

**COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2007**

**Motions Submitted Under Standing Order D1(1)**

<p>Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors Mrs P V Hayward and S J Williams</p>	<p><b><u>RURAL POST OFFICES</u></b></p> <p>This Council believes that it is vital that rural post offices are kept open. A sustainable post office network serving rural areas is essential in view of the social and economic role of post offices in rural communities. They support the needs of local people, particularly vulnerable groups and rural businesses. Indeed, they are the bedrock of rural community cohesion.</p>
<p>Notice of Motion submitted by J A Shaw</p>	<p><b><u>BUS SERVICES</u></b></p> <p>Council, noting the withdrawal of the 16A Areley Kings – Kidderminster Railway Station bus service from 24<sup>th</sup> February 2007,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. expresses its regret that a bus service which linked directly two forms of non-car transportation will no longer be available to the public,</li><li>2. calls for the replacement of the 1986 Transport Act, in order to allow ‘cross-subsidy’ to create more viable networks of routes,</li><li>3. calls for a ‘carbon emissions calculation’ whenever the withdrawal of a bus service is proposed, to establish whether the projected number of car journeys replacing the bus service would cause greater environmental damage than the continuation of the service, and</li><li>4. calls on Government to make greater expenditure on bus services a spending priority, in order to build a frequency and predictability of service which would persuade car drivers to use buses more frequently.</li></ol> <p>Council resolves to work with Worcestershire County Council and the Local Government Association to promote these proposals to Government.</p>

<p>Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors S J M Clew and M A W Hazlewood</p>	<p><b><u>BUS SERVICES</u></b></p> <p>The Council registers its concern regarding the proposed cuts in bus services reported in the recent Worcestershire County Council "Bus Bulletin".</p> <p>In these days of targets for reduction in carbon emissions, the Council fails to see how cutting public transport equates with efforts to improve the current trend. If bus services are removed, more people will resort to their own private transport which will exacerbate the problem.</p> <p>An immediate concern is with the 303 service (Kidderminster - Worcester) which ties in with the hospital service. The last two services of the evening are to be cut. There is also the 580 service (Kidderminster - Kinver), a service that runs three days per week. The proposal is to remove the 580 Saturday service.</p> <p>The Council does not accept the reason given for these removals, i.e. that there is insufficient use. Consultation with users of these services does not bear this out and, even if this were the case, it would not be a justification for the cuts. It will leave elderly and vulnerable residents of Kingsford and people working in the area in an impossible situation.</p> <p>The Council urges those responsible to reverse this decision.</p>
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