

Minutes of the Vale Public Transport Group
February 14th, 2018 at 10 am
Venue: The Town Hall, Pershore

Present

Julian Palfrey - Chair (JP)
Helen Whitwell (HW)
Bob Gillmor (RG)
Phil Ralls (PR)
Clive Bostle (CB)
Brian Johnson-Thomas (BJT)
Bev McCordall (BM)
George Glaze (GG)
Maurice Hughes (MH)
Geoff Ransted (GR)

1. Welcome

JP welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from, Chris Hordern, Colin Tether, Tina Pell, Marie Johnson-Thomas, David Day, Patricia Steel.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting, January 9th, 2018

4. WCC

HW reported correspondence had been received following a chasing e mail to Paul Smith at WCC immediately prior to the last meeting on January 9th, 2018. HW to ask members of the committee for topics to be raised at a future meeting with WCC which may be either at the next meeting or at a suitable time to WCC.

5. Bus issues

A - New service - updates and issues arising including timetables. Flyers had arrived and would be distributed locally.

B - Update following meeting with NE, 23rd January, 2018. Discussion took place over a number of proposed changes. Some of these were of benefit however others not so and indeed represent worsening of some services. It was agreed that JP would write an e mail to NE relating to various changes-see Appendix A. It was noted that loading figures were awaited.

C - Other bus services including the Hopper. Deferred

6. Train issues

A - Reliability and service levels

JP outlined the major problems currently experienced on GW. (Appendix B). He proposed writing to all three local MPs - Harriett Baldwin, Nigel Huddleston and Robin Walker. It also appears that Pershore and Honeybourne have been left off the printed timetables recently published as well as the on train information.

B - Car park. A meeting had been organized with Harriett Baldwin at Pershore Station for March 2nd JP, HW and RG to attend.

C - Response to the future of the GW franchise. The consultation ended on 21st February. A draft had been produced by JP. Other responders included Pershore and Evesham Town Councils. JP to finalise draft and submit.

7. AOB

BM raised the lack of gritting on a section of new route - Mill Lane - highlighted with WCC and NE.

GG - The use of Nafford Road was queried as it was extremely narrow.

It was noted that new bus stop signs were not in place in many locations - NE

8. Date of next meeting

March 12th, 2018, 10 am at Pershore Town Hall