



North Pembroke Transport Forum Fforwm Trafnidiaeth Gogledd Penfro

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Buses

Richards Bros Winter Coastal Services. Richards has reported that Coastal services 400, 404, 405 revert to Winter Service from Monday, 29th September 2014. On www.richardsbros.co.uk/bus-services.php click on [Read](#) for a PDF timetable of the required service. For a free copy of the timetables, telephone 01239 613756 or go to the website Contact page and email your choice to them.

Community Transport

Pembrokeshire Community Transport Forum, 1st October. The meeting, to be held at the Bluestone National Park Resort, will include Community and Public Transport News, an Information Fair (an opportunity to meet operators, discuss the services that are available in your area and collect new marketing materials), an Update on Hospital and Health Transport Initiatives, reports on the Sgwrt Project (overcoming transport barriers to work) and Bus Buddies (extra support for CT service users). aflets.

Bus and Community Transport Fares

Terms and Conditions for Bus and Community Transport Operators. A meeting of the South West Wales Regional Transport Forum on 12th September was informed that revised Welsh Government (WG) terms and conditions have been issued and workshops with both sectors held. There has been a significant fall in bus mileage and so the rates per KM paid for the mileage based elements of the Bus Service Support Grant (BSSG) have risen slightly and this has been welcomed by operators.

Concessionary Fares Reimbursement. The above-mentioned meeting was also informed that Local Authorities are now waiting for revised terms and conditions for concessionary fares reimbursement to be issued by WG.

Ports & Rail Electrification - National Assembly Enterprise & Business Committee

Introduction. The Enterprise and Business Committee has undertaken an inquiry into international connectivity through Welsh ports and airports. The terms of reference for the inquiry were:

- How important are major Welsh ports and airports, both to the economy of their own regions and to Wales as a whole?
- What factors limit realisation of the potential offered by major Welsh ports and airports; what opportunities are available to develop this potential; and how can these be realised?
- How effectively do Welsh Government policies support the development of major Welsh ports and airports?

The Committee considered the following issues as part of the inquiry:

- What role do the Welsh Government and local authorities play in facilitating the development of Welsh ports and airports?
- What factors have contributed to the decline in business through Cardiff Airport?
- How effectively does Welsh Government policy, primarily in the areas of transport, economic development, and land use planning policy, support the development of Welsh ports and airports?
- How can the Welsh Government develop economic opportunities, for example from tourism, international trade, freight and, in the case of ports, opportunities including the energy and renewable energy industries?
- What role do ports and airports, particularly Cardiff Airport, play in the key sectors identified by the Welsh Government?
- How effective is Welsh transport infrastructure and interconnectivity in supporting the development of Welsh ports and airports?
- Given that ports and airports policy is a reserved matter, how effectively does the Welsh Government engage with the UK Government in the interests of Wales?

- What impact do EU State Aid regulations have on the ability of the Welsh Government to provide support, and what opportunities are presented by EU ports and airports policy to support development in Wales?

Follow-up Scrutiny by the Committee, Thursday, 2nd October (11:00 - 12:00). The Committee will hold a follow-up scrutiny on this topic with Edwina Hart AM (Minister for Economy, Science and Transport), James Price (Director General for Economy, Science and Transport), and Jeff Collins (Director of Operations and Infrastructure, Economy, Science and Transport).

Go to <http://www.senedd.assemblywales.org/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=228&MIId=2519&Ver=4> for background information and supporting documents. Click on *View the webcast* after Senedd.TV to view the session.

Trains

Arriva Trains Wales. The Club 55 offer is back again. Check www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk/Club55 for more details. The offer ends on 23rd October 2014. Advance tickets are now available until 21st December. Check: www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk/Templates/LoveTheTrain.aspx?pageid=4294967454.

South West Wales Regional Transport Forum

Purpose. Set up by the member local authorities of the former South West Wales Integrated Transport Consortium (SWWITCH) the South West Wales Regional Transport Forum seeks to build on the experiences, shared values and goodwill of the former Joint Committee and to create a political forum to discuss, share and influence proposals and progress in improving transport and connectivity in the region. The Forum will provide expertise on transport issues to the Swansea Bay City Region Board.

Remit.

1. The Forum will meet no less than twice a year and no more than four times a year, at a venue to be agreed by the Forum.
2. The Forum will be Chaired by one of the four Local Authorities in the region on a rotating basis in the following order:
 - a. Swansea (2014/15)
 - b. Neath Port Talbot
 - c. Pembrokeshire
 - d. Carmarthenshire
3. The Chairing Authority will change each June in accordance with the order set out in 2 above.
4. The Forum can provide collective support for projects and proposals or suggestions for improvements, but it has no decision making powers and projects and schemes discussed remain the responsibility of the public, private or third sector sponsor.
5. Regional Transport Providers and National/Regional User Group representatives are welcome to submit written updates to every meeting, or to request to attend the Forum to discuss a specific issue. The Forum may also invite specific partners as appropriate issues arise. All Partners will be invited to the Forum at least once every year.
6. Items for Forum agendas can be proposed by any Forum Member, the Chairing Authority will decide on the length/number of items at any Forum meeting. Where insufficient time is available for all requested items, they will be given priority at the next Forum meeting.
7. The Forum will provide expertise in terms of transport advice/information to the City Region Board.
8. The City Region Transport Advisor will provide secretariat to the Forum, strategic transport advice to the City Region Board and will speak on behalf of the Forum as appropriate.

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 The North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum is an independent voluntary group that works for the provision of an effective integrated transport system in the North Pembrokeshire area, promotes the benefits of public transport and works towards the greater use of public transport systems.

The Forum is a member of Bus Users UK Cymru, the Environmental Network for Pembrokeshire and the Pembrokeshire Rail Travellers Association.

The Forum's work is supported by:

Individual Members (£5 p.a.), Family Members (£8 p.a.) & Corporate Members (£12 p.a.)

(Corporate members include town and community councils, transport operators, and groups, organisations and associations with a transport interest)

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