



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

Attendees:	Laurence Hando (Chair), Ted Hand, Paul Turner, Keith Plow, Jessica Crook, Frances Taylor
Apologies:	Julie Wilson, Peter Wilson, Jessica Morden
Minute Taker:	Steve Lucas
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Actions/Notes	Action By	Target Date
<p><u>1 Review of Actions</u></p> <p>Minutes of Meeting held 13th August 2015 were read by Laurence Hando (Chairman), confirmed as a true record and approved. All actions were deferred to the relevant agenda items.</p> <p><u>2 Committee Reports</u></p> <p>1. Welsh Government and People</p> <p>It was confirmed by KP that the Community Council has stated at their last meeting that they are in full support of our campaign.</p> <p>TH informed the meeting that the Monmouthshire Strategic Transport Group have started a review on the progress being made with the Severn Tunnel Junction and the proposed Magor Station.</p> <p>2. Railway Industry</p> <p>It was confirmed that to have a GRIP report completed, would not be a problem as we have contact with a company who is prepared to write the report. Estimated cost would be in the region of £25 - £30,000.</p>		

A meeting was held with Network Rail who openly welcomed our group and was in full support for our campaign. They also gave advice as to who we should be speaking to within the Civil Service at Welsh Government level. They also offered to help in building our business plan.

3. Community, MUSLA & 3 Field Site.

The Community Council are holding a consultation event to determine the needs/requirements of the community with regards to the provision of a Community Hall.

Interest was also shown from the Community Council of the need to get together with our group in order to advance both our aspirations for the benefit of the community.

4. Funding

TH updated the meeting that as yet we have still not heard back from Rail Future regarding our request for a grant. The main contact has indicated their concerns in the delay in responding one way or another.

LH informed the meeting, and confirmed by KP, that the Community Council has approved a donation of £500 to assist us in providing financial support for the campaign.

PT showed the meeting the two recently purchased portable Banners which will be used at the various functions being held to promote the campaign. These were provided at a cost of £150. It was agreed that these were very good professional quality banners which would assist in getting our message across.

3 Sponsorship Event

PT confirmed that the programme of events has been formulated. Invitations had been sent out with responses indicating attendance of some 30-50 interested parties. Jessica Morden MP will be in attendance, as well as Paul Matthews from Monmouthshire County Council.

Monmouthshire County Council has kindly agreed to provide refreshments throughout the day. Kelly Beirne has agreed to provide 'helpers' on the day. TH was also hoping that the local schools would also be participating, but this will not be confirmed until Friday.

The Committee agreed that PT and TH in particular had put a lot of work into making this event a success and that on the day they would like the support of as many committee members who can attend.

<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>LH reported that an Andy Long has tweeted the group and wanted to know more about our campaign and that an appropriate response will be sent covering the salient points of the campaign.</p> <p>It was discussed that at this point in time, we should start making constructive correspondence with ASLEF and TSA, who respectively represent the feelings of the Train Drivers and Staff Members within the rail industry. Both are very influential bodies who could prove very supportive of our campaign.</p> <p>FT advised the meeting that with the various comments recently made regarding the five year plan of railway stations opening, etc. That it might well prove beneficial if we asked the question regarding the intentions of the Metro system and how it could involve this area.</p> <p>PT asked if the Chair would place on the Agenda for our next Committee meeting two items: The outcome of our Community Event and also the progress of our planned strategy for the future.</p> <p>There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:30pm.</p>	<p>TH</p>	
<p>NEXT MEETINGS</p> <p>15th October 2015 19:30 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor</p> <p>19th November 2015 19:30 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor</p> <p>17th December 2015 19:30 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor</p>		