



AGENDA

For the Quarterly Meeting of the Association to be held on
Friday 20th April 2018 at 10.30am
The Royal Oak The Cross Welshpool (see map at appendix E)

1. Welcome by the Mayor of Welshpool Town Council

2. To receive the Notice of the meeting

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3. Record of attendance

To record attendance and any apologies for absence.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

To approve the minutes of the last quarterly meeting. (see appendix A))

5. The Nuclear Debate

To receive a guest from Welsh Government on the Nuclear Waste provision in North Wales.

6. Actions taken since the last meeting

To consider a report on actions taken since the last meeting.

7. Consultations

To note the two consultations posed on the web.

Copies of the two responses sent are posted on the web site.

See separate pack of the 'Future of Councils' consultation response.

8. Financial Report

To receive a financial report. (see appendix B)

9. Executive

To receive the minutes of the Executive Meeting. (see appendix C)

10. Future of Local Councils

To receive an update on this subject.

11. Facebook and Social Media

To consider if the Association should have a Facebook Page for announcements and potential debate.



12. Health Board Update

To consider an update on the following:

North Wales Health Care – Ian Jones
Mid Wales Health Care – Robert Robinson

13. Transport

To consider the following:

Rail services

To consider an update on the main line rail services in North and Mid Wales.

Buses in Wales

To consider the subject of reduced bus services in North and Mid Wales.

14. Independent Review Panel for Wales

To note the annual report:

- a) The Council **MUST** make available a payment to each of its members a sum of £150 to cover general costs incurred in their work as a Councillor.
- b) The Council **MUST** make available an annual payment of £500 to at least one and no more than 5 Councillors for the carrying out of extra duties.
- c) The Council is **authorised** to pay up to £34 (up to 4 hours) and £68 (for each period beyond 4 hours but not exceeding 24 hours) to Councillors to allow them to perform their duties.
- d) All Town and Community Council **MUST** make allowance for reimbursement of costs for care of dependent children or adults (provided by formal carers) to allow Councillors to perform their duties. Such sums **MUST** be made available up to a maximum of £403 per month.
- e) The Council is **authorised** to provide a Mayoral allowance up to £1,500pa for civic duties which is in addition to any sums noted above.
- f) The Council is **authorised** to provide a Deputy Mayoral allowance up to £500pa for civic duties which is in addition to any sums noted above.
- g)

There is a requirement to public expenses claimed by Councillor with such information being posted on the web site.

Members may each year waive their rights to any allowances by stating such to the Town Clerk in writing.

15. Data Protection Act

To consider an update on this important piece of legislation coming into effect in May 2018.



16. Poverty and Homelessness in North Wales

To consider the subject of poverty and homelessness in North and Mid Wales. Welshpool Town Council has a Working Group on this subject and to aid discussion a copy the proposals for action locally is attached at appendix D .

17. Boundary Commission for Wales

To note the Boundary Commission for Wales report on electoral boundaries issued for each County.

18. To note Dates of future meetings

To note the dates of the next meetings as follows:

Quarterly Meetings

Friday 20th July 2018 the Civic Halls of Connah's Quay.
All meetings start at 10.30am

Executive Meetings

Friday 8th June 2018
10.30am start in all cases. Meetings held at Rhyl Town Council Offices.



APPENDIX A

MINUTES

of the Quarterly Meeting of the Association held on
 Friday 19th January 2018 at
 The Springfield Hotel Holywell (just off A55)

Attendance Record

Council	Present	Apologies
Officers	Cllr B C Roberts (Chair) Cllr Joan Butterfield (President) Robert Robinson (Secretary)	Cllr H Meredith (Vice Chair)
ABERGELE TOWN COUNCIL		
ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL	Cllr R Hampton-Jones	
BANGOR CITY COUNCIL	Cllr D Hainge I Jones Town Clerk	Cllr I James
BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL	Cllr C R Williams	
BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr S Williams Cllr J Pearson Cllr P Richards	Cllr B Barton
BUCKLEY TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr A Woolley Cllr V Brondek	
CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr L Edwards	
CAIA PARK COMMUNITY CONCIL		
CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr P Attridge Cllr E Faulkner Cllr P Davies S Goodrum Town Clerk	
CONWY TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr H Roberts Cllr S Bailey	
DENBIGH TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr R Tickle	
FLINT TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr S License	
HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL		
HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr J Johnson Cllr J Baker Cllr P York	



LLANFAIR CAEREINION TOWN COUNCIL		Viki Griffiths Clerk
LLANDUDNO TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr B Bertola Cllr M Lyon	
LLANASA TOWN COUNCIL		
LLANFAIRFECHAN TOWN COUNCIL		
LLANDRINO & ARDLEEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL		C Davies (Clerk)
LLANDYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL		C Davies (Clerk) Cllr Frances Buckingham
LLANGOLLEN TOWN COUNCIL		
MENAI BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr M Davies Cllr E Fisk	
PENMAENMAWR TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr M Baines Mel Ab-Owain Town Clerk	
PRESTATYN TOWN COUNCIL	Nigel Acott Town Clerk	Cllr S Faulkner
RHUDDLAN TOWN COUNCIL		
RHYL TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr J Chamberlain-Jones Cllr A James Cllr B Mellor G Nickels Clerk	
RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr S L Beach Cllr G Bryan Cllr K Allsorp-Robson	
SHOTTON TOWN COUNCIL		
ST ASAPH CITY COUNCIL	Cllr P Morton	
TOWYN AND KINMELL BAY TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr B McLoughlin Cllr M Jones	
WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr H Chave Cllr N Morris Cllr F Veenstra	

18. Welcome by the Mayor of Bay of Colwyn Town Council

The meeting was welcomed to the Springfield Hotel by the Mayor of the Bay of Colwyn Town Council.

19. To receive the Notice of the meeting

The meeting received the notice of the meeting.



3. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting approved the minutes of the last quarterly meeting.

4. Actions taken since the last meeting

To meeting noted the actions taken since the last meeting.

- i) The secretary is to meet with the Independent Review Panel for Wales to pass on the concerns of the Association.**
Discussions continue with Welsh Government over the dates and timing of the .review panel reports.
- ii) Follow up the re-cycling rubbish review as per the Minister's letter.**
A Welsh Government Review is taking place with the results due out early in the Spring of 2018.
- iii) Invite Police and Crime Commissioner to the AGM in July 2018.**
Organised for the July 2018 meeting.
- iv) The secretary to write to each County Council asking for Town and Community Councils affected by Traveller Site proposals at an early stage as a consultation.**
Letters sent and a report on the results will be available for the next meeting.
- v) The secretary to write to the Welsh Government seeking a reason why the two workshops on Nuclear Waste sites were not held.**
Letter sent and response received. A representative will be attending a future meeting (probably April in Welshpool).
- vi) Prepare all the necessary information for a Seminar on the Future of Local Government in January 2018.**
Preparations were completed for this meeting.
- vii) The secretary is to find out what stations are due for re-opening on the network overall and report back.**

The meeting noted the stations for opening or re-opening in the next Franchise as:

*Cardiff – Ely Mill/Victoria Park
Cardiff – Newport Road/Rover Way
Cardiff – St Mellons
Newport – Llanwern
Swansea – Cockett
Swansea – Landore
St Clears
Deeside Industrial Park/Northern Gateway
North Wrexham*



*Cont....
South Wrexham
Llangefni
Bow Street*

6. Financial Report

The meeting received a financial report as per appendix B to the agenda.

7. Executive

The meeting received the minutes of the Executive Meeting.

7a. Membership of the Executive

The meeting congratulated Cllr B Bertola on his recent election success. The meeting confirmed that appointment to the Executive of Cllr B Bertola from Llandudno Town Council.

8. Data Protection

The meeting considered an update on the course attended by the Secretariat. A report was issued with the agenda. The SLCC is also issuing appropriate guidelines.

9. To note Dates of future meetings

The meeting noted the dates of the next meetings as follows:

Quarterly Meetings

Friday 20th April 2018 Welshpool Town Council
Friday 20th July 2018 the Civic Halls of Connah's Quay.
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Executive Meetings

Friday 9th March 2018
Friday 8th June 2018
10.30am start in all cases. Meetings held at Rhyl Town Council Offices.

10. Local Government Re-organisation

The meeting continued in seminar format to consider the Future of Councils and to inform a report to the Panel.

The report in draft is to be posted on the Web Site asap for comment before submission to the Welsh Government Panel.



APPENDIX B

FINANCIAL REPORT

NORTH & MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS		ANNUAL ACCOUNTS YEAR TO 31.3.2018														
		APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY					
INCOME	Membership & Meals	190.00		144.00	334.00							288.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	432.00
	Interest															
	Debitors															
	Other															
	TOTAL	190.00	0.00	144.00	334.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	288.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	432.00
COSTS	Meals		759.00									671.00				
	Expenses															
	Administration															
	Bank charges											360.00				
	Gavel															
	Web hosting															
	Web site															
	Translation															
	Other															
	TOTAL	0.00	759.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	528.00	1031.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	BALANCE	190.00	-759.00	144.00	334.00	0.00	-528.00	-743.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	432.00
BANK	Start	7710.45	7900.45	7141.45	7285.45	7619.45	7619.45	7619.45	7091.45	7091.45	7091.45	7091.45	6348.45	6348.45	6364.45	6380.45
	End	7900.45	7141.45	7285.45	7619.45	7619.45	7619.45	7091.45	6348.45	6348.45	6364.45	6364.45	6380.45	6380.45	6380.45	6812.45
	Balance	-190.00	759.00	-144.00	-334.00	0.00	528.00	743.00	-16.00	-16.00	-16.00	-16.00	-16.00	-16.00	-16.00	-432.00



APPENDIX C

MINUTES

of the Executive Meeting of the Association held on
Friday 9th March 2018 at 10.30am
at the offices of Rhyl Town Council

- 1. Present were**
Cllr B Roberts (Chair), Cllr J Butterfield (President), Cllr H Chave,
Cllr B Barton, Cllr B Bertola, Cllr M Davies and Robert Robinson (Secretary).
- 2. Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr B McLoughlin and
Cllr R Waters.
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting**
The Committee approved the minutes of the last meeting.
- 20. Actions taken since the last meeting**
The Committee considered the following:

Independent Review Panel for Wales

An update was given on the annual report. The main details are included in the agenda for the next quarterly meeting. It was noted that there were several meetings being held with Councils but with the following concerns expressed:

Only Clerks have been invited to attend.
There is no meeting held in Mid Wales.

Data Protection

An update was given on the new Data Protection Act which requires compliance by 24th May 2018.

Bank account

The bank account is to be checked with the bank over liabilities and which is the best account to hold.



21. Financial Report

The Committee considered the financial report from the secretary as per that attached to the quarterly meeting agenda.

22. Quarterly Meeting Agenda

The Committee considered the quarterly meeting agenda and added two items to agenda which are:

Bus service provision in Wales.
Homelessness in North and Mid Wales.

23. Future of Local Councils

Some members had attended one of the workshops. It appears that the presentation by the Association had not been received. The Secretary is to check this. (A further copy has been sent to Ed Humphreys and an acknowledgement received – as the panel had not met since last year the copy is with the secretary and probably not notified as yet to the panel. A copy of the email confirmation has been passed to both the Chair and President.)

24. Dates of future meetings

The Committee noted the dates of future meetings as follows:

Quarterly Meetings

Friday 20th April 2018 - Welshpool

Friday 20th July 2018 - the Civic Halls of Connah's Quay.

All meetings start at 10.30am



APPENDIX D

WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL

Introduction

Welshpool Town Council has appointed a working party to take forward a plan to help those who are in need including homeless, financial difficulties and more.

Action plan being considered

The following is the action plan to aid those less fortunate than most in Welshpool:

- i) Information booklet to be advanced with helpful information and details of the project.
- ii) Any financial advice is limited to signposting persons to the appropriate authority.
- iii) A booklet stand to be provided in the TIC with leaflets and information available.
- iv) Advice via the Office with signposting to various agencies.
- v) Direct activity as follows:
 - a. Aiding the Christmas Dinner
 - b. Pensioners Christmas Party
 - c. Coffee mornings through December and January with free Corn Exchange booking to volunteer groups but with limited prices on drinks/food etc.
 - d. School holiday play scheme (for July/August 2018)
 - e. Possible help line (not Roberts mobile)
 - f. Council Surgery dates to be published for the year on a monthly basis.
 - g. School uniform shop (unwanted uniforms in late July with distribution in late August)
 - h. A bespoke web site.
 - i. Target date for launch of project 30.4.2018.
 - j. Budget and paper to be prepared.

1.3.2018



APPENDIX E

