



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

Attendees:	Laurence Hando (Chair), Paul Turner, Edward Hand, Francis Taylor, Julie Wilson, Peter Wilson, Steve Lucas, Mark Youngman (First Great Western)
Apologies:	Keith Plow, Jessica Crook
Minute Taker:	Steve Lucas
Distribution Copies:	As Above

Item	Actions/Notes	Action By	Target Date
1.	<p>Review of Actions:</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. Information received so far is that 38 still remain unsold at Undy School, but no further details regarding Magor School. There was originally 50 magnets given to each school.</p> <p>Regarding the Line Study, FT confirmed that the study is yet to be released officially. It was pointed out that at the moment there appears to be a lack of dialogue between the Rail Companies, Metro and the Welsh Government.</p> <p>It was further suggested that as a group we should look at asking for the information contained within the line study and use the Freedom of Information Act route to obtain. The contents of this report is of paramount importance to this group. LH agreed to progress this matter further.</p> <p>LH informed the meeting that an application has been made to the new ASDA store at Caldicot for this group to be made part of the 'green coin' charity box campaign. It was agreed that another application should be forwarded to Waitrose as well.</p>	<p>KP</p> <p>LH</p> <p>LH</p>	

	JW confirmed that we have booked and paid for a stall at the December Frost Fayre.		
2.	<p>MAGOR Banner:</p> <p>PT reported that the banner has now been repaired. We now have a Public Liability Insurance in place and our application to display the banner has been approved. The next stage is to now make contact with the appropriate parties to confirm agreement on the siting of the banner. PT will continue to progress this.</p> <p>In endeavouring to make contact with the relevant parties, PT spoke to Andy Quine (MUSLA). The conversation covered a number of different relevant topics. PT commented that he thought the discussion was very satisfactory and it would appear that we will be able to move forward with MUSLA.</p>	PT	
3.	<p>Electrification:</p> <p>The question regarding whether the relief lines would be included in the electrification process planned to go ahead across South Wales from London was raised in the House Commons. However the response given was rather vague and did not really answer the direct question.</p> <p>LH informed the meeting that Mike German has been written too to provide support to Jessica Morden in asking the question in Parliament regarding the electrification of the relief lines.</p> <p>Information received did indicate that the gantries to be installed were going to be right across all four lines. But electrification of the relief lines is still unclear. MY agreed to make further enquiries amongst his colleagues at First Great Western to see whether this could be clarified further.</p> <p>It was noted that the Cardiff to Newport Metro Intervention Area plan, running from Cardiff right through to the Severn Tunnel Junction, did show a station being available at Magor. This plan was publically available on the internet.</p>	MY	
4.	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Welsh Government and People:</p> <p>The meeting was informed of the Developing Local Transport Plan by Christian Schimdt where submissions could be made to. It was agreed that the required forms for submission would be completed by PT and submitted.</p>	PT	

	<p>Rail Industry: The next Rail Future meeting was scheduled for the 27th November 2014 and TH and PT would attend representing this group.</p> <p>MY commented that even though there appears to be a public announcement regarding First Great Western being given the direct award, it has yet to be announced officially as discussions are still ongoing.</p> <p>MUSLA: It was noted, with disappointment, that we have still not received any form of communication back from MUSLA since SL sent our letter of introduction and request for a meeting (via email) to the Secretary of MUSLA. However, as mentioned above PT has had dialogue with Andrew Quine, so this might now bring about communication between us.</p> <p>Communications: It was confirmed that the website has been updated.</p> <p>PT produced the summary of the Station survey carried out locally, which showed some very encouraging figures. It was agreed that this should now be made available on our website.</p> <p>PT agreed to submit an article for the next issue of the Villager (deadline for submissions being 9th November 2014). It was also agreed that within that article we should be incorporating a 'wants list' such as requesting volunteers to join this group who have specific skills in certain areas which could prove beneficial to our campaign. Also mentioning our presence at the Frost Fayre.</p> <p>Finance: There has been very little activity with either funding income or expenses since our last meeting, apart from the fee paid to Frost Fayre for the stall in 13th December. A breakdown of the accounts were made available at the meeting.</p> <p>A general discussion took place on Crowd funding and whether we should still keep on the back burner. Or whether we should now start the process. It was a unanimous decision that we should now start the process. TH agreed to make contact with Crowd Funding agent and to provide the committee with the breakdown of the next steps.</p>	<p>TH / PT</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>PT</p> <p>TH</p>	
5.	<p>Milestones: We are now half way through the year and we can see that we have added a few more active members join the group. Following the survey it is evident that our Name and purpose has become more known to the community with local members being more positive in wanting a community centre and station.</p>		

	<p>It was also encouraging to note that we have also seen growing support from a number of politicians for our campaign.</p>		
<p>6.</p>	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>At the last meeting a question was raised about the potential money received from the agreed use of the Wind turbines to the community, which are to be located on the land at Great House Farm, Undy. If there was a chance that this group could receive some financial support from the above fund, then this should be looked into. JC agreed to investigate further. Unfortunately JC was unable to attend the meeting, so this action is still outstanding.</p> <p>FT informed the meeting that she attending a meeting with Network Rail and confirmed that all of the bridges in our area are going to have work done on them. It was also likely that the walkway bridge near the Vets may not be rebuilt, which as an alternative would necessitate upgrading work on the underpass. FT confirmed that Network Rail have been reminded of the need to make all areas of access to be DDA compliant and that they would involve the community during the design process. They have also agreed to meet this group going forward.</p> <p>FT commented on her meeting with an environmental company known as South East Wales Energy. The company appears to be very interested in providing assistance by providing power/heating/lighting etc. into the proposed Community Centre and in return they would like to have an office space within. It was suggested that the Stakeholders group should take look further into this proposal as it could well substantially reduce cost on installation and running costs.</p> <p>MY pointed out that as a group we should be concentrating on the provision of obtaining a station and not to get caught too much in the detail of the siting of the station. This is mainly due to the fact that the original site where the station was, might well prove to be more viable due to location, lay of the land, straightness of the track, etc. etc. It would be a shame to lose a station because the emphasis was placed on a site which costs prohibited its provision.</p> <p>Dates of Forthcoming Meetings: 20th November 2014 – Committee Meeting 11th December 2014 – Committee Meeting 22nd January 2015 – Committee Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting closed at 22:15 hours</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>FT</p>	
<p>Next Meeting:</p>		<p>20th November 2014, 19:30 hours, Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor Sq.</p>	