

Meeting Minutes



Date/Time of Minutes	Meeting Title	Meeting Ref
20 th March 2014	Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR)	March 2014
Subject:	Committee Meeting - Open	
Location:	Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor Square	

Attendees:	Laurence Hando, Frances Taylor, Ted Hand, Paul Turner, Julie Wilson, Peter Wilson, Phil Inskip, James Hando and John Pockett (FGW)
Apologies:	Jessica Crook, Keith Plow
Minute Taker:	Steve Lucas
Distribution Copies:	As above

Item	Actions/Notes:	Action by	Target Date
1.	<p>Welcome by Chairman to those Attending this meeting :</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed those attending to this meeting and also a warm welcome to John Pockett from First Great Western who has been invited to hopefully engage with this group.</p> <p>The Chairman gave a brief history presentation, and explained that our mission was to aspire to develop a gateway for the people of Magor and Undy, to the rail network. Our objective is to have a community station whose location is central with the MUSLA Community Hall. Our target is for 1st March 2018 and our unique selling point is that we are looking for access to this community station by foot or cycle. The location of the station being within easy walking distance from the majority of the homes within Magor and Undy. With 11,000 vehicles passing through the area on a daily basis, the provision of a community station would have a dramatic effect on reducing that amount and reducing the carbon emissions.</p> <p>The Chairman further explained, that what we as a group are looking for from First Great Western, is their support in our endeavours, their endorsement on what we are aspiring</p>		

	to achieve and also for their advice in helping us to put forward the right feasibility study.		
2.	<p>First Great Western – John Pockett – Response:</p> <p>JP responded by firstly confirming that the decision regarding the provision of a community station, is a political decision rather than that of the train companies. However, in going forward, JP would source the various leads that would be beneficial for the MAGOR group to make contact with, including contact with the ‘bid’ team.</p> <p>JP also commented that we should be aware of the Confederation of Passenger Transport and the importance for the MAGOR group to bring onboard the bus companies to our campaign. The advice given was that JP would approach the confederation with the intention of speaking to this group in the Autumn period.</p> <p>At this point the meeting took a break – 20:45 hours</p> <p>Meeting Resumed:</p> <p>Those present: Laurence Hando, Julie Wilson, Peter Wilson. Paul Turner, Ted Hand, Phil Inskip, Frances Taylor and Steve Lucas.</p>	LH/PI LH/PI	
3.	<p>Review of Previous Meeting (19th December 2013): Minutes accepted from Meeting held on 20th February as true and accurate.</p> <p>Matters arising</p> <p>1/ Jessica Morden has received the same response from Network Rail as ourselves. They are aware of our aspirations to open a station and will be ready to meet in early Summer.</p>		
4.	<p>Honorary President Mike German agreed to be our President. A unanimous vote was received to accept Lord German as our President from Immediate effect. LH to contact him to invite him to a meeting to see if he has any insight into the workings of the Welsh Assembly and to arrange a photo shoot. And Invite him to speak at our AGM. A provisional date of 17th July was set.</p>	LH	

5.	<p>Sub Group Forward Planning Agreed The Target Milestones and agreed lead member, together with the plan of completion. PT will amend the Plan Summary and circulate to members under a separate cover. The communications plan was discussed in depth, with a number of alterations being agreed, covering the Outcomes required by April 2015.</p>	PT	
6.	<p>Committee Reports:</p> <p>Welsh Government and People: (PI) John Griffiths has been spoken to by FT and gave him a breakdown on the M4 and Station campaign. John Griffiths promised to meet with Edwina Heart and that Jessica Morden will need to be kept within the loop. The Rail Industry meet in the summer period, and the project team are aware of our aspirations. It was considered important that we meet with a Mark Barry.</p> <p>Railway Industry: (TH) Going forward it was considered imperative that we have a time tabling plan in place and PI does have a contact who would be best approached to assist in this area. A sub group made up of PI, TH and PT would follow this up.</p> <p>TH confirmed that contact has been made with Stuart and Roger who are prepared to do a walk through of our proposed site and to give us their expert advice on how we can proceed from here.</p> <p>Community and MUSLA: (KP) Nil Report</p> <p>Communication: (TH) It was confirmed that Undy School has a winning pupil on the naming of our train. – The winning name being ‘MAGGY’. TH will now make the necessary arrangements to obtain the winning prize. It was agreed that we as a group, will need to take advantage of this presentation with photographs etc to keep the focus on our group live.</p> <p>Magor School which is naming the driver of the train, will need to be contacted regarding progress in this matter. FT agreed to make contact with the school.</p> <p>On a separate note it was suggested that we look at obtaining some car stickers with the right strapline</p>	<p>PI</p> <p>PI / TH / PT</p> <p>PI / TH / PT</p> <p>TH</p> <p>FT</p> <p>All</p>	

	<p>incorporated. Also we need to consider the use of a banner and capitalise on our logo and the schools naming the train and driver.</p> <p>It was also suggested that we should be looking at the production of Business Cards for the main committee members, which could have a suitable message on the reverse side. This could then be handed out by committee members in order to further gain support for our campaign. It was agreed that SL would look into this further.</p> <p>The website has been updated and we are receiving in the region of about 400 hits on a monthly basis. Emails have been updated and also in process of updating the Wikipedia site.</p> <p>Funding: (JW) JW confirmed that money from Severnside has been paid into our bank account.</p> <p>It was also mentioned, that in a few months' time, it would be expected that a letter of thanks be sent to Severnside for the funding and we could follow this up with a photograph with our President.</p> <p>It was agreed that we should book a half/stand at the May Fair and nearer the time we can check on member's availability. The May Fair being the 5th May 2014.</p>	<p>SL</p> <p>PT</p> <p>JW</p> <p>JW</p> <p>JW</p>	
7.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Mark Youngman has agreed to attend our April meeting to discuss what the process will be with the demise of SEWTA. It was also agreed to pre-warn Mark Youngman of our requirements, ie travel plan survey, the grip process etc. so that he can be better positioned to answer our questions.</p> <p>It was agreed that we need to speak to Mike Moran regarding the preparation of a feasibility study. Confirmed that PT, JW and FT would progress this.</p> <p>PI informed the meeting regarding the future of the Joint Rail Working Group, its means of engaging with the wider community and the focus on transport for the area by the County Council.</p>	<p>LH</p> <p>PT/JW/FT</p> <p>PI / PT</p>	

	<p>PT agreed to follow up with the local shops regarding the selling of the fridge magnets.</p> <p>Dates of forthcoming meetings 24th April 2014 22nd May 2014 26th June 2014 17th July 2014 AGM</p> <p>Meeting closed 21:45 hours</p>		
<p>Next Meeting:</p>	<p>24th April 2014, 19:30 hours, Golden Lion, Magor Square</p>		