

Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR) Meeting Minutes

26th September 2013

Present: Paul Turner, Ted Hand, Phil Inskip, Keith Plow, Peter Wilson, Julie Wilson, Frances Taylor, Jessica Crook, Laurence Hando, Steve Lucas.

Meeting was opened at 19:30

1. Apologies: No Apologies

2. Minutes from 20th August 2013:

Accepted as true reflection of meeting

3. Matters arising from 20th August 2013:

3.1 (3.4) C/F Cross party rail group contact to be established **ACTION PI**

3.2 (5.5) Committee to continue monthly emails to JW of hours spent, this may change to SL at a later date.

3.3 (5.6) A costing of £129 for 5000, 2 sided brochure was acquired.

4. Committee Members' Reports

4.1 **Community and MUSLA liaison** (KP) – Keith updated on the outcome of Community Questionnaire. Roughly 6.9% of catchment responded with 71% in favour of a Community Centre. This was the largest preference with a Railway Station being the second preference.

4.2 **Financials and Funding** (JW) – Bank account application being processed by Lloyds, still awaiting Account number. It was agreed to apply for a large stall at the Frost Fayre re 14th Dec and hold a raffle, for which we will seek sponsorship from supporting local businesses. An offer from PT to pay for the stall was gratefully received although it is hoped that we will have received some funding from our application to the Community Council and not need to accept this kind offer. It was decided that we should invite Jessica Morden to the Frost Fayre. **Action JC** C/F to next meeting an agenda item on how we will present the stall. *A railway set was suggested.*

4.3 **Railway Organisations** (TH) - The ORR, Arriva Trains and Enterprise & Business consultation reports have been replied too. The SEWTA rail strategy consultation will be replied to by Monday 30th. TH & PT attended last week's SEWTA meeting at which our campaign for a station was mentioned positively twice. It was arranged for John Pocket to facilitate a meeting with First Great Western. At the next JRWG meeting Michael Vaughan will be in attendance.

4.4 **Planning and Co-ordination** (PT) - Website continuing to grow in number of hits with links to and from other websites. A good article from PT was in the Villager keeping up our profile. TH and PT had a meeting to discuss a plan for co-opting Businesses support, ongoing.

4.5 **Communications and publicity** (JC) – Agreed that we need to get something appearing every 2 months to retain the momentum and profile. Starting with something in the Frost Fayre magazine. JC to be sent contact details of Rail Future magazine. Contact with the Argus (Melissa) ongoing. **Action JC** to investigate Grassroots correspondents

4.6 **Governments and authorizing organizations** (FT) – Monmouthshire CC have accepted the policy to support the Development of a Station in Magor/Undy. Not yet in SEWTA 5 year policy. It was agreed that it is important to spread our message of a walkway station, by involving the school children. AS KP is a Governor at Magor and JC at Undy we are well placed to investigate how we can create a mindset environment of walking to school. **Action FT to consider possibilities**

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FT suggested that it would be good for our presence at the next Community Council meeting on 7th October to enquire, if a presentation about the line electrification is anticipated.

5. Sponsorship and fund raising for 'Pre-GRIP'

5.1 Keith advised that our application for funding is still being considered..

5.2 An application for Severnside funding needs to be received in November, so will be added to our October meeting agenda. We need to consider what Capital expenditure to include in our application.

5.3 LH raised the idea of the "Friends Of Our Train Station" (FOOTS) as a way of enrolling sponsors.
ACTION ALL, consider option

5.4 TH & PT to offer membership into "FOOTS" and canvass raffle prizes for the Frost Fayre.
Action TH, PT and ALL

6. Any Other Business

6.1 M4 Corridor consultation. It was agreed that although we should have a Group stance on this, we need to attend the consultation first. Deadline for responses is in December. However it was pointed out provision for a link from the M48 and Rogiet was possible in the schemes on the table. This was agreed an important point to pursue along with development of STJ car parking to support our Walkway. Deferred to next meeting.

6.2 Airport, in the absence of JC and FT at this part of the meeting this item will be deferred.

6.3 Steve Lucas accepted the post as Secretary unanimously.

6.4 PI pointed out that on the 14th Oct, the 74 and x74 bus routes timetable will change. Also that on 28th October Newport Bus station will close. Also that First Group will have a new Bus timetable between Newport and Bristol from 3rd November.

6.5 PI will contact Alan Brown of MCC *scatter gun* communication to include MAGOR.

7. Date of next meeting(s)

7.1 The next meetings was scheduled for **23rd October** and 12th November.

Meeting was closed at 22.05

Signed as true reflection of the meeting

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