

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

**Present**

Julian Palfrey-Chair (JP)  
Helen Whitwell- Great Comberton (HW)  
Bob Gillmor-(RG) Pershore TC and Mayor  
Geoff Ransted-Eckington PC (GR)  
Clive Bostle -Evesham PTG (CB)  
David Day-Fladbury (DD)  
Tina Pell-DrakesBroughton (TP)  
Phil Ralls (PR)  
Patricia Steel-Besford (PS)  
Colin Tether-Evesham (CT)

**1. Welcome**

JP welcomed all to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from, Chris Hordern, Liz Tucker, Terry Joy, Derek Potter, Ian Southcott, Colin Tether, Bev McCordall, Maurice Hughes, Brian Johnson-Thomas, Marie Johnson-Thomas.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting, September 15th, 2017**

The meeting between the CLPG and GW was still pending-under item 6

**4. Composition of the committee**

This had been deferred from the previous meetings due to the necessary work on the new bus services. Discussion took place on this issue – points raised were not all villages were currently included, the possibility of representation per route, co-option over specific topics, optional attendance, sub-groups for some issues - eg rail franchise

It was agreed that it was essential to have the VPTG as the overall body. Nigel Eggleton of First had emphasised at the launch of the fifties services on the 13<sup>th</sup> October that it had been a new and exciting way of working. First could not have undertaken the most suitable changes which continued over several months without consultation with VPTG.

**5. Bus issues-new services commencing 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

The launch of the new services on the 13<sup>th</sup> October had gone well. Publicity had been achieved in the local papers. JP thanked those of the committee who had attended. Nigel Eggleton was due to re vamp the current timetables distributed to more user friendly ones. The

timetable of this was unclear – HW to chase. There was discussion over bus stops and lack of information for users over the changes.

An open meeting had been held in Evesham on October 6<sup>th</sup> – this was at short notice so turnout was lower than at Pershore but the meeting went well.

Further discussion took place over proposed changes to the X18 service, loss of service to Childswickham (CB and CT to take up with Cresswells) and loss of non-school day services. The situation regarding the new development at Wood Norton Hall was discussed – it is unclear as to what – if any – arrangements will be in place regarding transport.

It was agreed that WCC representatives would be asked to attend the next meeting with a view to closer working relations – Paul Smith and the new Cabinet Minister Ken Pollock.

## **6. Train services**

JP had been in correspondence with the two local MPs over various issues regarding train services from GW. It was hoped to have a follow up meeting with the MPs in the not too distant future.

It was noted that the franchise for the rail line was due. BTJ was to investigate this further as regards the guidelines for the franchise. It was felt essential that the VPTG was involved in the process as much as possible regarding schedules and other service issues. It was agreed that a small working group on this would be set up and report back to the main group.

Evesham TC was unhappy with the situation at the station with regards ticketing and other matters – as indeed was the VPTG – it was their intention to write to GW. JP indicated this also applied to Moreton in the Marsh.

There was no further news on the Pershore station car park issue – Vic Allison to be contacted – HW.

## **7. AOB**

Date of next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 2017, Pershore Town Hall.