

Minutes of Vale Public Transport Group
4th February 2019 9.45 am
Venue: Pershore Town Hall

Present

Julian Palfrey (JP) Chairman
Helen Whitwell (HW)
Geoff Ransted (GR)
Maurice Hughes (MH)
Colin Tether (CT)
Clive Bostle (CB)
David Day (DD)
Liz Tucker (LT)
John Bolt (JB)
Bev McCordall (BM)
Brian Johnson-Thomas (BJT)

1. Welcome

JP welcomed all to the meeting. He noted George Glaze had resigned and commented that George had contributed considerably to the group. A note would be sent to him thanking him.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Marie Johnson-Thomas, Patricia Steel, Bob Gillmor and Phil Ralls.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting, 8th January 2019

Agreed. CB commented that there had only been minimal changes to the X18 service in January.

4. WCC issues

Despite HW requesting a follow up meeting with representatives from WCC a negative response had been received. JP had subsequently written to Councilor Amos and was awaiting a response. The reason given was that the Passenger Transport Review was ongoing and thus it would be seen as interfering with any tender process. CT was in the process of completing Hopper/Plumline plans with timings. He would let JP, RG and HW have them for consideration in the first instance. Discussion took place re approaches to WCC for discussion on these. It was unclear as to how putting forward plans would interfere with a tendering process.

5. Bus Services

A - First Bus service changes

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged as soon as possible with Nigel Eggleton of First. This was to discuss issues relating to a number of services including the fifties to Norton/Littleworth where there were issues with the loading figures as well as timings.

B - Hopper/Plumline see notes above under 4.

C - Other services Discussion took place over empty buses on return journeys. These included college as well as school buses.

Further discussion took place over tourist information/leaflets. It was agreed that an approach would be made to Angela Tidmarsh, Wychavon to progress.

LT referred to plans by WCC for the Passenger Transport Review. This was scheduled to be undertaken during 2019.

Wychavon Council had indicated they were looking at funding £50,000 towards public transport, being aware of rural issues.

Pershore TC had agreed to a small amount of additional funding.

6. Train services and facilities

JP and others were due to have a meeting on the 14th February regarding services with representatives from GW. New timetables were due in December. It was assumed that Parkway would be included.

The 40th anniversary of Pershore to London trains was due on June 2nd. It was hoped to have events to mark the occasion.

CT commented that platform work at Evesham had not been signed off.

7. AOB

Nil.

Date of next meeting – 8th March 2019