Cyfarfod SARPA, 1/12/2018

Presennol: Bill Redfern, Roger Goodhew, Michael Williams, Ivor Morris, Robert Knight, Angus Eickhoff, Jeff Smith, Denis Bates, Peter King

Ymddiheuriadau: Sarah Harvey, Tony Harvey

Cofnodion y Cyfarfod Diwethaf

Esboniodd Roger Goodhew ei fod wedi cael trafferth wrth ymddiheuro.

Mae'r grŵp heb weld cynllun busnes eto yn unol âg uchelgais Claire Williams – Jeff i wneud ymholiadau

Injinau stêm – trueni nad yw'n flaenoriaeth. Trafodwyd sut mae cael llwybrau i drenau ychwanegol yng nghyd-destun gwasanaeth rheolaidd bob awr – byddai angen mwy o lwpiau pasio

Presennol: pawb sydd yma heblaw Denis. Tony Harvey, Viv Skreem

Dywedwyd y dylai Jeff ac Angus fwrw ymlaen gyda'r gohebiaeth am orsaf Carno

Dyddiadau cyfarfodydd: mae'r cyfnewiadau cyfarfodydd rhwng Borth a Thywyn wedi'i cyflawni; cyfarfodydd Machynlleth wedi'u cadarnhau.

Cynigiwyd a phasiwyd y cofnodion fel rai cywir. Llofnodwyd y cofnodion a'u rhoi i Bill Redfern. Bydd hyn o gymorth gyda'r sefyllfa bancio.

Adroddiadau Swyddogion

Nodwyd fod y cylchlythyr wedi mynd i'r wasg. Diolchwyd i Denis am ei waith gyda hyn.

Nodwyd fod Bill dal yn y proses o gael popeth gan Tony. Mae tanysgrifiadau i fod gyrraedd ar 1 Ionawr

Bydd Robert yn rhoi slip am daliadau yn y cylchlythyr.

Cwestiynwyd a oedd y swm newydd o £10 fel dâl aelodaeth wedi cyrraedd y cylchlythyr diweddaraf. Fodd bynnag, mae'r newidiadau yn y trefn cyfarfodydd 2019 yn y cylchlythyr.

Mae'r wefan dal i ddangos trenau mewn lliwiau Arriva. Trafodwyd a fyddai'n well rhoi llun o fws Lloyds Coaches? Dywedodd Angus mai'r cwmni wefan wedi newid serfiwr yn ddiweddar, sydd wedi bod yn rhwystr.

Cynigwyd sefydlu cyfrifon ebost i'r swyddogion, ond gwrthodwyd hyn.

Safon y gwasanaethau

Crybwyllwyd y canlynol: Dydy pobl ddim ymddiried yn y gwasanaeth. Mae sefyllfa yn

ofnadwy. Mae llawer o drenau wedi'u canslo. Ar hyn o bryd mae pobl methu cyrraedd gwaith yn Amwythig – gallen nhw golli eu swyddi.
Penderfynwyd cofnodi'n hanfodlonrwydd gyda'r perfformiad yn ddiweddar.
Nodwyd fod y Pwyllgor Cyswllt a Chyngor Tref y Trallwng wedi ysgrifennu at Ken Skates i ddweud hyn. Penderfynwyd dylai Jeff ysgrifennu at Ken Skates, ac ail-wneud hynny bob tro mae pethau'n waethygu. Nodwyd roedd y gwasanaeth yn wael dros yr haf – ond mae'r gwasanaeth wedi gwaethygu eto.

Mynegwyd pryderon fod esgusodion yn digwydd yn hytrach na datrys problemau – nodwyd mai WCRC wedi rhedeg trenau ychwanegol mewn rhai lefydd e.e. ar gangen Windermere.

Adroddwyd fod llawer o drafferthion yng ngorsaf y Trallwng: dywedwyd fod dim wybodaeth i'r cwsmeriaid ar y sgriniau CIS am fysiau yn lle trenau. Roedd bysiau'n gallu stopio wrth y mynedfa a gyrru i ffwrdd tra bod pobl dal ar y platfform. Serch hynny, dywedodd Ivor bod y sgriniau weithiau'n dweud am fysiau. Penderfynwyd dylai Jeff ysgrifennu at Ben Davies neu David Crunkhorn.

Adroddwyd fod Tony Harvey wedi cael trên 2-cerbyd yn ddiweddar oedd yn llawn gyda phobl yn sefyll yn Birmingham International, ac roedd angen swyddogion diogelwch i reoli torfeydd yng ngorsafoedd Birmingham New Street ac Wolverhampton
Nodwyd fod angen cynyddu'r nifer o gerbydau sy'n cael eu harchebu i sicrhau na fydd y fath sefyllfa yn codi yn y dyfodol.

Nodwyd fod te a choffi wedi bod yn rhad ac am ddim yng ngorsaf Amwythig ar adegau.

Penderfynwyd y dylem ni dynnu sylw pobl at sut mae teithwyr yn gallu hawlio iawndal.
Nodwyd mae'r trothwy amser o ran oedi yn newid o 30 munud i 15 munud ym mis Ionawr. Byddai hyn yn annog Trafnidiaeth Cymru i wneud mwy.

