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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CJC REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE HELD VIA TEAMS AT 15:00 ON TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 2025

PRESENT

Members (Ceredigion County Council):

Councillor Keith Henson (Incoming Chair), Councillor Alun Williams, Councillor Clive Davies

Officers (Ceredigion County Council):

Ann Elias, Phil Jones, Rhodri Llwyd, Jonathan Aldred (Minutes), Carol Thomas (Translation)

Members (Powys County Council):

Councillor Jackie Charlton (Incoming Vice Chair)

Officers (Powys County Council):

Clive Pinney, Diane Reynolds, John Forsey, Julie Lewis, Matt Perry, Shaun James

Observers:

Councillor Gwyn Evans (Ceredigion County Council), Gareth Jones (Bannau Brycheiniog National Park)

1.	APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR
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Abiding by the Constitution of the CJC, each year the Chair of the Regional Transport Planning Sub Committee is rotated between PCC and CCC.

Cllr. Keith Henson was elected as Chair.
(Proposed by JC; seconded by AW)

Cllr. Jackie Charlton was elected as Vice Chair.
(Proposed by KH; seconded by AW)

The Chair and Vice Chair formally thanked the Committee for the nominations.

2.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
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The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was noted that some attendees were present as observers, as noted above. Confirmation is noted here that the observers were not included in the voting process.

3.	APOLOGIES
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Apologies for absence were received from:

- Councillor Angela Davies (Powys County Council)
- Councillor David Selby (Powys County Council)
- Carwyn Jones-Evans (Ceredigion County Council)
- Katy Spain (Ceredigion County Council)

This meeting was also open to observers from the CJC, should they wish to attend, and some additional apologies were received:

- Councillor James Gibson-Watt (Powys County Council)
- Duncan Hall (Ceredigion County Council)
- Eifion Evans (Ceredigion County Council)
- Emma Palmer (Powys County Council)

4.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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There were no declarations of interest.

5.	MINUTES OF THE LAST CJC - REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 30 JULY 2024
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The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. (Proposed by CD; seconded by AW)

There had been a number of action points relating to comments raised by the Committee in relation to RTP Policy Development, and it was confirmed by KH (and also AE and JC later in the meeting) that all these comments had been taken into account and meticulously reflected in the document.

6.	R.T.P. REPORT AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS
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AE took the meeting through her update report on the work to deliver the Regional Transport Plan.

At the last meeting in July, the Sub Committee had discussed the outgoing draft that was required to be sent to WG for consideration ahead of the formal document being compiled. Following WG's comments, 2 further workshops were held to try and resolve some of the issues that were raised. These included: review of Objectives to make them more specific; links to land use planning; Policies and links to intervention and projects (more specific and focused to delivery within 5yrs to align to existing WG funding streams); Delivery; and re-run of environmental assessments SEA; IWBA and IIA.

This had resulted in a six-week delay in the process. There had also been a general election, which had further delayed the process for all CJCs within Wales.

AE took the meeting through the structure of the Regional Transport Plan, summarising what each section within the Plan covers, including the Vision, Objectives, Interdependencies, Policies and Delivery. The Projects and

Schemes have been classified into:

- Strategic Connectivity.
- Walking, Cycling and Wheeling.
- Public Transport and integration.
- Road Safety.
- Greener Vehicles.
- Community Transport.
- Behaviour Change.

The Plan also sets out what Welsh Government need to do, including the development and delivery of rail improvement in the Mid Wales Region; regional bus service improvements (including future franchising); Active Travel improvements; and strategic road improvements.

The CJC are required under the guidance to set out Monitoring and Evaluation in line with WG's National Monitoring and Evaluation Plan, and will be required to do annual reporting and review data on a 3-yearly basis.

The Chair thanked AE for her report and opened the meeting up to questions.

Some comments were noted about the header and footer information on the RTP and its appendices, and the need to clearly identify which document each page belongs to when compiled together into the agenda pack. **Action** – AE and JBA to review the agenda pack for the CJC Formal Meeting on 28 February and similarly make the suggested changes to the document pack for consultation: i.e. to make the CJC logo prominent on each document; list the appendixes in the contents page of the RTP; and provide clear identifying information and page numbering on the footers of each document.

A strong point was made about the Plan covering our needs in Mid Wales and that it plays an important part in getting the right level of investment to the region.

The Chair acknowledged all the work that had been put into the documents by Officers and Members, and stated that we can be sure that Welsh Government will see the amount of work involved and that this is Mid Wales' Plan, first and foremost, which is ideal for us in Mid Wales.

Recommendation 1 – To note the content of the report, the draft Regional Transport Plan and Appendices.

Proposed by AW. Seconded by JC. All in agreement. No objections.

Recommendation 1 is AGREED.

Recommendation 2 – To agree that the draft Regional Transport Plan and Appendices are recommended to the CJC for public consultation.

Proposed by AW. Seconded by JC. All in agreement. No objections.

Recommendation 2 is AGREED.

Next Steps – The documents would go to the CJC Formal Meeting on 28 January and, if they approve them for public consultation, go out to public consultation in February and March of 2025. A full consultation document

would then be produced, along with any necessary amendments, and it would come back to this meeting and the CJC Formal Meeting for sign-off in May 2025.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

At the CJC Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting of 13 January 2025 an opportunity was given following the meeting for comments to be made in writing by the end of the week. 1 comment had been received, which was in relation to the wording of a paragraph under reference WCW-4, the implementation of a walking, cycling and wheeling route along the Montgomery Canal (Welshpool to Llanymynech). AE had indicated to the Member who had sent the comment that this would be dealt with as part of the public consultation, if the Sub Committee were in agreement. AW stated that it was an important issue so he understood why it had been raised, but was happy that this should be considered as part of the public consultation so as not to delay the plan. The Chair asked for a show of hands and all were in agreement.

SJ asked for further details about the consultation. AE had been working with the Leaders on an opening video explaining the process. There would be a questionnaire going out with the documents in order to invite comments. There would be an easy read version as well to help the public. These details were as per included in the Engagement Plan.

Action – CP suggested that the Sub Committee get sent a copy of the consultation questionnaire in advance. KH asked for this to be included as an action point.

8. DATE OF THE NEXT CJC JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE
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Dates of scheduled meetings as follows:

- 29th April 2025 at 14:30
- 8th July 2025 at 14:30