



Date/Time of Minutes	Meeting Title	Meeting Ref
14 <sup>th</sup> August 2014	<b>Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR)</b>	August 2004
<b>Subject:</b>	Committee Meeting - Open	
<b>Location:</b>	Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor Square	

<b>Attendees:</b>	Laurence Hando (Chair), Ted Hand, Paul Turner, Julie Wilson, Peter Wilson, Steve Lucas
<b>Apologies:</b>	Colin James, Keith Plow, Jessica Crook, Francis Taylor
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Steve Lucas
<b>Distribution Copies:</b>	As Above

Item	Actions/Notes	Action By	Target Date
1.	<p><b>Review of Actions:</b></p> <p>It was also agreed that KP would be asked to contact the local schools to make enquiries on the amount of fridge magnets that have been sold to date. There was originally 50 magnets given to each school.</p>	KP	
2.	<p><b>Secondment of County Councillors:</b></p> <p>Discussions to place regarding the secondment of County Councillors to this Committee. It was agreed that Francis Taylor and Jessica Crook would be co-opted to this Committee.</p>		
3.	<p><b>Business Cards:</b></p> <p>It was agreed that due to the costs involved in producing professional business cards and weighing that against the benefits and use that this would give to the campaign, that we would not progress this matter further.</p> <p>However, as an alternative, PT agreed to produce them in house and the meeting agreed to fund the costs of the blank cards.</p>	PT	

<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>Welsh Government and People:</b> Unfortunately with the apologies received from some of our committee members, there was no formal report given.</p> <p><b>Rail Industry:</b> TH gave a briefing on the meeting held with John Griffiths. He showed a lot of enthusiasm for our campaign and confirmed his support. However, the meeting was to be joined by Network Rail who arrived about an hour later. Various questions was posed to Network Rail, but their answers were either very vague or they purely refused to give an answer at that time. They would not even confirm whether the electrification would be covering all four lines or just two.</p> <p>It was agreed that it was imperative that this group had the definitive answer with reference to how many lines the electrification would cover. The bottom line being, that if electrification covered all the four lines, then the work that this group would be involved with in fighting the campaign would be viable.</p> <p>It was agreed that in the absence of Phil Inskip, TH would pick up the contact with Jon Pockett.</p> <p>The question that has been put forward to the Minister at question time in the House Commons, when answered will give that definitive answer. Hopefully, this question will be posed when back in session in September.</p> <p><b>MUSLA:</b> We have not heard back from our letter to the MUSLA secretary as to our offer to meet to discuss our activities to date. PW agreed that going forward he will be attending MUSLA meetings, and will be in a position to report back to our group.</p> <p><b>Communications:</b> It was confirmed that the website has been updated, including the addition of the AGM minutes, held in July 2014.</p> <p>TH gave a briefing on the meeting of the Strategic Working Group, which was chaired by David Dovey. This group is set up to discuss the Monmouthshire County Council Transport Arrangements for the area. A meeting which hopefully we can become part of.</p> <p>LH raised the need for a further update by FT with regards to the Shareholders Meeting Group that the local council is keen to progress. We needed confirmation that we would be represented on this group.</p>	<p>FT</p>	
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	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>JW confirmed that the group's financial situation stood at £804.40. £551.20 held in the current account and £253.20 held in the savings account. This included the money raised by the Wheatsheaf of £30 through the sale of the fridge magnets.</p>		
5.	<p><b>Crowd Funding:</b></p> <p>It was agreed that raising money for the campaign using this method was definitely the way forward. However, it was agreed that before we put our efforts into this, we will need to wait until we have the full answer back regarding the electrification of the lines.</p> <p>To be rescheduled for discussion at our next meeting in September.</p>	All	
6.	<p><b>Milestones:</b></p> <p>It was noted that there had been some slippage on the milestones but the majority of points were on target.</p>		
7.	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <p>There were general discussions that took place regarding raising funds. This was agreed that this will need to be deferred until we know the outcome of the question being raised at the House of Commons. Including the invitation for Joan Gillard.</p> <p>Following receipt of the documents promised by Mark Youngman, PT agreed to browse through them and report back on all relevant items.</p> <p>LH agreed to re-issue the Constitution, following the agreed amendments approved at the AGM.</p> <p>LH stated that we were still in need of some twitter training</p> <p>PT confirmed that the MAGOR Banner was successfully installed on the fencing in Dancing Hill. It is the intention to move the banner around to different convenient places.</p> <p>PT and TH will look into a street survey to see how many residents have heard of our campaign.</p> <p>PT informed the meeting that Railfuture are organising a National Event for September/October, and that as a group we should considering give this support.</p>	<p>PT</p> <p>LH</p> <p>PT &amp; TH</p>	

<b>Dates of Forthcoming Meetings:</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2014 – Committee Meeting 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2014 – Committee Meeting 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2014 – Committee Meeting  <b>Meeting closed at 21:10 hours</b>		
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<b>Next Meeting:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2014, 19:30 hours, Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor Sq.
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