

**Minutes of the Vale Public Transport Group**  
**August 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 10 am**  
**Venue: The Town Hall, Pershore**

**Present**

Julian Palfrey-Chair (JP)  
Helen Whitwell- Great Comberton (HW)  
Bob Gillmor-Mayor, Pershore (RG)  
Geoff Ransted-Eckington PC (GR)  
Clive Bostle -Evesham PTG (CB)  
Maurice Hughes-Norton (MH)  
Patricia Steel-Besford (PS)  
David Day-Fladbury (DD)  
Bev McCordall (BM)  
Ian Southcott (IS)  
Brian Johnson-Thomas (BJT)  
Tina Pell (TP)  
Colin Tether (CT)

**1. Welcome**

JP welcomed all to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from George Glaze, Chris Hordern, Phil Ralls, Marie Johnson-Thomas, Liz Tucker, Terry Joy and Derek Potter.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Agreed

**4. Composition of the committee**

Discussion took place on this with various suggestions. The major short term issue was promoting the new bus routes and the role of individual Parishes in this was stressed. The structure in terms of an Executive, sub-groups as well as how representation could be best done and promoting the VPTG locally were discussed. CT agreed to write to those Parishes in the Evesham area. It was agreed to re –visit at this item after the bus change publicity was complete.

**5. Bus issues**

**Update from First**

The new timetables had been produced by NE of FMR. They were due to commence on 16<sup>th</sup> October. HW had contacted FMR to obtain the very final versions as there had been a number of changes whilst under discussion. These would be circulated as soon as received. RG

would put on the web-site. The new services in general were a significant improvement although there were some issues with loss of services as well as timing. Discussion took place over publicity/promotion including a joint press release with FMR, leaflets, an Open Meeting as well as a launch ceremony. Potential dates for the Open Meeting were 3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> October. NE of FMR would be contacted to see if he could attend. Discussion took place over concessionary passes and the funding of such.

Promotion/publicity would be the major agenda item for the next meeting of VPTG.

## **6. Train services**

JP reported fare increases on the Cotswold line from 5<sup>th</sup> September of 5%-ahead on increases in the New Year. Discussion took place over the upcoming franchise. It was important to get details of this in terms of service levels. There was concern that Pershore would suffer due to Parkway. Further discussion took place in relation to ticket machines, level of staffing at Evesham station and disabled access.

## **7. AOB**

Nil

Date of next meeting-15<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 10 am-place TBC