Nodwyd fod y trafferthion ar y trenau yn estyn mewn i Loegr, ac ar hyn o bryd nad yw Trafnidiaeth Cymru yn gymydog da.

<u>Cyhoeddusrwydd</u>

Caffi Trwsio Machynlleth: Eisiau dechrau gwneud stondinau mewn llefydd fel Machynlleth. Efallai gallem gael pethau gan TfW? Trafodir y syniad eto tro nesaf.
Nodwyd fod angen dylunio taflen.
Penderfynwyd awdurodi'r cystadlaeth logo ym mis Ionawr

<u>Y trenau newydd</u>

Amcangyfrifir bydd y trenau newydd yn 25% yn gyflymach yn gadael. Bydd hyn yn ddefnyddiol er mwyn gwella amser taith a chadw at amser.

Nodwyd fod erthygl wedi ymddangos yn Modern Rail gan honni mai dim ond 21 uned fydd ag ERTMS. Mae Ben Davies wedi bod yn dweud hyd yn oed ddoe bydd pob uned CAF efo ERTMS. Penderfynwyd dylai Jeff gyfathrebu â Ben Davies neu David Crunkhorn gan godi hyn a gofyn am gadarnhad fod y wybodaeth yn yr erthygl yn anghywir. Os na ddaw'r fath gadarnhad, bydd Jeff yn dadlau nad yw 21 uned yn ddigon

ayyb.
Fodd bynnnag, roedd tipyn o bethau da yn yr erthygl hefyd, gan gynnwys y posibiliad o ffenestri “wrap-round”. Gofynnwyd a ellid estyn y cysyniad i gael golygfa o'r blaen hefyd fel yn y DMUau cenhedlaeth gyntaf.
Gofynnwyd hefyd a ellid cael y rheilffyrdd i werthu mwy nag un cynnyrch.

Gorsaf Carno

Dywedwyd mae Ben Davies a Claire Williams wedi cysylltu â'r grŵp. Mae nhw'n negodi â'r tirfeddiannwr, sy'n byw yn y gorllewin pell. Ei gynlluniau oedd i godi tai a throi'r orsaf yn 2 fflat. Dywedwyd wrtho fe os bydd hyn yn ddod yn orsaf ac amgueddfa Laura Ashley yno, bydd prisiau'r tai yn fwy.

Traws Link Cymru

Nodwyd fod yr amcangyfrifon yn yr astudiaeth dichonoldeb yn geidwadol iawn. Trafodwyd y balans rhwng gorsafoedd a chyflymder.

Lein yr Arfordir:

Cafwyd cyfarfod ddoe. Adroddodd NR eu bod wedi bod yn clirio tyfiant, trin y rheiliau, sôn am setiau olwynion a sôn am gadarnhad o'r setliad gyda'r ORR. Dywedwyd fod y weinidog yn mynd i Draphont y Bermo. Eglurwyd y gwaith ar y cloddiau: maent yn defnyddio dur di-rwd fydd yn para am 120 blynedd, gan fod rhai o'r cloddiau'n rhy serth.
Adroddwyd eu bod yn trio canfod rhyw fath o gyfaddawd ynglŷn â choed ar bwys y lein. Adroddodd Ben Davies bod cerbydau newydd a thurnau newydd yng Nghaer a Threganna. Bydd depo newydd yn Wrecsam. Soniodd am Bow St yn 2020 a sgriniau wybodaeth cwsmer (CIS). Soniodd am waith ar groesfanau gwastad, gan gydweithio â'r Heddlu Trafnidiaeth ac ati.

Unrhyw Fater Arall

Nodwyd mae gwerthiant tocynnau yng nghanolfan croeso'r Trallwng wedi mynd fyny gan 114%

Nodwyd nad yw darlun TfW o'r injan Penydaren yn dechnegol anghywir.

Dywedwyd bydd Russell George yn awyddus i ddod i un o'n cyfarfodydd. Peter i drefnu. Efallai y cyfarfod yn y Royal Oak

Gofynwyd os fydd yn bosibl i gael Ben Davies i ddod i un o'n cyfarfodydd, er enghraifft yn Amwythig.

Nodwyd fod waith gwych wedi cael ei wneud ar gysgodfa Machynlleth

Ymddiheurodd Peter King yn blaenllaw na fyddai yn y cyfarfod mis Ionawr, gan nad yw'r Ystafell Jacobite yn hygyrch.
Jeff i ymchwilio i lefydd cyfarfod hygyrch yn Aberystwyth. Crybwyllwyd y Richmond, Marine, Medina neu'r Hen Goleg fel posibiliadau.

SARPA Meeting, 1/12/2018

Present: Bill Redfern, Roger Goodhew, Michael Williams, Ivor Morris, Robert Knight, Angus Eickhoff, Jeff Smith, Denis Bates, Peter King

Apologies: Sarah Harvey, Tony Harvey

Minutes of Last Meeting

Roger Goodhew explained that he had had difficulty conveying his apologies.

The group has not yet seen the business plan that Claire Williams aspired to share – Jeff to enquire.

