

Meeting Title:	Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR) Committee Meeting
	16 January 2020
Time:	19:30 hours
Place:	Function Room, The Golden Lion
Chair:	Laurence Hando
Committee	Laurence Hando, Julie Wilson, Peter Wilson, Ted Hand, Paul Turner, Steve Lucas, Geoff Cook, Jo Godding, Dawn Turner.
Guests	Peter Kingsbury – RailFuture
Apologies:	Committee - Paul Godding, Lisa Dymock, Frances Taylor and John Crook Guests – Clive Stainton and Peter Jinman from Pontrilas Parkway Station Group

Item 1 - Review of minutes and actions:

LH welcomed our guest Peter Kingsbury from RailFuture.

Unfortunately, our guests from Pontrilas Parkway Station Group had been delayed and were unable to get to the meeting.

The apologies from the committee were noted.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting with the following additional updates on the actions:

- Action 2/1912 1 – JW had confirmed the donation to MUCH of £122 had been made 01/01/2020 – action to be noted as complete
- Action 2/1912 3 – TH had completed first draft of RailFuture article – action to be noted as in progress
- Action 3/2111 4 - LH advised that the further letter to Infrastructure Commission Chair was to be sent. Action noted as not started.
- Action 4/2111 1 – TH confirmed that Christian is taking forward action with DFT
- Action 4/2111 2 – PT confirmed that Capita were progressing with the traffic survey which included the main road through Magor and Undy. PT advised that permission had been received to proceed with the survey of the Community Hub car park, as well as other car parks in Magor. Action to be noted as complete.

- Action 7/1909 – following Frost Fayre, petition signature papers to be given back to JW to complete action.

ACTION 1/1601 – DT to update minutes and circulate final version by 20 January 2020

Decision: All the other actions commentaries on status were noted by the committee.

Item 2 - Matters arising

VE Day

GC advised the committee that a planning meeting for VE Day is scheduled for 03 February 2020.

Future Wellbeing Assessment

LH provided a presentation to the group to review with the following observations:

- Saving of money of commuting and parking
- Include Sustrans connections
- More to be added into the healthier section but good baseline with reduction of emissions
- Benefits for young society
- Bring out connections within Wales.

ACTION 2/1601 - Electronic version to be circulated and all to provide further comments to LH.

Rail Future

Peter Kingsbury from RailFuture presented on what is happening in Wales now with the following key points:

- Electrification now working but Severn Tunnel problems are still being resolved
- Electrification from Cardiff to Swansea was stopped by government due to costs
- Investment pipeline from network rail though looking for other improvements to journey from Cardiff to Swansea and to North Wales
- Potential for Cardiff to Liverpool train which would be beneficial as would cut some stops off other train stations
- Metro plans are to have turn up and go within 15 minutes for core routes
- Plans to improve rail service for Ebbw Vale Branch²⁰²¹ and Barry to Bridgend²⁰²³

Peter asked the committee to consider entering the Rail User Group Awards, entries to be received by 01 March 2020. The categories are Website; Social Media promotion; Newsletter; Best Campaign and Best Campaigner.

Peter had also brought the latest Rail Wales newsletter and RailFuture membership campaign leaflet.

Peter observed that MAGOR had not drawn on the grant that had been offered by RailFuture and asked when this might happen.

TH affirmed that the grant would be used for Grip 3 once the other sources of funding for Grip 3 were provided. SL assured Peter that the money was needed and for Peter to confirm this back to RailFuture.

Peter was aware that we hope to provide an article for the magazine. TH advised that he had drafted the article and was reviewing with PT. This will be sent to Ray King the Editor.

LH and the committee thanked Peter for coming to the meeting and for his presentation. Peter left the meeting at around 20:45.

Item 3 - Correspondence

No additional correspondence has been received.

Item 4 - Committee Reports

The following brief updates were made on activities since the last meeting:

Government

PT to attend the next commission workshop on 21 January 2020.

Local Business

InBev have provided written support of MAGOR and would feature as part of their ESG practices.

