

**Minutes of the Vale Public Transport Group**  
**10th May 2019 9.45 am**  
**Venue: Pershore Town Hall**

**Present**

Julian Palfrey (JP) Chairman  
Helen Whitwell (HW)  
Geoff Ransted (GR)  
Maurice Hughes (MH)  
Bev McCordall (BM)  
John Bolt (JB)  
Patricia Steel (PS)  
Debbie Rolls (DR)

**1. Welcome**

JP welcomed all to the meeting including new attendee, Debbie Rolls from Evesham.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies from Brian and Marie Johnson-Thomas, Clive Bostle, Colin Tether, David Day, Bob Gillmor, Fred Kaler and Tina Pell.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting, 10th April 2019**

Agreed

Matters arising. Under 6b. There had been timetable changes in May which affected connections. VPTG had written to WCC highlighting the issue.

**4. WCC issues**

WCC had responded regarding attending the Open Meeting on 22nd May. This was to the effect that it would not be appropriate for Council personnel to attend in view of the pending Passenger Transport review.

**5. Bus Services**

**A – First Bus service changes – meeting with Nigel Eggleton, 23rd April**

BM and MH both raised issues with the fifties services following the meeting with Nigel Eggleton. Both would email concerns to JP.

**B – Hopper/Plumline**

DR raised the issue of worker's transport from villages which was not achieved by current village services. Further work was to be done on Hopper/Plumline routes (JB and CT).

BM asked what other PCs and local councils were doing in terms of financial input. As recorded previously Pershore TC and Wychavon had committed financial support.

## **C – other services**

PS highlighted the weekly service to the Co-op run by the Volunteer Centre. The problem of driver recruitment was discussed. Paid drivers were used in some areas.

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

### **A – 40th anniversary – 1st June**

Plans were advancing with involvement by various individuals as well as the potential of a free train trip. A film evening for 24th May had been arranged with a talk by Mike Clemens on historical railways.

### **B – Timetable issues and Worcester Parkway Station**

Minor changes would take place in May with additional changes in December when Worcester Parkway should be open and operational.

### **C – Williams Rail review**

Noted.

### **D – Other rail business**

Car park – no additional news

Platform extensions – should be usable by 20th May

## **7. Open Meeting, 22nd May**

Invitations to the various transport companies, organisations including local councils and individuals had been sent out. Flyers would be placed in various locations.

### **AOB**

CT (via e mail) had suggested circulation to councillors and others to increase awareness of the VPTG.

**Date of next meeting – 9.45 am 21st June – location to be confirmed**