

Minutes of the Pershore Public Transport Group
17th February 2017 at 10 am
Venue: The Town Hall, Pershore

Present

Julian Palfrey-Chair

Helen Whitwell- Great Comberton (HW)

Geoff Ranstead-Eckington PCC (GR)

Clive Bostle -Evesham PTG (CB)

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

Marie Johnston-Thomas-Wick (MJT)

George Glaze-Eckington PC (GG)

David Day Fladbury PC (DD)

Liz Tucker Worcs CC

1. Welcome

JP welcomed all to the meeting

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jill Haycock, Grace Garland, Bob Gillmor and Patricia Steel

3. Proposed merger with Evesham Group

This had been agreed verbally. Discussion took place as to the way forward with issues such as a constitution -it was queried as to whether it was necessary. A constitution was not required for an amalgamated name. If the group was recognized direct funding in terms of grants would potentially be easier. Funding would cover expenses such as postage, photocopying, room hire. At present monies were with the Pershore Town Clerk. It was noted the process of a formal constitution and setting up a bank account was long winded.

4. Bus issues

A -Meeting with Pershore Volunteer Centre (notes of meeting - Appendix A)

A meeting had taken place with the Pershore volunteer centre (9/2/17) in relation to the potential use of a mini-bus.

GG was keen to investigate the filling in of the 382 timetable around the mid part of the day. Previous bus timetable changes for this route had deprived 5th service in the mid-part of the day. Use of the volunteer service depended on the 382 remaining as it was and not being cut or stopped completely. Discussion took place around the various permits - Sections 19 and 22. The former was a pre-registered service but, in the first instance easier to establish. Kate Walton agreed to provide proper costing. Discussion took place over the fare structure and use of bus passes. It was emphasised that publicity and promotion were essential - Use it or Lose it.

B Meeting with Nigel Eggleton, First Midland Red (Appendix B)

This had taken place on 15th February. It had been a helpful and constructive meeting. Various issues were discussed including continued County Council funding support to some routes including the 382. JP had produced various potential timetable options (382 and 551). GG had suggestions of minor route changes on the 382. Further work and discussion relating to the services was needed. Nigel E was going to update the group regarding the Worcestershire CC funding following his discussions with the CC.

5. Train services

A- JP had produced a document - Pershore Train services under threat (Appendix C). This covered the facts that Pershore was expanding rapidly, reduced services, longer travel times as well as a grossly inadequate car park. JP indicated there was backing from the Town Council and Cotswold Line Promotion Group for a public meeting. Bob Gillmor, Mayor of Pershore had agreed to chair this at a date to be confirmed-possibly 16th March.

B-Car park

Nil new.

6. Worcestershire LTP

It was agreed that a submission relating to the above could be made jointly with Evesham, CB, JP and BJT to liaise.

7. County Councilors Funding

Liz Tucker had allocated funding to the group. Adrian Hardman had allocated funding of £5,000 to support Eckington.

8. AOB

a-The Traffic Commissioners report was raised. This should go to named recipients possibly Paul Smith or Stuart Payton at Worcestershire CC.

b-GG raised the importance of support from PCs regarding bus services including the mini bus.

Date of next meeting 31st March, 1015, 2017, Pershore Town Hall