Schools

Rogiet School are keen to be involved with MAGOR especially with focus of reducing traffic. Meeting arranged for 21 January.

Provisional meeting with Magor School at end of month. TH will discuss the idea of a walk to school campaign and explore the option to provide donation to school for each child that walks to school.

Media

ITV are doing a feature on MAGOR and a meeting will take place Monday 20 January with PT, TH and DT.

LH advised that the letter to business was in the Villager.

Finance

JW provided the following bank balances:

Current Account - £779.67

Savings Account - £2141.46

Total funds available - £2921.13

Item 5 - Any Other Business:

No other business was raised.

Item 7 - Confirmation of Date and Time of Next 3 Meetings

13 February 2020

19 March 2020

23 April 2020

The committee noted that next meeting in February had been brought forward one week to 13 February 2020. It was noted that SL would not be able to attend

Meeting closed at 21:15

ACTION TRACKER – Status is yellow is as anticipated by next meeting – please confirm status or correct in advance of meeting

No.	Description	Owner of action and complete by	Status
Actions from meeting held 16 January 2020			
1/1601	Final minutes of meeting 16 December 2019.	DT to update action status as recorded in meeting and then circulate final version, by 20 January 2020.	Complete Final minutes of meeting 16 December 2019 were circulated on 17 January 2020
2/1601	Future Wellbeing Assessment	All to receive electronic copy of Future Wellbeing Assessment presentation and to feedback any further comments to LH by 03 February 2020.	In progress All received presentation on 17 January 2020 and LH updated presentation following feedback received and re-circulated to committee on XX/XX/XX
Actions from meeting held 19 December 2019			
2/1912 3	RailFuture Article	PT and TH to draft RailFuture Article by 16 January 2020.	Complete Article submitted to RailFuture on XX/XX/XX
4/1912	2. Letter to Prime Minister 3. VE Day plans	2. PT to draft letter to Minister and share with group for review before sending, in the New Year.	2. In Progress PT will draft letter in Q1 of 2020 but after Brexit. 3. Complete

		3. GC to provide update of plans at next meeting in January.	GC advised that next planning meeting 03/02/2020.
Actions from meeting held 21 November 2019			
3/2111	Correspondence Following discussion with Guest Clive Stainton and Tim James from Pontrilas Parkway Station and Alun Griffiths Contractors various actions were agreed to help and support each other and to progress MAGOR business case communications.	3. PT to complete the cost of delay calculations and contact Tim on how to do this before the next committee. 4. LH to contact the Chair of the Infrastructure Commission for Wales before the next meeting.	3. In progress PT met Tim 23/01/2020 and 4. Complete LH Sent letter on XX/XX/XX and has received the following response / has not received a response
4/2111 1	Updates from Committees - Grip 3 The WRIG provided advice and Christian to follow up required actions to apply to DfT for funding.	TH to follow up with Christian regarding actions from WRIG meeting – by 22 November.	In progress Christian has provided the following update....
4/2111 3	Updates from Committees – welsh government LD offered a meeting with Paul Davies leader of the conservative party, which was welcomed.	LD to arrange meeting with Paul Davies and PT and TH.	In progress Meeting arranged for XX/XX/XX

Actions from meeting held 19 September 2019

4/1909 1	Securing MAGOR station site and proposition - engagement required with MCC on Local Development Plan and new Transport Minister Grant Chapps to follow up discussions with predecessor.	PT to liaise with FT to make appropriate submission on LDP to MCC – October.	In progress PT and FT liaised over matter and FT following up on whether further action required or not, through connections in MCC
5/1909 1	Following discussion regarding information from the meeting of Strategic Rail Group further engagements were agreed.	TH to arrange a meeting in the next two to three months with Transport for Wales – contacts Paul Chase and Lois Parkes. Update at next meeting.	Not started Will be after SEW Transport Commission workshops
7/1909	The committee decided to submit gathered signatures to the petition commission for review.	JW to submit signatures to petition commission – by December 2019	In progress Petition signatures