



Date/Time of Minutes	Meeting Title	Meeting Ref
18 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	<b>Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR)</b>	June 2015
<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, Frances Taylor, Peter Wilson, Keith Plow, Julie Wilson
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jessica Crook, Steve Lucas, Phil Inskip, Laura Ellis, Colin James,
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Julie Wilson
<b>Distribution Copies:</b>	As Above

Actions/Notes	Action By	Target Date
<p>Minutes read by Laurence Hando (Chairman), confirmed as a true and faithfully account and approved.</p> <p><b><u>Matters arising</u></b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Ted has re-drafted the letter to Businesses</p> <p><b>b.</b> Frances now has the certificate to present to Magor School for their 'railway track' collection but no date has yet been set. For the presentation to take place. Frances requested support from members on the day.</p> <p><b>c.</b> Paul updated the position following the May Fayre. One prize remains unclaimed and he still hold 2 others that were overlooked as prizes. It was agreed to save them for the next fund raising event.</p> <p><b>d.</b> Laurence confirmed that he has yet to make contact with Tesco.</p> <p><b>e.</b> No reply as yet has been received from Kellie Beirne following a request for a meeting with her with regard to her possibly hosting a promotional event. Frances will Chase up. It was suggested at this point that Jessica Morden might also be approached.</p>		

<p>f. Nothing has been received from Railfuture following a request for information/application for a grant.</p> <p><b><u>A.G.M.</u></b>  A venue and date have been set for the AGM : 7.30pm at the Golden Lion (function room) on July 16<sup>th</sup> 2015.</p> <p>LH confirmed that invitations had been sent out. John Griffiths and Jocelyn Davies are unable to attend. Jessica Morden will endeavour to attend, Parliamentary duties allowing.</p> <p>Jessica Morden and John Griffiths have suggested a meeting with M.A.G.O.R on the Friday preceding the AGM. Laurence will try to arrange a meeting for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p>LH confirmed that Lord German had been invited. He has yet to confirm definitely as, at the time of invitation, his diary was not available. This will be chased again.</p> <p>Frances Taylor suggested that Kellie Beirne also be invited to the AGM and/or the pre AGM meeting(s)</p> <p>LH confirmed with all committee members that they were willing to stand for re election at the AGM and confirmed that all the positions held would be re affirmed en bloc unless there were other contenders for the positions.</p> <p>Chairman LH suggested that it might be beneficial to invite Jo Gillard of GAVO to the AGM as she may be helpful in putting together applications for grants. This was agreed.</p> <p><b><u>Committee reports</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Welsh Government and People</b></p> <p>The Chairman congratulated Paul and Ted on their correspondence with and subsequent meeting with Christian Schmidt.</p> <p>LH stated that Magor School Eco Group is invited to visit Monmouthshire C.C. Strategic Transport Group chaired by David Dovey. As yet no response has been received to their letters to various Governmental Ministers in Westminster or Cardiff.</p> <p>No other reports</p> <p><b>2. Railway Industry</b></p> <p>GRIP report: Ted has contacted several organizations and bodies with regard to a realistic cost of a GRIP report. There has only been one positive reply, that being from Mott MacDonald who has proved extremely helpful. His estimation of the cost would be in the region of £25,000 - £30,000 for a comprehensive study and report.</p>	<p>LH</p> <p>LH</p> <p>LH</p> <p>LH</p>	
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Ted proposed that we should go forward with this in conjunction with Mott MacDonald and that the new figure for a fundraising target should be £25,000 assuming that the £5,000 promised by Magor Community Council is still forthcoming once the £25,000 target has been reached.

PT seconded this proposal and the motion was voted on and carried.

### 3. **Community, MUSLA & 3 Field Site.**

A discussion took place following the presentation of a letter sent to Julie, from Bev at Magor Community Council, requesting support for Magor C. C. proposals for the development of the 3 Fields site.

Keith Plow advised the group that MUSLA has no intention of handing back the lease of the site to Monmouthshire County Council. However, MUSLA is prepared to transfer the lease to Magor Community Council, which it can legally do. MUSLA would therefore be holding on to the lease until such a time when the transfer might be arranged.

The question was raised by several members of the Committee querying why Magor Community Council are trying to drive what happens on the site considering the fact that, at the meeting between MUSLA, MAGOR, Mon CC and Magor Com. Council, it was clearly stated that all 3 interested parties i.e. MUSLA, MAGOR and Magor Com. Council must get together and agree a way forward for the proposed development.

In view of this, it was unanimously agreed that any requests regarding support of any proposals, by any one individual group, should be addressed to the Chairman and/or Secretary and our reply discussed in our next meeting.

Julie to advise Bev accordingly.

Ted suggested at this point that it would be helpful if as many committee members as possible attend the next Magor C.C. meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in July.(13<sup>th</sup>)

It was suggested that we arrange a meeting with Kellie Beirne to discuss the 3 Field site, prior to the AGM.

PT

### 4. **Communication**

David Dovey has been approached with a request to set up a meeting for MAGOR with Edwina Hart. David agrees that this would be desirable but, as yet, nothing has been arranged.

Paul advised the group that the Facebook page currently has 370 'likes' and that the MAGOR website continues to receive around 500 'hits' per month.

Paul was congratulated on his excellent management of the website and for keeping it live and up to date.

Laura is still in the process of collating information for and creating a profile of local rail users and the possible benefits to them of there being a station at Magor.

**5. Funding**

JW updated the group on the current account figures.

Current Account: £ 99.59

Savings Account: £1191.74

£1291.33 (in total)

JW stated that an enquiry had been made to Magor C.C. with regard to the application for funding submitted to them during February. Magor C.C. advised that, as the application had been submitted too late to be submitted to the January decision meeting and it would now be considered at the August meeting.

Keith Plow expressed to opinion that this was nonsense as grant applications can be considered at any time!.

It is regarded, therefore, that the application is still pending. Both Keith and Frances are to investigate.

Ted advised that Crowd Funding now has a new system for raising funds, details of which he will circulate.

It was suggested and agreed that the next 'key objective' should be a plan to raise £10,000 - £15,000 but that this should be put on hold until after a meeting with Kellie Beirne as it is understood that MAGOR may be able to secure a grant of up to £10,000 from Monmouthshire County Council.

**6. 2015 Plan update**

Chairman LH ran through the points and gave brief updates and progress reports on each stage.

Crowdfunding and a survey are earmarked for a future consideration and implementation.

**Any Other Business**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm

**NEXT MEETINGS**

AGM 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015 19:30 Hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor

13<sup>th</sup> August 2015 19:30 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor

17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 19:30 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor