

**Minutes of the Vale Public Transport Group  
November 28th 2018 at 9.30 am  
Venue: The Library, Pershore**

**Present**

Julian Palfrey (JP) Chairman  
Helen Whitwell (HW)  
Geoff Ransted (GR)  
Maurice Hughes (MH)  
Bev McCordall (BM)  
Colin Tether (CT)  
Clive Bostle (CB)  
George Glaze (GG)  
David Day (DD)  
Tina Pell (TP)

**1. Welcome**

JP welcomed all to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from John Bolt, Bob Gillmor, Tony Rowley, Brian Johnson-Thomas, Marie Johnson-Thomas, Patricia Steel and Phil Ralls

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting, October 22nd, 2018**

With the addition to the attendees of Clive Bostle these were accepted as a correct record.

**4. WCC issues-meeting with WCC-update**

**a-meeting with WCC**

JP and RG had attended a meeting with Alan Amos, Paul Smith and Stuart Payton on November 7th. (Appendix A - notes). Discussion had taken place over various issues in relation to mainly to bus services. JP had responded to Alan Amos. Discussion took place at this meeting as to having regular meetings with WCC including re future planning of services as well as funding and the effects of roadworks.

**b-Bus scrutiny group**

This report was due to be presented to WCC in early December. JP asked those able to attend the meetings or watch on web cam to do so.

## **5. Bus Services**

A meeting with NE of First had taken place on 7<sup>th</sup> November (Appendix B). Concern was raised as to whether the remaining fifties services would be further reduced. NE had indicated that at this time this was not the case.

Discussion took place over the Hopper/Plumline services and to further investigate the hub idea with Pershore and Evesham being the hubs with onward travel as necessary from either of those places. It was agreed that a meeting of the bus sub-group should take place as soon as possible with a view to formalising potential plans to put forward to WCC.

JP indicated he would contact Wychavon DC to investigate funding sources including any potential new homes monies.

## **6. Train services and facilities**

Work had been completed on the platform extensions at Pershore, Evesham and Honeybourne. JP had had a response from Harriett Baldwin, MP asking for input from disability groups as to any plans. If a footbridge with disabled parking in the current location was acceptable this would reduce the cost considerably – to under £1 million. Discussion took place over the naming of the new station at Parkway, in particular in relation to the Worcester Regiment.

## **7. AOB**

Nil.

**Date of next meeting - January 8th, 2019 at St Egwins Club, Evesham 12.30 hours**