



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

Attendees:	Laurence Hando (Chair), Ted Hand, Paul Turner, Frances Taylor, Steve Lucas, Sam Knight, Phil Inskip, Andrew David (SEW Energy) and Alan Davies (Chairman, Program Board, Severnside)
Apologies:	Jessica Morden, Keith Plow, Jessica Crook , Julie Wilson and Peter Wilson
Minute Taker:	Steve Lucas
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Actions/Notes	Action By	Target Date
<p>Minutes of Meeting held 15th October 2015 were read by Laurence Hando (Chairman), confirmed as a true record and approved.</p> <p><u>1 Matters Arising</u></p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that he had emailed to the chair of the Community Council and placed a hard copy of the email through the letter box of the council clerk, formally informing the Community Council of 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. At the time of this Committee Meeting, the Chairman confirmed that he had neither received a response or confirmation of receipt from the Community Council.</p> <p>Contact with Gloucester County Council regarding their Lidney housing development in impact on the railway deferred until next meeting. . It was agreed that David Dovey would be able to provide the correct link for contact.</p>	PT	

TH made a successful presentation to the Community Council because they missed our Sponsorship Presentation.

2 Committee Reports

1. Welsh Government

LH confirmed receipt of a letter from Edwina Hart, acknowledging our request for a meeting. She didn't agree to meet us but did acknowledge she is aware of our campaign and has passed our aspirations on to her officials. It was suggested that we follow this up by requesting if we can contact these "officers" direct.

LH

2. Community

TH Met Richard Davies of GAVO re the 3 field site. He agreed that a consortium was the way forward and he would be inviting all interested parties to a meeting.

3. Communication

Sponsorship Event Held on 22nd September 2015

Further to the above event and the actions that were agreed to be followed up. The following points are recorded:

- All businesses contacts have now all be contacted.
- Contact was also made with Peter Mills who had offered a property development promotional event that we would like to accept his kind offer.
- Contact is being made with the developers of the Pye Corner Railway Station as it is felt that their knowledge would be helpful in our campaign.
- A meeting had been scheduled with Mark Hand, Head of Planning & David Wong for Monmouthshire County Council on 3rd November 2015. This meeting proved very successful.
- The Community Council had asked our group for a presentation to the full council. This was given and many questions were raised, though it was felt that the members present were not forthcoming in announcing their intentions.

FT

4. Funding

.1 PT informed the meeting that JW had confirmed that there had been no financial changes to our accounts since the last meeting.

.2 Crowd Funding

At our last meeting, 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. It was also agreed that we

<p>would run another crowd funding event (which we could launch at this year's Frost Fayre) to start in the new year. The Secretary agreed to research 'KickStarter' and report back at this meeting.</p> <p>The Secretary provided members present with a 21 page document which gave an outline of KickStarter and the process to be followed.</p> <p>It was confirmed that should we not reach our desired target, then no fees would be paid. However, if we did, then Kickstarter would require payment of a 5% fee. There was also an additional fee of between 3 and 5% which would be paid to a Payment partner for processing pledges received.</p> <p>It was agreed that members would read the information provided and place on the agenda for January 2016 meeting.</p> <p>.3 Grant Applications</p> <p>LH listed the avenues of funding being pursued.</p> <p>a/ Community Council £5,000 agreed</p> <p>b/ Railfuture It was raised for the benefit of members present, that the Railfuture AGM was held last year (October 2014). It was at that meeting that we as a group were invited to apply for funding to support our campaign. This was duly applied for. Correspondence has been sent on a number of occasions, to ascertain as to whether our application has been received, approved or even declined. Due to an administrative error within Railfuture our application did not reach the appropriate body for a decision to be made. However, this has now been rectified and we have been assured that we should hear one way or another within the next 2-3 weeks.</p> <p>c/ Vale of Usk Rural Development, AD informed the meeting that the local advisory group's next meeting is in January 2016 which we should be giving an expression of interest. Applications would need to be made and submitted by Christmas. PT, TH and AD has agreed to progress this on behalf of the MAGOR Group. SK offered his support for the 20% commitment required</p> <p>d/ First Great Western Application, awaiting decision for 2016</p> <p>e/ It was brought to the attention of the committee, via Jessica Morden MP, that there is a £20m 'New Station Fund' for Wales set aside by the Welsh Government. It was emphasized by PI that we really need to be Grip 3 ready, so that when the money becomes available – we will be ready to go and hopefully be there in the lead.</p> <p>f/ MCC Countryside New Lottery funding open in 2016</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>TH</p> <p>TH & PT</p>	
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<p>g/ MCC agenda item for 2nd of December to loan section 106 monies to pay for our Grip Studies.</p> <p>.4 Mott MacDonald Mott MacDonald sent through an official contract, with a quote that was significantly higher than their original estimate and did not include the 'timetabling element' in the base price.</p> <p>The Procurement Officer from MCC has agreed to offer assistance in drafting the appropriate questions. PT will return to Mott MacDonald regarding these figures.</p>	PT	
<p><u>3 Frost Fayre</u></p> <p>Confirmation was received confirming the booking of a full stall for our use at the Frost Fayre. JW & PW confirmed their attendance for manning the stall. It was also agreed to have Fridge Magnets, We will have a Drinks Raffle, any contributions to PT Sweets for kids available on the stall & FT to ask Co-op for a bottle</p>	PT FT	
<p><u>4 Milestones</u></p> <p>Reflecting on our outcomes and achievements so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger businesses are now aware and pledging support • MP's are now onboard in providing support • Monmouthshire County Council fully supportive • The press are continually making enquiries of our group • Greater public awareness achieved • Recognition achieved by the Railway Network • Feasibility Study – Parties Identified – Costings have been provided to the group for consideration <p><u>5 Policy Reviews</u></p> <p>Regarding the Active Travel Route Maps. Questions were where do we want our routes to go? What are the important points? Such as 3 fields site, Magor Square, Schools, as examples. FT will send maps by email for further discussion at our next meeting.</p> <p>With reference to the Shaw Report, it was agreed that this group must respond and attend the consultation meeting. PT and TH will respond to the report.</p> <p><u>6 Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Going forward it is imperative that we get the Grip 1 and Grip 2 reports completed together with the timetabling when looking at front costs. PI clarified the situation with regards to the meaning of the term 'Abstraction'.</p> <p>There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9:35pm.</p>	FT PT & TH	

7 NEXT MEETINGS

17th December 2015 19:00 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor

21st January 2016 19:30 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor

18th February 2016 19:30 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor