J Baker Cllr Karin Davies Cllr P Johnson Cllr D Phelan	



<b>LLANFAIR CAEREINION TOWN COUNCIL</b>		Viki Griffiths Clerk
<b>LLANDUDNO TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr M Lyon	
<b>LLANASA TOWN COUNCIL</b>		Cllr S Harms
<b>LLANFAIRFECHAN TOWN COUNCIL</b>		
<b>LLANDRINO &amp; ARDLEEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b>		C Davies (Clerk)
<b>LLANDYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b>		C Davies (Clerk) Cllr Frances Buckingham
<b>LLANGOLLEN TOWN COUNCIL</b>		
<b>MENAI BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr D M Davies	
<b>PENMAENMAWR TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr M Baines Mel Ab-Owain Town Clerk	
<b>PRESTATYN TOWN COUNCIL</b>		
<b>RHUDDLAN TOWN COUNCIL</b>		
<b>RHYL TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr J Chamberlain-Jones Cllr A James G Nickels Clerk	
<b>RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr S L Beach Cllr K Allsorp-Robson	
<b>SHOTTON TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr D Mickle	
<b>ST ASAPH CITY COUNCIL</b>		
<b>TOWYN AND KINMELL BAY TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr B McLoughlin Cllr M Jones	
<b>WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr H Chave Cllr F Veenstra	Cllr Y Owens Cllr D Senior

**1. Minutes of the last meeting**

The meeting approved the minutes of the last quarterly meeting.

**2. Actions taken since the last meeting**

The meeting received a report on actions taken since the last meeting.



### **3. Financial Report**

The meeting receive the financial report.

### **4. Executive**

The meeting received the minutes of the Executive Meeting.

The Secretary confirmed that the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales is to attend the October meeting.

### **5. Local Government Re-organisation**

The meeting considered an update on the Local Government Review.

It appears that a statement from the Minister is imminent on Town and Community Councils and their future.

A Commission is being set up to take the subject forward reporting in a year.

### **6. Recycling and Fly Tipping**

To consider an update on Powys Re-cycling situation.

There was much concern over this subject and the meeting agreed that aiming at the source is the right approach.

Cllr B Barton is suggested that the subject could be a case study via an educational establishment.

The meeting **AGREED** the following actions:

The secretary should write to all County Councils, AM's, PM's and the Betsw Cadwalader Trust seeking their support in recyclable packaging at source and making them aware of the recycling percentages of 50% alcohol related, 25% smoking, 20% fast food and 5% remainder.

The Secretary should meet the Ministers Office (when he meets them over other subjects) to take forward the idea of recyclable packaging.

The secretary to liaise with Cllr Woolly who has some knowledge of the subject.

### **7. Remuneration Panel for Wales**

The meeting considered an update from Member Councils on their approach to the report given at the last meeting. Very few were impressed with the proposals on allowances presented at the April meeting.

Most Councils have rejected taking any allowances.

The meeting **AGREED** that the Secretary should write to Welsh Government suggesting that rules, such as this one, should be funded by Welsh Government and that rules should not be made up costing others.



### **8. Montgomeryshire Canal**

The meeting considered writing a letter of support to the re-opening of the Montgomeryshire Canal from Pant to Newtown in Powys and asking the Welsh Government to give a priority to such a project.

The Secretary gave an outline of the current progress on the project.

The meeting **AGREED** to send a letter of support as requested.

### **9. Rail Franchise for Wales**

To consider sending a formal letter to Welsh Government and the Welsh Transport Delivery Unit stating the policy of the association as follows:

*To support the electrification of the North Wales Coast rail line.  
(Holyhead to Crewe)*

*To support the introduction of a full hourly service on the main Cambrian line.*

The meeting discussed a number of issues which included:

Carriage shortages.

Connections to the North West.

The need for a survey along the North Coast similar to that completed on the Cambrian Lines.

The meeting **AGREED** that the secretary should pass on the views of the meeting to the Welsh Government Franchise Team.

### **10. Future Plan for the Association 2017 to 2022 – Education Debate**

The meeting held a debate on the education system and the All Wales Estyn Report. The main points are as follows:

- i) The standards in education are the same as always, it is achievement that is under scrutiny.
- ii) Maths means numeracy.
- iii) Targets need to create an environment whereby young person's achieve improvement not reaching a set standard.
- iv) Money formula an issue.
- v) Small Schools was an issue to some – the views varied from them being uneconomical to the need to keep them in the community.
- vi) Budgets and the way they are administered needs review.
- vii) Top slicing for management costs by County Councils needs review.
- viii) The method of deciding what schools should close or stay open needs more understanding and possibly review.



The secretary is to prepare a paper to go with an invitation to Kirsty Williams Minister to speak to the Association.

### **11. Dates of future meetings**

The meeting agreed the dates of the year's meetings as follows:

#### **Quarterly Meetings**

Friday 27th October 2017 - Holywell  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Bay of Colwyn  
Friday 20th April 2018 - Welshpool  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 the Civic Halls of Connah's Quay.  
All meetings start at 10.30am

#### **Executive Meetings**

Friday 22nd September 2017  
Friday 8th December 2017  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
10.30am start in all cases. Meetings held at Rhyl Town Council Offices.

### **12. Actions taken forward.**

The following actions are to be taken forward:

The secretary should write to all County Councils, AM's, PM's and the Betsw Cadwallader Trust seeking their support in recyclable packaging at source and making them aware of the recycling percentages of 50% alcohol related, 25% smoking, 20% fast food and 5% remainder.

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The secretary to liaise with Cllr Woolly who has some knowledge of the subject.

The Secretary to write to Welsh Government suggesting that rules, such as this one, should be funded by Welsh Government and that rules should not be made up costing others.

The secretary to write to the appropriate bodies in support of the re-opening of the Montgomeryshire Canal.

Letter to Welsh Government on rail matters.

The secretary is to prepare a paper on education to go with an invitation to Kirsty Williams Minister to speak to the Association.