

Minutes of Rail for Herefordshire meeting held:
Thursday January 10th 2007 Devereux Room, Green Dragon 7.30pm

Present: Janet Shott, Gerald Dawe (Chair), Theresa Houghton, Chris Shott, Richard Birt, Paul White, David Plowman, Sue Warren, Max Houghton, Liz Pitman, Alan Alderman, Margaret Alderman, Michael Sullivan

Apologies: Becky Roseff

Our **NEXT MEETING:** Feb 14th 2008; 7.30-9.30 p.m. at All Saints Church is **AGM**. Election of Officers, please consider standing for Chair, Secretary, Treasurer (especially as David Plowman after many years service would like to stand down) Membership Secretary, Correspondence Officer, Committee Member (x 3). We will have a **speaker** from the new London Midland Franchise.

The next **newsletter** was discussed. We are aiming for an Easter publication date.

First Great Western terminations at Malvern and Ledbury were discussed, they have been bad recently. Gerald (as customer representative) was sent a letter apologising for the delays that have occurred all over the FGW franchise. FGW are recruiting 30 drivers and 60 guards and hope this will solve the situation (though on their website there are vacancies for only 4 drivers and no guards?).

A sub group is meeting on Jan 11th to discuss the **Kingon-Leominster line** proposal. Beck has put together a funding application for the Esmee Fairburn trust which would pay for a feasibility study. GD said we must make sure this feasibility study actually produced something, the Hereford-Ross one, which cost a lot of money, never led to anything, no even protection of the line (which in the UDP it is entitled to).

Janet debriefed about the **ESG meeting**. ESG have not been in touch with Arriva. Action point: write to Cllr Phillips stating conflict with him being the Director of ESG

The **posters** for the station are in progress. The one at Hereford should have gone up before Cmas, not there yet. Artwork is being commissioned for the one at Leominster and is in progress. We have collected the information for the Colwall poster. These designs are planned to change four times a year, so volunteers please. The posters are a great opportunity to put our message out.

Next Meetings; 2008: Feb 14 (AGM), Mar 13, April 10, May 8, Jun 12, July 10, Aug NO MEETING, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11.

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