



UPDATES FOR JUNE 2020



THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Association has been deferred until July 2021.

The key decisions made by the Executive relating to the AGM are as follows:

The Officers and Executive will remain in post until July 2021.

Election of a Vice Chair will take place as soon as restrictions allow for a full Quarterly Meeting.



ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

The Annual Accounts have been audited and are available on the web site at www.northwalesassociation.org.uk



NORTH COAST RAILWAY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Transport for Wales is supporting the creation of a North Coast Railway Liaison Group for Local Councils. Full details of the remit and organisation of this group are on the web site home page.



MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2020-2021

The Executive for the Association had approved that there will be no increase in Membership Fees for 2020-2021.

The Membership fees will therefore be:

- £90 for larger councils (10,000 pop +)*
- £65 for medium councils (5-10,000 pop)*
- £50 for small councils (under 5,000 pop)*



CONSULTATIONS

Any consultation requests received from Welsh Government will be posted on the Association's Web Site and an email will be sent to each Member Council seeking their views.



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NEW TRAINS FOR THE NORTH COAST

The Association has contacted Transport for Wales about the new train designs for stock due to be in service 2022.

The new carriages appear to have less seating capacity and less toilet provision.

Currently most of the services have 2 car units, unless the new trains have 3 car units there will be less seating on each train.

In view of the fact that many travel for 2 hours or more on the train services toilet provision is essential. The provision of just 1 toilet per 2 car unit will mean a much reduced provision compared to the current train services.

The Cambrian Lines Liaison Committee have meeting in direct contact with the Minister on the matter. The Association will consider this approach once a response from Transport for Wales has been received.

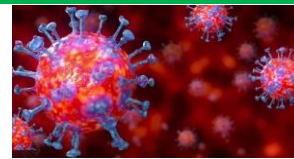
Any comments from Members on the new carriage designs would be most welcome. A copy of the carriage designs issued to date are shown on the next page of this newsletter and update.



POLICY PLAN 2020-2025

The proposed new Policy Plan for the Association is now published on the Web Site.

Members are asked to make comments, observations and suggestions by 31st August to the Secretary. The Executive will then consider a final version which will then be ready for the Members to vote on when normal meetings resume.



CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN

There will be no meetings for Members during the Government restrictions. As soon as the rules allow the quarterly meetings will resume.

In the meantime the Executive will meet as normal by Zoom and deal with any business.

Please all keep safe and well. In the words of Vera Lyn – ‘we’ll meet again’.

If you have any queries or wish to bring a matter forward please contact the Secretary who will ensure that it is dealt with.

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