

Minutes of Rail for Herefordshire meeting held:  
Thursday November 13th 2008 at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Hereford

Present: Janet Shott (co Chair), Gerald Dawe (co Chair), Theresa Houghton, Mike Ledley, Max Houghton, Michael Sullivan, Chris Shott, John Thorne, Mike Cooke, Paul White

Apologies: Susan Warren, Becky Roseff, Rob Hattersley

Janet reported on the Quality Rail Partnership meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> September. She said that it was a worthwhile meeting but she felt that the Council had not fully understood what a QRP was. Gerald brought members up to date on the press release on twin tracking the Hereford-Ledbury line, and the Oxford-Pershore twin tracking, (which is beginning this month).

Members looked at the access improvement plan for Hereford Station, where it is understood that £50,000 is to be spent. Everyone felt the plan was so poor it was hard to know what was proposed. We stressed the bus stop must not be outside the door, desire lines must be respected, people must be able to cross the road right outside the door, tree planting is needed, buses and taxis should not block the path. Will 'living streets' be looking at the proposal, could it be part of Ben Hamilton Bailey's brief with ESG? A letter to Herefordshire Council, Amey (the contractors) and Arriva has been written, incorporating these comments.

Timetable changes were discussed. The Arriva TW Sunday service, the hourly B'ham service and the new later departure from Paddington station. The Sunday services were welcome as a good start but more needed to be done about the bus links. It was suggested that we should work on Arriva for a stop at Hereford when the new express service for N/S Wales was introduced

Mike C mentioned that the last train from Cardiff is 9.50 p.m. and that the group should campaign for a train at a time which would enable people from Herefordshire to attend concerts etc and not have to wait for the 0.20 p.m.

Speakers were discussed, we felt a rolling programme of TOC directors should be instigated.

The AGM was fixed for the February meeting. Anyone wanting to stand for office please contact the secretary ([RailFH@aol.com](mailto:RailFH@aol.com) 01684 541408).

John Thorne volunteered to be the bus co-ordinator.

We decided that the December meeting should be a social, open to all rail users, with cheese and wine. So therefore, **Next Meeting:** December 11<sup>th</sup> All Saints Church, 7.30 p.m. is a:

**A Christmas Cheese and Wine Party and Social; Open to all Herefordshire rail users. Please come**

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