



Date/Time of Minutes	Meeting Title	Meeting Ref
21 <sup>st</sup> May 2015	<b>Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR)</b>	May 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, Phil Inskip, Laura Ellis and Steve Lucas
<b>Apologies:</b>	Francis Taylor, Jessica Crock, Keith Plow, Colin James, Ian Marr, Julie Wilson and Peter Wilson
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Steve Lucas
<b>Distribution Copies:</b>	As Above

Item	Actions/Notes	Action By	Target Date
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Review of Actions:</b></p> <p>1.1 The draft business letter was discussed briefly and agreed that it can now be distributed.</p> <p>1.2 The certificate for presentation to Magor School will need to be suitably framed. Once completed, will be presented after the half term.</p> <p>1.3 The Chairman confirmed that he had spoken to the Argus regarding the publication of the letters produced by the children of Magor School. It is now in the hands of the Argus.</p>	<p>TH</p> <p>TH</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>May Fayre:</b></p> <p>Our attendance at the May Fayre was very successful. The overwhelming majority of those visiting our stand were well aware of our campaign and were happy to support.</p> <p>The Raffle was well received and all the prizes have now been distributed to the respective winners. The day raised a sum of £91 for the fund.</p> <p>It was agreed that we will need to maintain our presence at these events and that we will have a stand at the December</p>		

	<p>Frost Fayre.</p> <p>It was also apparent that we should be making direct contact with Tesco Community Officer as another avenue to pursue for support. The Chairman agreed to make this contact.</p>	LH	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>2015/2016 Plan Approval:</b></p> <p>We need to maintain progress with the ‘promotional events’ and are awaiting to hear back from Kellie Beirne regarding to suitable venues. It was also noted the importance of inviting local businesses to attend these events so that we can promote the campaign, gain further support and to update the community on our progress to date.</p> <p>With regards to the GRIP Report, it was agreed that PI would make contact back with Southampton University to see what they would charge for producing the GRIP report for us.</p> <p>At this point, we have not heard back from Railfuture in reference to the status of our grant application. TH agreed to follow this up.</p> <p>It was agreed that PT would update and formulate plan as approved at this meeting.</p>	<p>PI</p> <p>TH</p> <p>PT</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Forthcoming AGM:</b></p> <p>It was agreed that we will need to place an advert in the Villager notifying all of the date, time and venue of the AGM. Emphasising that it is an open meeting and that there will be an Open Forum for questions and answers following the conclusion of the AGM.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the use of the social media, such as Twitter could also be used to publish the AGM.</p> <p>Our own website will of course, display the details of the AGM.</p> <p>It was agreed to invite a list of local dignitaries.</p>	<p>LH</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>PT</p> <p>LH</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Committee Reports:</b></p> <p>PT Attended the Rail User Group Seminar where the key note speaker was James Price (reports to Edwina Hart), who gave an update briefing the seminar on current and future involvement for the rail industry. There were various other speakers at the seminar, the main theme being community lead, which the Welsh Government was keen to progress.</p> <p>There were a number of workshops talking about services and stations with a lot of talking about concession type</p>		

	<p>franchising, which appears to be the flavour of the month.</p> <p>It was suggested that we should be considering inviting Christian Schmidt to our next meeting.</p> <p>TH gave a briefing on the Strategic Rail Group. The meeting started off well fell by the wayside a bit. The 'Here and Now' presentation really lost the strategic impact. When they should really be looking at the short, medium and long term aspirations. It was however, interesting to note that it appears that a number of stations across the country are sponsored by their County Councils.</p>	LH	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Funding:</b></p> <p>LH confirmed that our current accounts stands at £120.59 and the savings fund account holds £1123.70. Giving the Fund an overall total of £1244.29.</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>The Banner will presently only be used at our promotional events and stands and not just displayed on fences, because of the risk of theft.</p> <p>A question was raised as to the possible use of 'Survey Monkey'. However, there was not enough information available for us to comment on. TH agreed to look into this option further and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>PI raised the meetings attention to the need to be aware of the 2016 elections as timing any of our campaigns during the election period would only over cloud our campaign.</p> <p>LH mentioned that there appears to be some form of traffic surveying going on in the area. It would be interesting if we could possibly gain access to some of the results as this could strengthen our campaign. LH to progress further.</p> <p>There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21:00 hours</p>	<p>TH</p> <p>LH</p>	

<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<p>18<sup>th</sup> June 2015 19:30 Hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor</p> <p>AGM 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015 19:30 Hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor</p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> August 2015 19:30 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 19:30 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor</p>
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