



Date/Time of Minutes	Meeting Title	Meeting Ref
16 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	<b>Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR)</b>	April 2015
<b>Subject:</b>	Committee Meeting - Open	
<b>Location:</b>	Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor Square	

<b>Attendees:</b>	Laurence Hando (Chair), Paul Turner, Edward Hand, Francis Taylor, Julie Wilson, Peter Wilson and Steve Lucas
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jessica Crock, Phil Inskip, Keith Plow, Colin James, Laura Ellis, Ian Marr
<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>There were a small number of actions mentioned in the previous meeting, which will be discussed during the agenda items.</p>		
2.	<p><b>MAGOR Banner:</b></p> <p>It was confirmed that the new banner has been received and will be made available for display at the May Fayre.</p>	PT	
3.	<p><b>May Fayre</b></p> <p>The following points were agreed/discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Stall has been booked and paid for</li> <li>• Raffle Prizes will be provided by the Co-Op; Hampton Hotel; Golden Lion PH and TH to speak to PI re possibly Wilkinsons</li> <li>• Will provide lollies for the kids visiting the stall</li> <li>• Raffle Tickets to be sold a 50p each</li> <li>• The draw taking place on the day at 6pm</li> <li>• A list of the prizes to be displayed on the stall</li> <li>• Fridge Magnets to be available for sale at £1.50p each</li> <li>• Leaflets to be made available for distribution</li> </ul>	JW JW PT	

	<p>Network Rail had been approached regarding a prize donation, but at the time of the meeting there had been no response.</p> <p>LH agreed to make contact with Ian Marr and Laura Ellis to secure additional help for manning the stall at the Fayre.</p>	<p>TH</p> <p>LH</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>2015/2016 Plan Approval:</b></p> <p>Looking at the Plan going forward, it was agreed that we should proceed with crowd funding as a way for seeking financial support. Albeit, we should be using a different vendor the next time around.</p> <p>It was confirmed that we should aim for the completion of the crowd funding to end in December, to tie up with Frost Fayre where we could make an announcement on the progress being made and possibly source additional support.</p> <p>Lessons learnt from the previous attempt would need to be looked at closely and we must ensure that our planned events are included as a staged programme.</p> <p>It was agreed that PT would update and formulate plan as approved at this meeting.</p>	<p>PT</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Railway Industry:</b></p> <p>It was confirmed that the Network Rail Consultation was in two parts:</p> <p>Part 1 – The Monmouthshire Strategic Group which will be meeting tomorrow and representing this group will be TH and PT.</p> <p>Part 2 – This is the Network Rail response. Which is considered an important issue for this group. The latest indication is that the proposed station would need to be built on the relief lines. It was also noticed that the plans produced by Network Rail was actually incorrect. This was ably picked up and brought to their attention by PI.</p>	<p>TH/PT</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Letter to the Business:</b></p> <p>TH and PT had produced a draft letter which was intended for circulation across the businesses.</p> <p>At first thought, the letter covered a lot of valid points, but it was felt that maybe it was too long and would not hold the attention of the reader. However, following further discussion, it was generally felt that it was a good letter and actually removing some of the points in order to reduce the letter, would probably have a detrimental effect on what we</p>	<p>TH/PT</p>	

	are trying to put across. It was therefore agreed, that TH and PT would review the letter and make any minor adjustments considered necessary.		
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Committee Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Welsh Government and People</b> – Nil Report</p> <p><b>Rail Industry</b> - Railfuture Application – Application has to be re-submitted with the additional points requested included. These points being Purpose of the Study; That we have Welsh Government Support, to clarify our acknowledgement as a sponsor and to consider the effect this would have on the Severn Tunnel Junction. TH and PT finalising this application.</p> <p><b>Communications</b> – The website will be updated with information from the schools and the children involvement, including the penny collection and the letters to the VIPs. Also PT will be adding a 'NewsFlash' section to the front page, which would include subjects on a wider issue affecting the rail industry.</p>	TH/PT  PT	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Funding:</b></p> <p>JW confirmed that our current accounts stands at £84.00 and the savings fund account holds £1068.66. Giving the Fund an overall total of £1152.66.</p> <p>It was confirmed that at this point in time, we have not heard back from the Community Council regarding our grant request.</p>		
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <p>LH informed the meeting that he had contacted Lord German to invite him our AGM meeting on 16th July. A response was received which indicated that Lord German was willing to give his support to our group. However, he was not in a position to check his availability until after the general election.</p> <p>LH produced a draft Certificate which would be presented to the Magor School in recognition of the fantastic work the school kids did in raising £197.34 for the campaign, during their Penny Collection event. The Certificate was approved and it was agreed that TH would present the Certificate to the school kids.</p> <p>It was also mentioned, that the letters that was written by Year Six expressing their support for the campaign and also displaying their concerns for not having a station, was nothing short of magnificent. These letters will be sent to various VIPs within the Political arena. It was suggested the letter should be sent to the Argus as an Open Letter. Permission will be sort from the School.</p>	TH	

	<p>TH and PT reported that they had given a presentation to the Severn Side Meeting, which was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Within the meeting were a number of County Councillors, Business People and the local community. It was encouraging that the meeting was very supportive of our campaign and hopefully, those that were present would express this support in other quarters.</p> <p>There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21:30 hours</p>		
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<p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p>	<p>21<sup>st</sup> May 2015, 19:30 Hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor  18<sup>th</sup> June 2015 19:30 Hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor  AGM 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015 19:30 Hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor</p>
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