



Date/Time of Minutes	Meeting Title	Meeting Ref
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	<b>Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR)</b>	December 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, Steve Lucas, Phil Inskip, Andrew David (SEW Energy), Jessica Crook, Keith Plow, Julie Wilson and Peter Wilson
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jessica Morden
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Steve Lucas
<b>Distribution Copies:</b>	As Above

Actions/Notes	Action By	Target Date
<p>Minutes of Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were read by Laurence Hando (Chairman), confirmed as a true record and approved.</p> <p><b><u>Committee Reports</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Welsh Government</b></p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that he had requested from Edwina Hart MP, the names of the officials that we could make contact with. However, details were not received as it is apparently against policy to give out names. PI informed the Chairman that he would make direct contact on our behalf with James Price as required.</p> <p>As part of our campaign, it would be very useful to obtain the database which shows the ticket sales of the Severn Tunnel Junction. Which would also assist in determining passenger travel and location.</p>	PI	

## **2. Rail Industry**

It was suggested that we invite a representative from Railfuture to one of our meetings to introduce ourselves

The meeting discussed the costings for the GRIP Reports as supplied by Mott MacDonald. PT informed the meeting that discussions have already taken place with Andy Scoggins from Network Rail, and that a meeting has now been scheduled with Network Rail, Monmouthshire County Council and Mott MacDonald to meet in the first week of January 2016. This is intended to bring the requirements and costings in line with an acceptable process.

PI did inform the meeting of the importance of ensuring that we place any bids we have early in 2016. Also within our campaign not to completely rule out the concept of Trams and Tram Trains. Even though the Railways might not be interested. Trams would be using their own lines and the Tram Trains would be using the Relief Lines.

## **3. Frost Fayre**

Once again, our attendance at this event has proved valuable and successful. £73 was raised. Very positive feedback was being received from the public and showing real interest in the campaign.

## **4. Funding**

JW confirmed that we had received a donation from RMT of £250, with an indication of an annual promise of £50 to support the fund. Current Account stands at £477.80 and the Savings Account at £1534.98.

## **5. Community – 3 Fields Site**

TH & PT attended a meeting of interested parties chaired by Richard Davies held at Wales 1 last Friday. It was pointed out that Richard Davies (Community Asset Transfer) was prepared to assist with the terms of reference. It was generally agreed that a consortium was the best way forward for both the Rail Station and Community Centre. The Community Council were invited to partake and form part of the Consortium. However, no decision was forthcoming. The Community Council has deferred their decision until after their committee meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016, where it will be discussed.

<p>AD agreed to lead on the formation of a survey/questionnaire, with the intention of clarifying what the local community population really want in terms of the Station and Community Centre. Main points would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking the right questions</li> <li>• Providing a professional approach to the survey</li> <li>• Include a return reply envelope</li> <li>• All questionnaires to be properly posted and not just via hand drops to the door</li> <li>• All interested parties to be consulted in preparation of survey</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>FT confirmed that Mark Hand was involved with the Pye Corner station and that there were a number of points that we could take from their learning process, to help in our campaign. A general discussion took place on this.</p> <p>The Chairman asked for clarification that our meetings set for the third Thursday in the month, does not clash with any County or Community Councils meetings. Those councilors present, confirmed that there was not a problem.</p> <p>There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:45pm.</p>		
<p><b>NEXT MEETINGS</b></p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 19:30 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor  18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 19:30 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor  17th March 2016 19:30 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor  21st April 2016 19:30 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor</p>		