

Minutes of the Pershore Public Transport Group
31st May at 10.15 am
Venue: The Town Hall, Pershore

Present

Julian Palfrey-Chair (JP)
Helen Whitwell- Great Comberton (HW)
Geoff Ranstead-Eckington PC (GR)
Phil Ralls CLPG (PR)
Chris Hordern Pershore Civic Society (CH)
Bev McCordall-Drakes Broughton PC (BM)
George Glaze-Eckington PC (GG)
David Day Fladbury PC (DD)
Colin Tether (Evesham) (CT)

1. Welcome

JP welcomed all to the meeting

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Liz Tucker, Bob Gillmor, Brian Johnson-Thomas, Marie Johnson-Thomas, Patricia Steel and Ian Southcott

3. Minutes of the meeting on April 26th 2017

These were amended under p 2 6 e - to read Stratford to Evesham service.

4. Constitution

This was agreed as per the latest document circulated - Appendix A. A date for the AGM would need to be fixed.

5. Web-site for VPTG

This was now up and running.

6. Bus services

JP reported he had partaken in Midlands Today highlighting the issues (perennial) with Pershore train services and station. In addition Fladbury bus services - or lack of - was also highlighted.

A-Update from First following meeting with NE of First on 22nd May 2017

NE had updated the group as regards the issue of the 382 and its liability to be unfunded from September 2017. Much discussion had taken place over development of services to overcome this loss with possible additions to increase the services to Fladbury as well as other villages, incorporate the Valley at Evesham as well as Saturday services and Pershore as a hub. A further meeting was fixed for 5th June 2017 hopefully with the schedulers. New timetables would be produced.

B-Other issues

- CT and CB had met with Cresswells with a view for additional services and been subject to a 'rocket' for doing this by WCC. The meeting agreed this was unacceptable.
- CT raised the issues of timetables and the lack of display boards. WCC information was pitiful.
- Further discussion took place around bus routes and publicity

7. Train services

JP raised the issue of the election. Hustings were due to take place. Letters were being sent to all candidates over lack of frequency of services as well as the car park issue. The latter issue was being pursued with Vic Allison as to the possibility of utilizing an industrial site due for closure opposite the station.

It was noted by CT that the first service on a Sunday did not arrive at Paddington until after noon.

8. Worcestershire CC funding

Nil to report.

9. AOB

CT indicated meetings with other bus companies would be useful

Date of next meeting

7th July 10 am location TBC