

Date/Time of Minutes	Meeting Title	Meeting Ref	
15 th November 2018	Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR)	15/11/18	
Subject:	Committee Meeting		
Location:	Golden Lion Function Room, Magor Square, Magor		

Attendees:	Laurence Hando (Chair), Ted Hand, Steve Lucas, Paul Turner, Geoff Cook John Cook, Peter Wilson, Lisa Dymock and Frances Taylor	
Apologies:	Julie Wilson	
Minute Taker:	Steve Lucas	
Distribution Copies:	As Above	

Actions/Notes	Action By	Target Date
Review of Actions:		
It was noted that no invoice or receipt has been received from the Baptist Church for the payment made following the September event being held there. LH agreed to chase this up with the Church.	LH	ASAP
PT confirmed that the video which was produced by SK has been amended to show the appropriate credits and is now available for viewing on our website.		
LH confirmed that he had written to those who attended to thank them for their attendance and valued support.		
PT informed the meeting that the owners of the strip of land and the triangular piece of land around the three fields site, are currently in negotiations with MCC who are attempting to purchase.		
The meeting was also informed, that the M4 bypass scheme is still in the balance – however, once the elections for the First Minister is resolved. Then the progress will be dependent on who is elected.		
PT confirmed that our request to install a Sign at the 3 field site stating a statement along the lines of "with your help, we could put a Railway Station here" will be discussed at the next MUCH meeting.		

Review of Action Plan and Milestone

PT went through the current action plan. It was confirmed that the action points of: Consultation Event; the School Event and creating the Strapline, have all been completed. Whereas the Traffic Survey and the Grip 3 report on target with an end date of this year.

It was agreed that we will need to run a survey, using Survey Monkey, with residents to mark their understanding of where we are and the progress being made with the campaign. It was decided that this can be successfully carried out by using emails and the social media, such as Facebook and Twitter.

It was also suggested and agreed that FT would create and produce a survey sheet which can be used at the Frost Fayre. Surveying about the understanding of the walkway concept and asking if they want to be updated on progress.

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Committee Reports

Rail:

At a recent meeting attended by TH and PT, James Price the CEO of Transport For Wales showed positive support for our campaign. He also stated that one of the challenges for Newport would be dealing with the capacity that will be required to meet the need of servicing the Newport Junction with the planned 4 trains per hour to and from Ebbw Vale. He also commented that the proposed station at Llanwern would also prove to be a challenge.

PT confirmed that the grant for the £200,000 is being applied for from the Welsh Government to finish the Grip 3 study and report.

The meeting was also informed that there appears to be a serious business group being formed which is dedicated to improving the business link services of the rail network from Weston Super Mare, through Bristol, Newport and Cardiff. It was important that we started to make contact with this group.

The Severnside Group is beginning to raise its game and becoming more active and has recently announced their support for this group, included how impressed they were in our strength and persistence in pushing forward our campaign. PT and TH attended their last meeting and stressed that going forward, it is import that we keep them updated.

A meeting with Network Rail is anticipated before the end of the year.

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Frost Fayre:

It was agreed that along with the usual raffle at the frost fayre (please all donations to PT asap) we should purchase a grand prize i.e. a Train set. All winners of the raffle can re-enter their tickets with details on back for a draw at the end of the evening. TH volunteered to purchase and a budget of £40 - £60 was agreed (with slight leeway)

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Community:		
LD updated the meeting with regards to the progress and future involvement with the local schools. It is intended to have the schools create a train, which is to be made up of recycled materials. The winning entry from both Undy and Magor Schools would then have their train entry displayed at the May Fayre. LD confirmed that local businesses would also be contacted regarding any possible donations.	LD	Jan 2019
It was unanimously agreed, that this group would secure the amount of £25 as the monetary prize for the winner, should the money not be raised by donations.		
LD also informed the meeting that it was the intention of organizing a 'Walk to School' event to highlight the benefits to the environment. MCC would assist with help from the Waste and Road Safety teams.		
With reference to the forthcoming Frost Fayre, it is hoped that the stories that were written by the schools in the last competition held. Will be available for viewing on the day. GWR will be approached in the hope that they will sponsor the production of a book, which would contain all of the different stories. PT did advise the meeting that the stories were available for reading on our website.	LD	8th Dec
The next meeting of the MUCH Group was due to take place next Tuesday 20^{th} November 2018.		
Finance Report		
On behalf of JW, PW informed the meeting that the current funds stand at £562.95 in the Current Account and £2179.92 in the Savings Account.		
PW also confirmed that JW had paid for the stall so that it will be available for us at the Frost Fayre.		
Any Other Business		
PT announced that Matthew Gatehouse from MCC was organizing a workshop and invited our group to explain our campaign. This was scheduled for 27 th November 2018.		
It was agreed that we would not have an official meeting in December, but we would meet as a group and enjoy a meal together, prior to celebrating Christmas. The date being Tuesday 18 th December 2018. Suggested venue being at Sawyers.	LD	
The meeting closed at 2030 hours		
NEXT MEETING		
17 th January 2019 19:30 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor. 21 st February 2019 19:30 hours – Function Room, Golden Lion, Magor.		