

Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR) Meeting Minutes

30th April 2013

Present: Laurence Hando, Phil Inskip, Ted Hand, Paul Turner, Frances Taylor, Jessica Crook, Rob Ollerton, Peter Wilson, Julie Wilson, Stuart Jones and Craig Davidson.

Meeting was opened at 19:35

1. Apologies: Neeta Baicher, Louise Blackmore, Natalie Chamberlain, Keith Plow, Phil Walker

2. Minutes from 3rd April 2013:

Accepted as true reflection of meeting

3. Matters arising from 3rd April 2013:

3.1 David Dovey has introduced MAGOR to SEWTA and will be pushing to formally including the concept on their list.

3.2 No contact with Edwina Hart AM. JC to follow up with Jessica Morten to see if appropriate to arrange a meeting with the AM.

3.3 Keith Plow agreed to join our group as a link between MAGOR and MUSLA.

3.4 Re Benefit Cost Ratio of walking to a station. It was suggested this should be raised with Edwina Hart.

3.5 Further Passive Provision requests have been made for alternative station sites, no acknowledgement received or expected yet.

3.6 Vaughan Gethin will contact us when a Cross party group next meets to include us for a slot.

3.7 FT will invite Bridget Barnett to our meeting to discuss "engagement team" lack of integrated transport in Severnside.

3.8 TH look at Kirstall Forge & Apperley Bridge station plans and produce a "back of a fag packet" costing for MAGOR. Given the go ahead in Nov 2011 estimated completion Dec 2014.

3.9 PT still to produce a "what if paper" on the implications of parking on Magor/Undy as a result of a Station opening.

3.10 LH has approached "the villager" for support and awaiting a reply.

4. Welcome:

New members were welcomed to the group.

5. Correspondence:

5.1 LH wrote an article for the "Villager" which resulted in one response from a Nicky Reason, who was invited to join the group without response.

5.2 PI circulated 2011-12 SE Wales station usage statistics, showing STJ increase of 6.8% and Chepstow 8.2% against such reductions in the region like Newport -0.75%.

5.3 Tony Smale of Railfuture asked for an article for their newsletter. LH to respond.

5.4 Mark Youngman (Mon CC) has volunteered to talk through the process of getting a station opened. PI will discuss with him about coming to one of our meetings.

6. Membership/ Local Businesses:

6.1 PT has had success in inviting interested individuals to our meetings. He will now contact local Businesses. TH & PI to help with list of contacts already produced.

6.2 CD suggested we contact Waitrose re local group fund raising. LH to make application.

7. Mission Documents:

7.1 PT to update and circulate for discussions.

8. Development Plan:

8.1 PT presented a Workstream draft plan and will work on this to produce an ongoing forward plan.

9. Sponsorship:

9.1 FT raised a number of fund raising sponsorship;

- Severnside Area Committee £15,000 annual Budget for environmental/capital usage.. we will need to match fund.
- Welsh church fund.
- Community Council.

9.2 PT will look into when contacting local businesses.

9.3 It was agreed that LH would look into opening a Bank Account with 3 signatories LH, TH & PT.

10. Site Survey:

10.1 PI advised that when MAGOR was fully accepted by SEWTA, they would organize Site surveys. So presently we will take no action on this.

11. Travel Plan Survey:

11.1 We are still trying to obtain satisfactory data from Mark Youngman (Mon CC) on STJ surveys.

11.2 PI will e-mail the West Wales survey for our attention.

12. AGM:

12.1 It was agreed that we should hold our first AGM to fully constitute the group on Thursday 4th July.

13. A.O.B:

13.1 TH to look into a website at £100 setting up fee and £50 annual costs. Alternative (cheaper) ideas are also to be investigated prior to the next meeting.

13.2 FT to look into a Twitter site.

13.3 Joint Rail Working Group meeting 17th May 2pm at Innovation House. PI & TH to attend.

13.4 Arriva franchise finishes 2018, PI to circulate details of how to get included in new bid.

13.5 Railfuture/SUSTRANS. It was agreed that we should have links with these groups and pay for membership. JC to seek someone she knows who may be interested in joining Railfuture on our behalf. We would like to find someone interested in cycling to join SUSTRANS.

13.6 Next meetings: **Tuesday 4th June 2013** & Tuesday 23rd July In the Wheatsheaf at 19:30

Meeting was closed at 21:35

Signed as true reflection of the meeting

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