

**Minutes of the Vale Public Transport Group**  
**26th June 2018 at 10 am**  
**Venue: Pershore Town Hall**

**Present**

Julian Palfrey - Chair (JP)  
Helen Whitwell (HW)  
Bob Gillmor (RG)  
Colin Tether (CT)  
George Glaze (GG)  
Geoff Ransted (GR)  
Maurice Hughes (MH)  
David Day (DD)  
Brian Johnson-Thomas (BJT)  
Tina Pell (TP)

**1. Welcome**

JP welcomed all to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Terry Joy, Bev McCordall, Marie Johnson-Thomas, Patricia Steel and Clive Bostle.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting, 9th May 2018**

Page 1 - Item 5. Bus issues. 'more (not for) support was needed from WCC'. Otherwise these were agreed.

**4. WCC issues**

It was noted that two WCC representatives attended the first of the open meetings held on 20th June. It was noted that at that meeting it was stated that funding for transport would remain the same. WCC had funded ticket machines on First services. It was unclear as to the amount of subsidy each bus route was allocated from WCC. This potentially could be identified ('Freedom of Information').

**5. Bus issues**

Discussion took place over various issues including rural bus funding (BTJ had been in informal communication with the environment secretary - Michael Gove), timetable distribution, promotion, ways to improve funding, lobbying WCC as well as potentially developing new/combined routes. It was agreed to have a meeting of the bus sub-group prior to meeting with NE on 18th July.

## **6. Train issues**

Discussion over a number of issues including Parkway station and its potential impact on Pershore, need to maintain an hourly service from Pershore, breach of the current agreement as regards number of trains, future of the GW franchise and Evesham station staffing. JP and BJT to liaise over details of the franchise issue.

## **7. AOB**

1 - JP raised the issue of tourist traffic for Broadway and potential bus links with Evesham station. He noted the Gloucester – Warwick railway revival.

2 - RG raised the possibility of a Facebook page for the group.

3 - Bus timetable updates were needed at the stations, some signs were also out of date.

4 - CT to contact Broadway for representatives to be included in the VPTG

## **8-Date of next meeting**

24th July 2018, 10 am at Pershore Town Hall