

# **Minutes of the Vale Public Transport Group**

## **April 26<sup>th</sup> 2017**

### **St Andrews Centre, Pershore WR101DW**

#### **Present**

Julian Palfrey-Chair (JP)

Helen Whitwell- Secretary, Great Comberton (HW)

Bob Gillmor-Mayor, Pershore (RG)

Geoff Ranstead-Eckington PC (GR)

Clive Bostle -Evesham PTG (CB)

Bev McCordall-Drakes Broughton PC (BM)

Brian Johnston-Thomas- Wick and Pershore Times Travel correspondent (BJT)

Marie Johnston-Thomas-Wick (MJT)

Patricia Steel-Defford and Besford (PS)

Judy Dale-Pershore Civic Society (JD)

#### **1. Welcome**

JP welcomed all to the meeting

#### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Chris Hordern, Colin Tether, George Glaze, Phil Ralls, Terry Joy, Jill Haycock and Liz Tucker.

#### **3. Minutes of the previous meeting, March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017**

These had been circulated. Typographical error relating to the spelling of Nigel Eggleton was noted and amended.

#### **4. Constitution of VPTG**

Changes had been made by RG to the draft previously circulated. This would be circulated again for further suggestions/comments. This would be discussed and potentially agreed at the next meeting.

#### **5. Website for VPTG**

BG had purchased the domain name VPTG.org.uk - cost £8.95. The web site was up and running although basic at present. Members of the group were encouraged to view and make comments. Mail would be directed to the officer's personal e mail - these would not be on the website.

## **6. Bus issues**

### **A - Update from First - scheduled meeting with Nigel Eggleton, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The above was noted. CB - Evesham indicated his wish to attend.

### **B - Update from Drakes Broughton**

It was noted that a pre-meeting prior to meeting with NE had been arranged for the 9<sup>th</sup> May. This was to discuss/finalise potential options for the 551 and 382 routes. BM indicated he had written to NE relating to proposals previously put forward to NE. It was emphasised by JP that these were draft and that any other ideas/proposals could be discussed at the pre-meeting. BM indicated the importance of the day time service to Drakes Broughton as well as the Saturday service. PS indicated the importance of working with the bus companies.

### **C - Update from Eckington-382**

PR reported that a public meeting at Eckington was very well attended. (GG - e mail dated April 18th, 2017 Appendix A). However the potential community bus was not supported, in particular due to the necessity to pre-book the service. An essential point from the meeting was the necessity to use the existing 382 service as much as possible. It was noted that the figures post the public meeting would hopefully reflect. The importance of publicity and information on bus routes was noted.

### **D - Update from Fladbury**

JP had been unable to attend the PC meeting held in April. He had submitted a report on the current situation with the extremely limited service to the village. Discussion took place over this and the potential for amended services to include Fladbury as well as potentially other locations. This would be further discussed at the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> May.

### **E - Other bus issues**

A - CB raised the issue of a timetable change removing the 1810 Evesham to Stratford service. This affected users of the railway station as well as others.

B - It was noted the Bus Services bill had passed through the various stages with finalisation. There was potential for bus services to be provided/coordinated locally in this legislation.

## **7. Train services**

### **A - Meeting with Lord Faulkner, President, CLPG**

JP, RG and HW had met with Lord Faulkner on the 7<sup>th</sup> April. JP outlined the issue of Worcester Parkway and the potential impact on Pershore both at present and in the future. (Appendices B and C-briefing notes, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017). It was noted that service level commitments relating to the number of daily services, 16/15 was being met. Lord Faulkner indicated the importance of working together with all interested parties. JP would write to the local MP's and parliamentary candidates. The importance of proper car parking was

raised as Parkway would be offering car parking for 500 vehicles. There was the potential for Wychavon to be involved with car parking. The importance of rail services would hopefully be included in the pending town council plan.

### **B - Signs at Pershore Station**

HW noted that there was no list of local taxi companies at the station. She would communicate the appropriate contact details to GWR.

### **C - Any other issues**

JP encouraged individuals to write to the press regarding transport issues.

### **8. Worcestershire CC funding**

JP noted it was important to communicate with the CC over funding.

### **9. AOB**

Nil

Date of next meeting 31<sup>st</sup> May 1015 am - place TBC