

Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR) Meeting Minutes

3rd April 2013

Present: Laurence Hando, Phil Inskip, Ted Hand, Paul Turner

Meeting was opened at 19:30

Apologies: Frances Taylor, Jessica Crook

Minutes from 26th February 2013:

Accepted as true reflection of meeting

Matters arising from 26th February 2013:

No specific accountancy Timesheet procedures implemented yet, with regards GAVO fund matching. It was felt this would be looked at at another date although records of meetings and Milepost meetings have been recorded

Welcome:

Paul Turner was welcomed to the group.

Launch post mortem:

About 50 visitors attended the 14th March Launch drop in session with another 66 the actual presentation launch. This was successfully chaired by Lord German. If we had more time we would have preferred more invitation letter drops and advertising, nevertheless the venue was full and all agreed a great success.

Correspondence in support was read out from;

- John Griffiths
- David Dovey
- Jocelyn Davies
- Michael Vaughan
- Bryan Jones

Group Enlargement;

- Database

Paul volunteered to draw up a database from the list of launch attendees and would contact JC to facilitate. It was felt that we need to strike whilst the interest in fresh and to learn from other experiences and keep the flow of information to the community.

- Community Council

Further to JC community council email PT will speak with Kieth Plow inviting him onto MAGOR.

- MUSLA

As Keith Plow is also on MUSLA his inclusion on MAGOR would facilitate a cross group involvement. In her absence it was suggested that FT acted on our behalf on MUSLA ?

Media Communication:

- It was disappointing to note that only the Chepstow and Caldicot news picked up the story, although this was favourable.
- TH was successful on Radio Wales
- LH wrote an article about the launch for April's "Villager"

To Aspire to Develop a Gateway for the People of Magor & Undy, to the Rail Network

Where Next:

- We have now been recognized by the Joint Rail Working Group and David Dovey is pushing for formal inclusion on SEWTA. PI to follow up. PI, TH & PT were interested in attending the next SEWTA meeting on 14th June.
- PI to ask Jessica Morden to facilitate a meeting for us with Edwina Hart, new Assembly Transport minister. PI to acknowledge to John Griffiths about walking to station calculations and ask about progression. PI also to contact the PA of Vaughan Gethin from the cross party working group to enquire about a meeting to finalise our non political contacts. We were advised that we need to orchestrate a meeting with the assembly Civil Servants who control the agendas. Presently we are unsure of names.
- Regarding Mark Youngman's suggestion to look at alternative sites, incase our desired site is unsuccessful, PI will contact Mark Davies and ask him to structure into our passive provision request, the original Magor station location.
- Bridget Barnett. In the absence of FT, no decision regarding a meeting. PT to enquire with FT progress needs.
- Future items;
 - TH to look at a Financial model for our Business plans
 - We need a land survey (presently looking at contacts) and a Travel community survey. The latter PI will enquire from Eluned Parrott the SWWITCH questions.
 - Work needs to be done on Sponsorship with regards funding for flyers. For the post April edition LH will approach the "Villager" for support.
 - In light of PI slow (very slow) withdrawal, PT will take ownership of the Business Plan documentation.

STJ Car Park:

Due to the political struggles in Rogiet, it is felt that neither of the car Park solutions for STJ will come to fruition until sometime post 2018. Therefore this will have implications for parking around a Magor station. PI will attend the Community Council meeting on 8th the advise of his concerns. PT will consider a "what if paper" of the effect on the community.

A.O.B:

It was felt an AGM would be desirable in the Summer, but only when sufficient members are on board to fill required posts and sub committees. TH proposed an all out recruiting drive. PT has volunteered to act as a recruiting officer for membership.

Beverly Reed, Clerk of Community Council has asked LH to provide a MAGOR update report for her pre Council meeting circulation.

PT proposed to produce a process map of steps leading up to Station opening in 2018.

Next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 30th April 2013 in the Wheatsheaf at 19:30
Meeting was closed at 22:05

Signed as true reflection of the meeting

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