

Agenda Item 7.2 – County Council – 8th July 2020

Amendment to Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Kevin Madge at the meeting of Carmarthenshire County Council 8th July 2020

This Council:

- Believes that with coal transportation along the Amman Valley Railway line coming to the end of its life, we should look to develop a modern, environmentally-friendly, passenger railway.
- Reaffirms its resolution of October 18th 2017 in calling for the development of a Swansea Bay and Western Valleys Metro to include the Amman Valley, and other Carmarthenshire communities.
- Notes that the Welsh Government has already commissioned a feasibility study into the development of a Swansea Bay and Western Valleys Metro, following a budget agreement with Plaid Cymru in 2017.
- Expresses its disappointment that the Feasibility Study into the development of the Swansea Bay and Western Valleys Metro has not yet been published.
- Calls on the Welsh Government to publish the feasibility study and to ensure that work is undertaken to identify the potential of reopening the Amman and Gwendraeth Valley railway lines to passengers.

The modern rail would connect the Amman Valley and the Gwendraeth Valley with Llanelli and Swansea.

The line could to help reduce transport poverty, help residents to travel to work and bring tourists into our valleys, creating jobs in the years to come. This line was established in 1842 and we must preserve it for our future generations.

It is essential that a feasibility study be carried out, with the line being mothballed as soon as possible to ensure that any future plans remain affordable to the public.”

Proposed:

Councillor Hazel Evans

Seconded:

Councillor David Jenkins