Steam engines – it's a shame it's not a priority. How to path extra trains in the context of an hourly service was discussed – more passing loops would be required.

Present: everyone here except Denis and with the addition of Tony Harvey and Viv Skreem
Meeting dates: the swaps between the Borth and Tywyn meetings had been carried out; the Machynlleth meetings had been confirmed.

The minutes were proposed and passed as correct. The minutes were signed and given to Bill Redfern. This will be useful for our banking situation.

Officer Reports

It was noted that the newsletter has gone to press. Denis was thanked for his work on this.

It was noted that Bill is in the process of receiving all the paperwork from Tony. The subscriptions are due on 1st January.

Robert will put the subscription slips in the newsletter.

It was asked whether the new membership payment of £10 had reached the latest newsletter. Anyway, the meeting swaps for 2019 were in the newsletter.

The website still shows trains in Arriva livery. It was discussed whether it would be preferable to show a picture of a Lloyds Coaches bus? Angus reported that the website company had changed servers recently, which has been a handicap.

It was proposed to set up email accounts for the officers, but this was refused.

State of Services

The following was expressed: People see the service as unreliable. The situation is appalling. Many trains have been cancelled. At the moment people can't get to work in Shrewsbury – they could lose their jobs.
It was resolved to record our dissatisfaction with recent performance.

It was noted that the Line Liaison Committee and Welshpool Town Council have written to say this. It was resolved that Jeff should write to Ken Skates, and do that again every time the service worsens. It was noted that the service was bad over the summer – but it's worsened again.

Worries were expressed that excuses were occurring rather then problems being solved – it was noted that WCRC have run extra trains in some places e.g. on the Windermere branch.

It was noted that there are many problems in Welshpool stations: it was said that there is no information on the CIS screens about rail replacement buses. Buses could stop at the entrance and drive away whilst people were still on the platform. It was resolved that Jeff should write to Ben Davies or David Crunkhorn.

It was reported that Tony Harvey had recently been on a 2-car train that was full and standing at Birmingham International, and security staff had been required to control crowds in Birmingham New Street and Wolverhampton stations.
It was noted that the number of coaches on order must be increased to ensure that this sort of situation will not arise again in the future.

It was noted that tea and coffee had been provided for free in Shrewsbury station at times.

It was resolved that we should raise awareness amongst passengers about how to claim compensation. It was noted that the delay repay threshold will change from 30 minutes to 15 minutes in January. This would encourage TfW to do more.

It was noted that problems on the trains extend into England; at the moment TfW are not being a good neighbour.

Publicity

Machynlleth Repair Café: It would be useful to start having stalls in places such as Machynlleth. Maybe we could get materials from TfW? The idea will be discussed again in the next meeting. It was noted that a leaflet needs to be designed.
It was resolved to authorise the logo competition in January.

New Trains

It is estimated that the new trains will depart 25% more quickly. This will be useful in order to improve times and punctuality.

It was noted that an article has appeared in Modern Rail claiming that only 21 units will be fitted with ERTMS. Ben Daves has been saying even yesterday that all the CAF units will be ERTMS fitted. It was resolved that Jeff should contact Ben Davies or David Crunkhorn to raise this and ask for confirmation that the information in the article is incorrect. If such confirmation is not forthcoming, Jeff will argue that 21 units is not enough etc.
Anyway, there were some good things in the article as well, including the possibility of wrap-round windows. It was asked if the concept good be extended to the front view as

in the 1st generation DMUs.
It was also asked if the railway could be encouraged to sell more than one product.

Carno Station

It was reported that Ben Davies and Claire Williams had contacted the group. They are negotiating with the landowner, who lives in the Far East. His plans were to build houses and turn the station into 2 flats. It was said to him that if the station building became a station and a Laura Ashley Museum then house prices would be increased.

Traws Link Cymru

It was noted that the estimates in the feasibility study are very conservative. The balance between stations and journey times was discussed.

Coast Line

A meeting took place yesterday. NR reported that they had been clearing vegetation, treating the rails, discussing wheelsets and discussing the ORR settlement. It was said that the minister will be visiting Barmouth Viaduct. Work on the cuttings was explained: they are using stainless steel that will last for 120 years, since some of the cuttings are too steep.
It was reported that they are trying to find a happy medium in terms of lineside trees. Ben Davies reported on new trains and new wheel lathes in Chester and Canton. There will be a new depot in Wrexham. He mentioned Bow Street in 2020 and CIS screens. He talked about level crossing works, in liaison with BTP etc.

Any Other Business

It was noted that ticket sales in Welshpool TIC had increased by 114%.

It was noted that TfWs diagram of the Penydaren locomotive is technically incorrect.

It was said that Russell George would be happy to attend one of our meetings. Peter to arrange. The Royal Oak could be a possibility.

It was asked if it would be possible to get Ben Davies to come to one of our meetings, e.g. in Shrewsbury

It was noted that excellent work has been done on the Machynlleth shelter.

Peter King apologised in advance for absence from the January meeting, since the Jacobite Room is not accessible.

Jeff to investigate accessible meeting venues in Aberystwyth. The Richmond, Marine, Medina or Old College were noted as possibilities.