

Cross Party Group on Rail

4th February 2015 : National Assembly for Wales:

Meeting to discuss Electrification of the North Wales Coast Railway

Chair: Mick Antoniw

Assembly Members Present:

Aled Roberts

Lesley Griffiths

Keith Davies

Anne Jones

Mark Isherwood

Llyr Griffiths

Darren Millar

Antoinette Sandbach.

Speakers and other Attendees:

Rebecca Maxwell, Corporate Director, Economic and Community Ambition,
Denbighshire County Council

Councillor Dilwyn Roberts, Leader Conway Council.

Presentations by Rebecca Maxwell and Dilwyn Roberts talking about partnership work that is currently taking place between North Wales and the North West of England to achieve modernisation of the rail network in North Wales covering the following issues;

- (i) Why electrification of the North Wales Coast line needs to be the ne3xt major transport priority-economic and social benefits

- (ii) What the decision making process will be –ultimately Dept for Transport and Treasury but with work from both Network Rail and a cross party Electrification Task Force for Northern England due to be published shortly that will have a bearing on it.
- (iii) Why a partial scheme (electrification to Chester , from Crewe/ Warrington only needs to be resisted – evidence of significant economic dis-benefit to local and UK national economy.

After questions and discussion, it was agreed to send a joint CPG letter to the Minister raising the concerns and issues and welcoming the acknowledgment of the importance of this issue to the North Wales economy.

No financial contribution towards the cost of this meeting has been made or received.

AGM of Cross Party Group on Rail:

4/2/2014

By E Mail:

Mick Antoniw:

Byron Davies:

Jocelyn Davies:

Aled Roberts

The Group has not met during the 2013/14 period.

The Group is now reconvened.

It is agreed that Mick Antoniw be Convenor/ Chair of the Group.

No financial expenses or contributions incurred.