



Annual General Meeting

Agenda Thursday 25th July 2019 7.30pm

Function Room Golden Lion

Attendees: Laurence Hando (Chair), Ted Hand, Paul Turner, John Cook, Peter Wilson, Geoff Cook, Lisa Dymock, Joanne Godding, Paul Godding, Dawn Turner

Apologies: Frances Taylor, Julie Wilson, Steve Lucas

Ordinary Business

1. Chairman Statement

LH covered the main points of the previous year's activities, again indicating another successful year with continued progress towards the goal of securing a walkway station for the Magor and Undy community.

LH stated that we have cause to be more optimistic than ever before, since the group formed 7 years ago:

- The team is now 10 strong and through their activities gained support from Senedd, Westminster, County Council and the Community Council
- Links with local schools have been forged even further, building on the clear vision that a station will benefit the future of our children, as well as holding community wide engagement events

- Relationships have been enhanced with Community Hub Project, Department for Transport and Rail Maritime Transport Union
- Raised £600 at Magor Fayres
- Media coverage is increasing with regular features in the Argus and the BBC coverage in spring

LH also reflected further on the imagination and forward thinking of the local children with their story books, Eco designs, letter writing and challenging questions at the recent Senedd visit.

LH thanked all for their contributions and is looking forward to another exciting and eventful year moving ever close to the final goal of having a new station for the Magor and Undy community.

2. Financial Statement

JW, our treasurer, whilst not being able to attend the AGM had provided the chair with a draft financial statement for the year in advance of the final audited accounts.

LH stated in brief that we received income of c£1200, comprising donations and fund raising, with expenditure of c£1000 on influencing and engagement activities. Therefore, as we started the year with just over £1000, we have over £2000 now to support the growing activities to secure a walkway station for the Magor and Undy community.

3. The Re-appointment the Independent Examiner

Joanna Coombes was proposed and approved as the independent examiner of the accounts.

4. Election of Committee

There were no new nominations for the committee and therefore the current full members of the committee were automatically re-elected and appointed.

It was noted though that SL had notified LH that he was standing down as secretary but would like to remain a member of the committee.

Positions on committee were supported and confirmed as follows:

LH – Chairman

JW – Treasurer

Dawn Turner volunteered to act as secretary and was welcomed by the committee members who co-opted DT as secretary.

Co-opted members stand for a year only. Joanne and Paul Godding who attended the AGM as residence expressed interest in joining the committee and were formally co-opted for this forth-coming year.

The committee thanked Lord German for his participation as President. The committee considered the current need for a president and concluded that this was currently not needed but would return to this decision as progress is made. LH would formally write to Lord German with our thanks.

5. AOB / Open Forum

The floor opened to more detailed conversation on the activities and successes of the year. This included:

- Welsh Assembly Senedd visit, which was well organised and received commendation from John Griffiths (AM) on how inspiring and enthralling the children were. The members of the group who organised the event were given thanks and it was agreed that letters of thanks would be sent to John Griffiths AM and his staff, the teachers and parents who accompanied the children and MCC who provided the transport.
- The friends of the 65-bus group were acknowledged as a group of interest and there is a need to follow up on a newly recognised synergy on providing connections for tourists.
- The positive and encouraging discussions with DFT with statements such as “exemplar project”.

- Focus this year on ensuring the support and connections made are realised with the provision of funding.

6. Next meeting:

The committee agreed to cancel the next planned meeting of 15th August and confirmed 19th September as the next meeting starting at 19:30, the location of the Lion Inn function room to be confirmed.

Thanks, as always, were given to the Golden Lion for ongoing use of their function room.