

## Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR) Meeting Minutes

23rd October 2013

**Present:** Paul Turner, Ted Hand, Phil Inskip, Peter Wilson, Julie Wilson, Frances Taylor, , Laurence Hando, Steve Lucas, Colin

Meeting was opened at 19:35

**1. Apologies:** Keith Plow, Jessica Crook, David Dovey, Louise Blackmore

**2. Minutes from 26th September 2013:**

Accepted as true reflection of meeting

**3. Matters arising from 26th September 2013:**

3.1 (4.1) LH contacted the Community Council about our funding application formally requesting £500, receiving positive vibes that early in November we should receive a cheque.

3.2 (4.6) Only FT attended the last Community Council Meeting, PT hopes to attend the next on Nov 4th, where enquiries about "will the Council receive a presentation about the Electrification process and will provision be made for a Station for Magor/Undy?"

**4. Committee Members' Reports**

4.1.1 **Railway Organisations** (TH) - TH Attended the Cardiff Enterprise and Development Consultation and raise 2 main recommendations:-

a. The Franchise should be a "Not for Dividend Franchise" for 15 years owned by the Welsh Assembly.

b. There should be a "North South Route"

4.1.2 PI, Attended the Electrification consultation where it was announced that the Factory Train would only attach the gantry to pre pile driven posts. There will be one gantry spanning the whole track rather than separate track posts/stations. This has an implication in that we would need passive provision of a wide Gantry to cover any Station location.

4.3 **Planning and Co-ordination** (PT) - The Website has received a lot of interest in our Rail Strategy Responses. Business are being contacted for support: The Hampton is supportive but can't offer any money but have offer their conference facilities and will provide a Frost Fayre Raffle Prize. Other interested parties are The Golden Lion and Be-Glitz. Wildings and Kent may be interested, FT is trying to encourage. We are still awaiting a response from Inbev and PI will chase up Wilkinsons.

4.4 **Financials and Funding** (JW) - Bank account now open, awaiting stationary and deposits.

4.4.1 An application will be submitted by JW to Sevenside for funding, the amount was left to the discretion of JW ready for their next meeting of the 13th of November

**4.5 Communication and Publicity**

4.5.1 Rail Future Development discussion document has included a Tram Train going to Magor.

4.5.2 The Business and Transport Minister, Edwina Hart, has given her backing to a "South East Wales Metro system". The minister, having secured significant investment, is setting up a group to look at how the recommendations contained in a strategic report by Mark Barry and associates can be implemented. <http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/transport/2013/7991965/?lang=en>

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

The report clearly recognises that Magor with Undy is a significant centre of population within 20 miles of Cardiff and is included within the "City Region" integrated transport plan. Of course this in itself doesn't mean we have our station, there is still much to be done but it is certainly a major step forward in getting our community back on the 'rail map'. You can view or download the report here (<http://wales.gov.uk/docs/det/publications/131021metroen.pdf> )

4.5.3 It was suggested that JC approach the Argus to follow up the story. LH will contact Jessica Morden and Demetri to thank them for their actions getting Magor on the Tram Train Map.

4.6 **Governments and authorizing organizations** (FT) We now have a Twitter account and FT has promised to train us on its use. @magorstation.gmail.com

4.6.1 FT has spoken with Mr Atwell at Magor School and suggested some points to consider: -  
- Active Travel, encouragement to walk.  
- Where the Children Live and their thought on a Magor Station.  
- Debate in school, Is a Station a good idea?  
- School Council write to AM's

It was thought a poster design competition could be an idea.

**5. Frost Fayre** Saturday 14th December 4.30 onwards

We have our stall booked, we are in the process of raising raffle prizes. Next months meeting will concentrate on preparation. Thoughts were a Petition or Questionnaire, Flyers as well as the raffle.

**6. Brochure Publication**

6.1 TH suggested we produce a flyer with a raffle entry for a special raffle prize.  
6.2 Other publicity ideas were, Badges, Car Stickers and Pens. Any other suggestion please forward to LH in preparation for our next meeting.

**7. M4 Corridor Consultation**

It was felt that overall, the proposed new M4 would be a bad idea for the communities of Magor/Undy. Although we support a Severn Tunnel Junction access route to the M48. However the information provided was vague with no up to date facts. It was agreed LH would officially respond to the Consultancy on behalf of the group, although individuals are encouraged to send in their own responses. It was thought inviting Tom Clarke of CALM (Wildlife Trust) to one of our meeting would be a good idea.

**8. Airport Thoughts** - We decided that we do not have a firm view on this thought as there are no firm proposals on the table.

**9 Any Other Business**

9.1 It was suggested by PT that we should alternate our meetings between the Wheatsheaf, the Golden Lion and the Hampton on special occasions.

9.2 The next meetings was scheduled for **Thursday 21st November** at the Golden Lion at 7.30 and 19th December at the Wheatsheaf at 7.30

Meeting was closed at 22.00

Signed as true reflection of the meeting

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