



Date/Time of Minutes	Meeting Title	Meeting Ref
12 th March 2015	Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR)	March 2015
Subject:	Committee Meeting - Open	
Location:	Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor Square	

Attendees:	Laurence Hando (Chair), Paul Turner, Edward Hand, Frances Taylor, Julie Wilson, Peter Wilson, Jessica Crook, Phil Inskip, Keith Plow, David Dovey, Steve Lucas and David McLean (Green Party)
Apologies:	Colin James, Laura Ellis, Ian Marr
Minute Taker:	Steve Lucas
Distribution Copies:	As Above

Item	Actions/Notes	Action By	Target Date
1.	<p>Review of Actions:</p> <p>The Minutes of 12th and 26th February were accepted. There were a small number of actions mentioned in the previous meeting, which will be discussed during the agenda items.</p>		
2.	<p>MAGOR Banner:</p> <p>It was confirmed that the new banner has been ordered and delivery is expected within the next few days.</p>	PT	
3.	<p>Welsh Government and People:</p> <p>A meeting was held where Kellie Beirne (Chief Officer for Enterprise, Monmouthshire County Council) was in attendance. Her support for this group was very positive including the confirmation of a passive provision of between £10,000 and £15,000 being made available from MCC to provide financial support for the campaign and to assist in securing the required funding for the feasibility study for the GRIP Report.</p> <p>Kellie Beirne was also very keen for our group to work more closely with the Severn Side Program Board. With this in</p>		

	<p>mind, our group will be making a presentation to the Severn Side Program Board at their next meeting on the 24th March 2015.</p> <p>It was disappointing that we did not reach our financial target with Crowd Funding. But it was clearly recognised that there are a number of lessons learnt during this process which we can identify and put into place during our next campaign. However, it was very evident that one thing Crowd Funding did achieve for us as a group, and that was across the Local Community, Local Councils and the Welsh Government they are more aware of our group and our aspirations and that we are recognised as a voice to be listened too.</p> <p>Going forward, in our next campaign we must incorporate the lessons learnt from the Crowd Funding experience. We must coincide our next campaign with attendance at different venues around Magor and Undy to give greater support to the campaign and to be able to influence the mind-set, from not to what this will all cost, but more emphasis to be placed on what will actually be saved, not just in the short term but in the much longer term for the community and the environment. We should also invite the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport for the Welsh Assembly, Edwina Hart; children from the Local Schools and Lord German to attend at one of these venues, so that they can hear first-hand about our unique concept for a railway station.</p>		
<p>4.</p>	<p>Railway Industry:</p> <p>PI informed the meeting that electrification was set to be completed by 2018. It appeared that in doing so it is the intention for the railway industry to provide 'Cantilever' Posts along the route. If this is the case, then it is a positive for us as by using this method it does not affect the sitting of a Magor/Undy Platform. Whereas other methods could have an influence on the sitting of the platform.</p> <p>PI also pointed out that there is still discussions going on regarding the type of trains that will be using the lines in the future. Whether there will be Class 1 Trains or Diesels Trains. The decision would affect rail transport in Monmouth and would definitely have an impact on our campaign. There is a meeting later this month for the Strategic Transport Group and this question will need to be asked and clarification sought.</p> <p>The recent Welsh Route Study that has been released will require this group as an interested party to make our comments and submissions. This will need to be done sooner rather than later as it is possible we could miss a valuable opportunity for our aspirations.</p>	<p>PI/PT/TH</p> <p>PT/TH</p>	

5.	<p>Community:</p> <p>Following recent changes, it is understood that Monmouthshire County Council will be drawing up a new lease for the land (3 field site) and the Local Community Council will be taking up the lease and will be creating a steering group to discuss the future use of this land and the building of a Community Centre. It has been agreed that our group will form part of that Steering Group.</p> <p>It was also confirmed that South East Wales Energy Agency has shown positive interest in supporting the construction of the Community Centre.</p>		
6.	<p>Communications:</p> <p>Following on from the lessons learnt during the Crowd Funding Campaign, it has been suggested that we should communicate on a wider issue, rather than just focus on the station itself.</p> <p>It was clear that supporters of our campaign needed to be made aware of the wider benefits that the station would bring to the community. Such as, how this would affect local traffic, businesses, the community itself, the environment and the long term savings and benefits that this would create.</p> <p>It was mentioned that there was a local group action group in Gloucestershire, known as the Tutshill Action Group, where we might want to make contact and share ideas.</p>		
7.	<p>Funding:</p> <p>JW confirmed that our current accounts stands at £218.99 and the savings fund account holds £771.29. Giving the Fund an overall total of £990.28. It was also confirmed that there were still some money to be collected in and to be banked.</p> <p>JW confirmed that we have applied for a stall in the Mayfayre and it was noted from those present that we will be available to assist in the manning of the stall.</p>	All	
8.	<p>Crowd Funding:</p> <p>Various comments have been received and it was noted (as</p>		

	<p>mentioned in the communications section above), that we should be looking at communicating the wider issues.</p> <p>We should also be looking at how we can actually target the Railway enthusiast who would be interested in following this unique concept of a walkway station.</p> <p>The other vital point that we must adhere to is that during the next funding campaign we must ensure that we maintain a visual presence throughout the campaign to keep the momentum going.</p>		
9.	<p>Mayfayre:</p> <p>A general discussion took place regarding raising money and awareness through the sale of raffle prizes. The following points/actions were agreed:</p> <p>TH to contact First Great Western and Arriva Trains for donation of Rail Passenger Tickets. Also maybe even more adventurous in donating a Train Set.</p> <p>TH to revisit the local Estate Agents and The Mango House for support</p> <p>JW would make contact with Wilkinson's</p> <p>PT will contact the Golden Lion and also the Hampton at Wales One.</p> <p>It was also agreed that we should be looking at making available for sale the remaining Fridge Magnets and to purchase 'Lollies' to give away on the day.</p>	<p>TH</p> <p>TH</p> <p>JW</p> <p>PT</p>	
10.	<p>Action and Milestones:</p> <p>PT provided the meeting with an update to the action plan/milestones as compared where we were this time twelve months ago. This clearly showed that we have managed to complete the majority of the objectives sets. However, there was slippage in some areas.</p> <p>The meeting approved the action plan/milestone as prepared by PT. PT will now update the website to reflect the updated version.</p>		
11.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>PI reminded the meeting of the importance of maintaining our focus in light of the recently received documentations. Namely, the SEWTA Report on Rail Strategy; The Task Report and more recently the Wales Route Study. It was emphasised</p>		

	<p>that we must make a response to this recent report in order to maintain our focus within the plan.</p> <p>We have made a number of responses and PT agreed to formulate them into a response for the Wales Route Study.</p> <p>LH informed the meeting that he will be writing to Lord German after the General Election, to invite him to the meetings and to enquire as to whether he is prepared to remain as our President.</p> <p>It was agreed, that we should produce a Certificate which can be presented to the Magor School in recognition of the fantastic work the school children did raising £170 for the campaign, during their Penny Collection event.</p> <p>It was also suggested that contact is made with Christian Schmidt to suggest he makes contact with Southampton University to see if they would be an option to undertake the GRIP feasibility study.</p> <p>There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21:30 hours</p>	<p>PT</p> <p>LH</p> <p>LH</p> <p>PT</p>	
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Next Meeting:	16 th April 2015, 19:30 Hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor Square.
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