



Date/Time of Minutes	Meeting Title	Meeting Ref
21 <sup>st</sup> July 2016	<b>Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR)</b>	AGM 2016
<b>Subject:</b>	Annual General Meeting	
<b>Location:</b>	Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor Square, Magor	

<b>Attendees:</b>	Laurence Hando (Chair), Ted Hand, Paul Turner, Steve Lucas, Keith Plow, Phil Inskip
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jessica Morden MP, Frances Taylor, Jessica Crook, Julie Wilson, Peter Wilson, Sam Knight, Mike German, David Dovey, Colin James, Murray Rose
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Laurence Hando
<b>Distribution Copies:</b>	As Above

	Actions/Notes	Action By	Target Date
1	<p><b>Welcome Address by The Chairman</b></p> <p><b><u>Chairman's Report</u></b></p> <p><b>(a) - Backdrop</b>            A Magor Station in the Severnside Area is an area seeing some of the greatest increase in rail patronage in Wales. Over the ten years of the Arriva Trains Wales – Wales and Borders franchise the 'line' growths have been Treherbert line 12.96%, Aberdare line 31.27%, Merthyr line 39.04%, Rhymney line 39.73%, Maesteg line 49.63%. By comparison the (Lydney, Chepstow, Caldicot and Severn Tunnel Junction) on which Magor &amp; Undy Walkway station would sit has seen an incredible 126% growth. Severn Tunnel Junction last year alone showed a 9.1% growth compared with the national growth of 2.3% and Arriva Trains Wales growth of 1.1%.</p> <p><b>(b) – Activity over the Year</b>            Electrification (passive provision) are fully aware of our group and its aspirations.            We have seen an increase in our cause via the social media, such as Twitter and Facebook.            A Masters student at University of the West of England, undertook a 6 week study of the Magor &amp; Undy Walkway Station. The report, entitled “Magor Station – Integrated Transport Report”, is an excellent, wide</p>		

	<p>ranging study that brings many threads together and will help inform the GRIP 3 Stage.</p> <p>Jessica Morden MP has been asking questions in the House of Commons on our behalf.</p> <p>As a group we have been very active in the Rail Interest Group Seminar. Active Travel Route mapping. The Wales and Borders Rail Consultation and the Strategic Transport Group.</p> <p>Magor is now shown on the Metro Map.</p> <p>The demise of MUSLA and the creation of a Community Centre Consortium, which we are represented on and supported by Monmouthshire County Council.</p> <p>An analysis of current and future train use by Magor and Undy residents was carried out showing that there was a 73% support for a station at Magor and Undy.</p> <p>Attended the Frost Fayre and May Fayre which has raised additional funds and increased our support locally.</p> <p>We are now affiliated with RMT who have donated £250 to our campaign and also have pledge an additional £50 per year.</p> <p>The Community Council has also pledge £5000 to the funds. Railfuture has also provided match funding of £5000, with a possible increase to £10,000.</p> <p>Monmouthshire County Council was prepared to underwrite GRIP 1 &amp; 2 from Section 106 monies. Whilst the Welsh Government awarded the group a grant of £30,000.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(c) - GRIP 1 &amp; 2</b></p> <p>Thanks to everyone involved, especially to Andy Scogings of Network Rail. These positive reports support our aspirations for a community walkway station. By undertaking these reports we are 'streets ahead' of other similar ideas in Wales.</p> <p>The Chair ending his report by thanking everyone for their valued support and contributions for our campaign.</p>		
2	<p><b>Treasurers Report</b></p> <p>Throughout the year we have managed to raise funding through various means, such as our attendance at the Frost and May Fayres. Support given by the local businesses by pledging gifts which were raffled off to raise funds.</p> <p>Also, the support given by the Community Council, Monmouthshire County Council and the Welsh Government has provided our group with the required finances in order to secure the GRIP 1 and 2 Reports.</p> <p>I can now report that our balance, as at this meeting, stands at a total of £1758.00.</p>		
3.	<p><b>Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts</b></p> <p>It was proposed and agreed that Joanna Coombes be appointed as the groups Independent Examiner of the Accounts.</p>		

<p>4.</p> <p>5.</p> <p>6.</p>	<p><b>Election of Officers of the Committee</b></p> <p>There being no other nominations, it was agreed that the committee officials be re-elected en-bloc.</p> <p><b>Election of President</b></p> <p>Unfortunately, Mike German was not able to attend this year's AGM. However, it was unanimously agreed that we re-elect Mike German as our President.</p> <p>The Village consultation has been distributed and early signs are that there is a good response.</p> <p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>(a) The 3 Fields Community Trust</b></p> <p>Following the demise of MUSLA, Monmouthshire County Council was in full support that the asset from MUSLA now be transferred to a Community Based Consortium. Who will have the remit of progressing forward the provision of a Community Centre, which could also incorporate a ticket office for those wanting to use the Trains, stopping at the proposed Magor &amp; Undy Walkway Station.</p> <p>This consortium will consist of representatives of interested parties, of which this group will be a member.</p> <p>It was however, disappointing to hear that the local Community Council did not want to remain directly involved with such a major project which does affect the local community.</p> <p><b>(b) Fund Raising Event for St Davids</b></p> <p>Oscar from the Golden Lion wanted to inform the group of a Fund Raising event that the local traders were intending to hold. It would be a similar event to the Frost Fayre, and there would be stalls available for interested parties to purchase, with all receipts going to the St Davids Fund.</p> <p>The event is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 and the stalls will cost £45. It was agreed in principle, that we would be attending and having a stall.</p>		
	<p><b>There being no other business, the AGM closed at 8.10pm</b></p>		