

Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR) Meeting Minutes

4th June 2013

Present: Laurence Hando, Phil Inskip, Ted Hand, Frances Taylor, Jessica Crook, Keith Plow, Louise Blackmore

Meeting was opened at 19:40

1. Apologies: Paul Turner, Rob Ollerton, Peter Wilson, Julie Wilson, Stuart Jones and Craig Davidson.

2. Minutes from 30th April 2013:

Accepted as true reflection of meeting

3. Matters arising from 30th April 2013:

3.1 It was decided to let Edwina Hart settle into her new Assembly role before we approached her for a meeting. JC will monitor this with Jessica Morden.

3.2 C/F Vaughan Gethin to contact us for a slot at a cross party group meeting, PI to monitor this.

3.3 PT now has statistics for STJ and is able to work on a "what if" paper on Magor parking issues.

3.4 LH has asked "The Villager" to announce our AGM 4th July.

3.5 It was decided that we should invite Mark Youngman to our first meeting after the AGM to explain the formal process for opening a new station.

3.6 LH has applied to Waitrose for inclusion in their "Community Matters" scheme and is awaiting feedback.

3.7 LH proposed the new committee open a HSBC Community fund bank account, which was unanimously accepted.

3.8 PT organised a Website "magorstation.co.uk" free of charge. This site was accepted by the group and our thanks went out to PT for such a good site and deal.

3.9 FT still looking into a "Twitter" site

3.10 JC hasn't found a volunteer to attend Railfuture, although PI announced we didn't need to send anyone to the committee to be members. TH showed interest in going along. After the AM we will consider subscribing

4. AGM:

4.1 LH will contact the "Argus/Freepress" about our AGM date.

4.2 Agenda; Chairman's Report
Constitution acceptance
Posts Election
AOB

4.3 LH to email details to JC & FT to look into advertising event. FT to contact Magor school, Alison Kershaw about circulating details.

5. Publicity:

5.1 JC raise Argus article about model village showing station. It was felt this could be used to publicise our campaign.

6. Correspondence:

- 6.1 A reply to LH Railfuture article "Guest User group of the Month" from Dr Adrian Morgan will be replied to by PI.
- 6.2 As SEWTA would conduct an annual footfall calculation to calculate our BCR, it was suggested we could do the leg work for this to reduce the cost.
- 6.3 PI will contact David Blayne re Southampton University document to see if anyone there is doing a similar thesis, which we could influence.

7. Constitutional Amendments:

- 7.1 the amendments from PT were unanimously accepted and will be presented at the AGM for acceptance.

8. Joint Rail Working Group:

- 8.1 The JRWG agreed to recommend MAGOR went forward to the Council Cabinet. However this doesn't appear to have been auctioned. FT to ask at next JRWG if this has now taken place. Our campaign cannot progress to SEWTA until it has gone to the Cabinet.
- 8.2 PI discussed Mark Berry's presentation of a high level concept (not detailed) Metro plus for the region, which excluded Magor. PI to ask for a more specific Bryan Jones presentation (ie the SEWTA Version). We can then ask why no Magor!

9. A.O.B:

- 9.1 FT raised need for a local survey more broader thoughts on MUSLA and STATION, as County Council (Peter Fox) suggests commissioning AVENTA to undertake such a survey.
- 9.2 MUSLA to shrink their project to within present finance. A Passive Provision need was raised for a road to the station.
- 9.3 It was reiterated that MAGOR was supportive of making rail user parking prohibitive, as not to hinder MUSLA parking.
- 9.4 PI announced that Stagecoach were looking to pull out of the route X14.
- 9.5 PI advised that in 2007 a report on upgrading the Relief Line at a cost of £27 million was not accepted.
- 9.6 Next meetings: **Thursday 4th July 2013 AGM** in the Baptist Church hall 19:00
Tuesday 23rd July 2013 In the Wheatsheaf at 19:30

Meeting was closed at 21:40

Signed as true reflection of the meeting

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