



Date/Time of Minutes	Meeting Title	Meeting Ref
13 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	<b>Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR)</b>	AGM 2017
<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, Julie Wilson, Peter Wilson and Lisa Dymock
<b>Apologies:</b>	Frances Taylor, Sam Knight, Murray Ross, Keith Plow and Phil Inskip
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Steve Lucas
<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> We have now been campaigning for over 5 years and although I might say it at every AGM, this year has seen great leaps forward.</p> <p>Just looking around at our community we can see new railway bridges constructed for electrification. You would have seen numerous newspaper articles about first the Cardiff Metro and then the 12 proposed new stations and articles about the Community Hub. The proposed new houses at Rogiet and the new M4 consultations.</p> <p>We are living in exciting times and Magor Action Group on Rail, a non-profit making, non-political group, have been involved in many of these developments.</p> <p><b>(b) – Activity over the Year</b> Looking over the year a number of topics appear to have dominated our agendas. Like funding for the GRIP processes. Discussed and pursued nearly every month for the last year. Also, the Community Centre has been of paramount importance to us. Also, a year on we are still talking about the plot of land adjacent to the track. We started the year with a positive village train usage consultation, and also a University of West of</p>		

<p>England student, Chris Waller, study of our case.</p> <p>Over the year we have welcomed to our meetings representatives of the Magor and Undy Community Hub. Our MP Jessica Morden, a RMT Union Representative Steve Richards and prospective Monmouthshire Councilors'. Holding monthly meetings, we aim to keep the campaign alive, together with our website, keeping the public informed.</p> <p>It is accepted that the work burden, particularly meeting politicians and government officials, falls on a couple of dedicated individuals, for which we as a group are indebted and offer our sincere thanks and appreciation. During the year meetings with influential local political parties took place. Notably Assembly Members, UKIPs David Rowlands and Conservative Mark Reckless. Both raising questions in our support. Likewise, we are in continual touch with Labours Jessica Morden and John Griffiths, Jessica in particular raising our profile at Westminster. We have also had conversations with Lib Dem Eluned Parrott. As a recognized rail group, we were invited to a Railway Transport meeting, a Metro meeting, a Stakeholders "Improving Rail Services" meeting. But most importantly my individual colleagues were invited and met, at The Senedd, the Minister for Transport and Economy Ken Skates's senior Rail Department officials, Nathan Barnhouse, Matthew Nobbs and Alison Thomas. Here we had the opportunity to put our case forward face to face.</p> <p>We have also met the four preferred bidders for the 2018 Wales and Borders franchise, notably Arriva, Abellio, Metro and Keolis/Amey, advising them of our ambition.</p> <p>We have made great progress over the year and are now in the 3<sup>rd</sup> stage of an 8-stage governance process to open a new station. We started the summer of 2016 with a Grip 1 &amp; 2 report, which showed a clear case for a Railway Station stating it meets with the necessary guidelines. We were thankful for Assembly financing and went on to commission the Grip 3 stage, with the continued unrelenting support of Monmouthshire County Council we obtained part 1 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> stage. This showed the economic and operational viability as the demand forecast and economic appraisal came out very positively in our favour.</p> <p>We are still awaiting confirmation from Ken Skates that the Assembly will help fund the completion of the stage 3 process. Never the less after meeting with Ken Skates (he came out to Magor!), he confirmed that the 12 prospective stations that have been highlighted for further investigation, which the successful ones will go forward with Magor and Undy Station proposal, to the next stage of governmental review.</p> <p>We have now secured in total promises of support of £10,000 from Community Council and £5,000 to £10,000 from Railfuture. Although a GWR community fund was rejected as feasibility studies were excluded. We are currently awaiting an imminent answer on a £5.25m New Station Fund Application.</p> <p>Added to this, our group have been 'awareness and fund raising' as usual, at the Frost and May Fayre's raising £156 and £185 from an imaginative bottle stall. Thanks for their support to Tesco, Waitrose, Hornby and</p>		
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	<p><b>There being no other business, the AGM closed at 8.15pm</b></p> <p><b>Next Meeting</b> 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 19:30 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor</p>		