



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

<b>Attendees:</b>	Laurence Hando (Chair), Julie Wilson, Peter Wilson, Ted Hand, Paul Turner, Frances Taylor, Steve Lucas, Sam Knight and Andrew David (SEW Energy)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jessica Morden, Keith Plow, Jessica Crook
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Steve Lucas
<b>Distribution Copies:</b>	As Above

Actions/Notes	Action By	Target Date
<p>Minutes of Meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were read by Laurence Hando (Chairman), confirmed as a true record and approved.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed <b>Andrew David (AD) from SEW Energy</b> to the meeting and invited him to give the meeting a briefing about his registered charity and the benefits that are being offered to the Community and MAGOR Group.</p> <p>A lengthy and open discussion then took place, the main points of interest being the financial assistance that AD would be able to offer with regards to supporting the provision of a Community Centre, which could include an advice centre for his registered charity; a ticket office for the purchase of Railway Tickets and a substantial lease payment. AD also suggested he would look into raising a grant for our GRIP, he will report back to FT</p> <p>The meeting agreed that with the possible availability of the three fields site via a lease from the County Council; support from the Community Council, support from the MAGOR Group, with financial support from SEW Energy and any other interested parties, then all parties working together with the same agenda would be in a much better position of achieving their aspirations for the future of the Magor and Undy Community.</p>	AD	

<p>It was proposed and agreed that the Chairman would formally write to the Community Council confirming our position and aspirations, detailing our support for the Community Centre. With our main interest being to secure a ticket office for the intended railway station. Our letter would also confirm that we believe that we should be forming a Consortium to progress both the Community Councils and MAGOR Group aims going forward.</p>	LH	
<p><b><u>Committee Reports</u></b></p>		
<p><b>1. Sponsorship Event Held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015</b></p>		
<p>This was very much a promotional and awareness day, aimed at local businesses, the Community, County Council and the Welsh Government.</p>		
<p>It was certainly felt that this was achieved, with both the business and political communities coming together to hear what our group was all about, our history, achievements and vision.</p>		
<p>There were a number of positive actions that came from this event. Briefly these are:</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jessica Morden MP has provided details of a good contact within InBev, who has shown interest in our group. Contact will now be made.</li> </ul>	PT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Businesses who attend have shown their support with invites to this group to attend their site. Arrangements will now be made to follow this up.</li> </ul>	PT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A positive approach can now be made to the Celtic Manor Resort.</li> </ul>	PT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A meeting has been scheduled with Mark Hand, Head of Planning for Monmouthshire County Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015</li> </ul>	TH/PT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul Matthews, CEO Monmouthshire County Council has raised a question with the Welsh Government regarding placing a bid for financial support for our Campaign in raising the required funding for the GRIP 1 and 2 reports.</li> </ul>	PT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was suggested that we follow up a contact with Gloucester County Council regarding the massive housing development that is planned for Lydney and the effect that this could have on the railway.</li> </ul>	PT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Community Council has now asked our group for a presentation to the full council.</li> </ul>	TH	
<p>A vote of thanks was given to PT and TD for their involvement in organizing this event. The event was a great success and a credit to them both for their hard work and dedication.</p>		

<p><b>2. Crowd Funding</b></p> <p>It was agreed that even though the last crowd funding exercise did not achieve our target. It was felt that we have learnt a number of good lessons.</p> <p>It was therefore decided that we will run another crowd funding event (which we could launch at this year's Frost Fayre) to start in the new year.</p> <p>The Secretary agreed to research 'KickStarter' and report back at our next meeting.</p> <p><b>3. Frost Fayre</b></p> <p>It was agreed that we would have a table at this year's Frost Fayre, which is due to take place on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015. AD kindly offered to pay for the costs involved on behalf of this group. This was gratefully accepted by the Chairman.</p> <p><b>4. Funding</b></p> <p>JW informed the meeting that we have received a £500 donation from the Community Council to assist us in our campaign. Which takes our total to £1724.89</p> <p><b>5. Milestones</b></p> <p>Reflecting on our outcomes and achievements so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larger businesses are now aware and pledging support</li> <li>• MP's are now onboard in providing support</li> <li>• Monmouthshire County Council fully supportive</li> <li>• The press are continually making enquiries of our group</li> <li>• Greater public awareness achieved</li> <li>• Recognition achieved by the Railway Network</li> <li>• Feasibility Study – Parties Identified</li> </ul> <p><b>6. M4 Relief Road</b></p> <p>The exhibition was very thorough in its presentation. As a Group we agree with the concept, but would need more information specifically on the impact that the scheme would have on the environment.</p> <p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>Regarding the Active Travel Route Maps, there is a meeting which is planned to take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 17:30 hours at Innovation House. Response to the Active Travel Route Maps is required by no later than 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015.</p>	<p>SL</p> <p>SL</p>	
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<p>FT informed the meeting that the Community Council has dispensed with a business plan but are in discussions with Richard Davies(RD), (Community Assets Funding Officer). They are at the Stage 1 Application and advice is being given by RD.</p> <p>Following on from the discussions held with AD earlier in the meeting, it was decided that going forward, we should consider inviting the gentleman, locally known as the 'Shed Man' to our next meeting. As well as those who are responsible for the Tennis Courts. They are considered as interested parties with regards to what can be provided, by way of facilities, going forward at the three fields site.</p> <p>There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10:17pm.</p>		
<p><b>NEXT MEETINGS</b>  19<sup>th</sup> November 2015 19:30 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor  17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 19:30 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor</p>		