

Cross-Party Group Minutes

Meeting Minutes:

Cross Party Group Title:	Public Transport
Date of Meeting:	22.09.2021
Location:	Held via Zoom

In attendance:

Members of the Senedd	
Name	Party
Carolyn Thomas (Chair)	Labour
Llyr Gruffydd	Plaid
Huw Irranca-Davies	Labour
Jack Sargeant	Labour
Jayne Bryant	Labour
Natasha Ashgar	Conservative
Heledd Fychan	Plaid

External Attendees		
Name	Organisation	Position
Joshua Miles	CPT Cymru	(Secretariat) Director
Jo Foxall	PTI Cymru	
Scott Pearson	Newport Transport	Managing director
David Beer	Transport Focus Wales	Senior Manager Wales
Stephen Hughes		
Colin Thomas	Newport Transport Ltd	Commercial & Projects Manager
Jane Reakes Davies	First Cymru Buses Ltd	Managing Director
Lee Robinson	TfW	Director North Wales (Bus)
Christine Boston	Sustrans	Director
Barclay Davies	Bus Users Cymru	Director
Clr William Powell	Transport Focus	Board Member

Sian Donovan	Pedal Power	
Peter Kingsbury	Rail Future	
Rhiannon Jane-Raftery	Community Rail Network	
Rhiannon Hardiman	Living Streets	Wales Manager
Ceri Taylor	TfW	PA Manager
Lewis Brencher	TfW	Director Comms
Peter Daniels	Denbighshire CC	

Apologies:

Name:	Title:
Vikki Howells	Member of the Senedd
Luke Fletcher	Member of the Senedd
Jayne Bryant	Member of the Senedd
Peredur Owen Griffiths	Member of the Senedd
Christine Boston	Director, Sustrans

Summary of Meeting:

- 1) Introduction - Carolyn Thomas opened the meeting and gave an introduction the group and its purpose during the 6th Senedd term. She noted that public transport was a vital policy issue going forward in terms of provision but also as a means of delivering social benefits to the people of Wales. She thanked Hannah McCarthy and Joshua Miles for helping to bring the group into being.
- 2) Election of Chair - Nominations were opened for a Chair of the group. Huw Irranca-Davies MS nominated Carolyn Thomas and this was agreed by those present.
- 3) Election of Secretariat - Nominations were sought for the secretariat of the group. Carolyn Thomas nominated Joshua Miles and this was agreed by those present.
- 4) Terms of Reference - The terms of reference were proposed and agreed by the group. They are copied below for the record of the group.

The Cross Party Group on Public Transport will act as a forum to discuss transport issues that impact the people of Wales and explore sustainable solutions whilst taking into account the complex nature of public transport provision.

Through forums such as open meetings, briefings and media work, the group will highlight

the need for access to reliable and affordable public transport, linking people with the jobs, services and support networks they rely on.

The Cross Party Group will aim to influence policy decisions of the Welsh Government and other public agencies by providing a platform for a wide variety of stakeholders to present their views on how to improve public transport across Wales.

- 5) Group Membership – Joshua Miles read out the current membership of the group including those that had been invited or had expressed an interest in attending and those that were in attendance. He noted that there may be gaps across public transport as a whole (both bus and rail) and suggestions should be made to fill those gaps. Lewis Brencher suggested Network Rail be invited and would provide contact details for Sam Hadley. Cllr William Powell suggested British Transport Police should be invited. This was seconded by David Beer who suggested a contact there called Andy Morgan. Peter Daniels questioned whether WLGA and ATCO would be involved. Joshua Miles assured him that they were on the invite list. It was further suggested that Disability Wales be invited to the next meeting

Action – Secretariat to invite additional attendees to next meeting as per suggestions of the group.

- 6) Topics for consideration at future meetings – The Chair noted a list of topics that could be considered for future meetings. A number of comments were made as additions to that list. The list is replicated below for completeness. It was agreed that 4 meetings a year plus an AGM would be sufficient in the first instance subject to review. It was agreed that the next meeting should focus on Covid-19 recovery and passenger confidence. The subsequent meeting would focus on the implementation of Llwybr Newydd and the transport delivery plan. Lewis Brencher suggested TfW could present on their upcoming passenger recovery campaign. David Beer highlighted the work of Transport Focus during the pandemic offered to present this to the group.

Action – Secretariat to arrange dates and speakers for subsequent meetings on Covid-19 passenger recovery and the implementation of Llwybr Newydd

The meeting was brought to a close.



