



Date/Time of Minutes	Meeting Title	Meeting Ref
20 th November 2014	Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR)	November 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, Keith Plow, Phil Inskip
Apologies:	Jessica Crook and Colin James
Minute Taker:	Steve Lucas
Distribution Copies:	As Above

Item	Actions/Notes	Action By	Target Date
1.	<p>Review of Actions:</p> <p>It was agreed that KP would contact the local schools to make enquiries on the amount of fridge magnets that have been sold to date and to collect the monies for those sold. There were originally 50 magnets given to each school.</p> <p>At the last meeting it was 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 being of paramount importance to this group. LH confirmed that he had made contact and that the information received was very vague regarding the process that would need to be followed and that the report had not yet been 'finalised'. Forthcoming meeting on the 27th November 2014 would give an opportunity to raise this again.</p> <p>LH confirmed that a follow-up request has been made to ASDA and a new application has been made to Waitrose with regards to being made part of the 'green coin' campaign.</p>	<p>KP</p> <p>LH</p> <p>LH</p>	
2.	<p>MAGOR Banner:</p> <p>PT reported that the siting of the banner was still being</p>		

	<p>progressed. It was agreed that KP would make direct contact with Lyn Cadwallader, Chair of MUSLA, regarding the siting on the proposed community hall site.</p>	<p>KP</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Welsh Government and People: Regarding the Development of the Local Transport Plan by Christian Schmidt, submissions from this group were made and indications are that we will be given the opportunity of promoting our campaign and possibly being included in the plan.</p> <p>Rail Industry: The Railfuture meeting was held on the 27th November 2014 and TH and PT represented this group. The general feedback from this meeting regarding our group was very favourable with suggestions being made that we could possibly obtain some financial support for our campaign. Railfuture now clearly recognises our group and the campaign we are involved with.</p> <p>A meeting was held on the 18th November 2014 with First Great Western, which involved the Franchise Development Team, which PT, TH, PI and CJ attended. This was described as a very interesting meeting. The meeting also covered the M4 Consultation and its effect on the Rail Network. It was also reported that MAGOR would be on the agenda of the 'timetabling meeting', planned for January 2015.</p> <p>MUSLA: It was noted that communication between ourselves and MUSLA is moving forward and it was generally agreed that both groups would definitely benefit from joint consultation regarding the common factor of providing a Community Hall and a walkway station.</p> <p>A general discussion took place on the design of the proposed Community Centre, with the desire to provide a ticket office and suitable waiting space. Revenue from the sale of rail tickets would benefit the community as a whole.</p> <p>Communications: It was confirmed that the website has been updated and that the Network Rail update would be added to the website as well as a link to Crowd Funding when completed.</p> <p>PT agreed to submit an article for the next issue of the Villager. One concern for the editorial piece is that our article will be restricted in the number of characters that can be used.</p>	<p>PT</p> <p>PT</p>	

	<p>Finance:</p> <p>There has been very little activity with either funding income or expenses since our last meeting. A breakdown of the accounts was made available at the meeting.</p>		
5.	<p>Milestones:</p> <p>A review was carried out at the meeting of the Milestones, following on from which PT agreed to update the Milestone Plan in accordance with the review.</p>	PT	
6.	<p>Crowd Funding:</p> <p>TH was pleased to report on the progress that has been made regarding this project to raise funds for the campaign.</p> <p>A 'Crowdfunder' for Magor document was presented to the meeting which outlined the progress being made in this area.</p> <p>In brief: The key to this method of raising funds is the production of a video presentation. This video would need to be professionally produced and presented by a professional presenter. Arrangements have been made for filming to take place on 2nd December 2014 and would include various shots of the recommended site of the station and locations around Magor and Undy. There will be interviews with Jessica Morden AM, County Councillor Francis Taylor including involvement with the local schools and children. It is planned that our 'Crowd Funding' Campaign will be launched during the first week in January 2015.</p> <p>Due to the fantastic efforts made by TH and PT, it is pleasing to record that they have managed to secure the production of the professional video and the services of Quadrant Communications and Nick Partridge</p>		
7.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>LH reported that the Welsh Government (Rail Team) has recognised us as a User Group and have asked for our views on key issues, etc affecting transport. It was agreed that LH will respond on behalf of the group.</p> <p>FT informed the meeting about the budget for 'Development of Magor Station' to be included into the Council's 5 year plan. Such as (1) Money for GRIP and (2) Money for the Station. It was agreed that FT would provide the relevant information in</p>	LH FT	

	<p>relation to our response to the Council regarding this budget.</p> <p>PT brought to the meetings attention of a group known as the Association of Community Rail Partnership and suggested that it might be worth getting involved to gain more support for the campaign. PT agreed to progress this matter further.</p> <p>PI recommended that the article that we submit for inclusion in the Villager, should also be sent to Peter Kingsley for inclusion in the Rail Future Magazine. This particular magazine is circulated to all Welsh Government Members, which would assist in increasing our profile amongst the AMs. PT to follow this up.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the Frost Fayre is booked for the 13th December 2014 and that volunteers would be required to attend the stall.</p> <p>Information received indicated that there was another avenue that we could look at for possibly raising funds for the campaign. This would be via European Funding. Initial contact would need to be made to Cath Fallow, Head of Economy and Enterprise for Monmouthshire County Council. FT would make further enquiries.</p> <p>TH reported that the next Council meeting is to be held at Undy Church Hall on the 1st December 2014. TH and PT were planning to attend on behalf of the group.</p> <p>It was agreed that the main items on the agenda for the December meeting would be:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(1) Frost Fayre – 13th December 2014 (2) Crowd Funding – Where we are now</p> <p>Dates of Forthcoming Meetings: 11th December 2014 – Committee Meeting 22nd January 2015 – Committee Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting closed at 21:45 hours</p>	<p>PT</p> <p>PT</p> <p>All</p> <p>FT</p> <p>TH/PT</p>	
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Next Meeting:	11 th December 2014, 19:00 hours, Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor Sq.
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