

Meeting Title:	Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR) Committee Meeting
	13 February 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, John Crook, Frances Taylor (to 20:30), Paul Godding, Dawn Turner, Lisa Dymock
Guests	Clive Stainton and Peter Jinman – Pontrilas Parkway Station Group Cllr Jers Dyderski – Rogiet Community Council
Apologies:	Steve Lucas, Geoff Cook, Jo Godding

Item 1 - Review of minutes and actions:

LH welcomed our guests Peter Jinman & Clive Stainton from Pontrilas Parkway Station Group and Cllr Jers Dyderski from Rogiet Community Council. The committee introduced themselves.

Minutes

The minutes were approved subject to the correction of Nigel Jinman to Peter Jinman as listed in apologies.

Actions

The committee noted the completed actions. All 'In Progress' action owners would be providing relevant updates in either Item 2 – Matters Arising or Item 4 – Committee Updates.

Item 2 - Matters arising

VE Day

DT read out the update, provided by Geoff Cook, on the weekend of events from the Friday to Sunday of the May Day BH Weekend.

ACTION 1/1302 1: DT to circulate GC's email.

The committee agreed that the MAGOR and MUCH group to have connecting stalls, and to hold a tombola / raffle as per previous years.

ACTION 1/1302 2: TH to purchase the star prize of toy train set, and to submit expenses to JW to be reimbursed.

Peter Jinman offered a connection to a distributor of toy trains local to them.

Future Wellbeing Assessment

LH presented the Future Wellbeing Assessment with the evidence and comments updated since the last meeting.

The following suggestions were made:

TH – 2050 date needs to be updated

FT – ensure we cover sufficiently the increased traffic on roads / grid lock

FT – add in how the Walkway Rail Station supports addressing obesity

LH advised that the Future Wellbeing Assessment document would now become a working document and would be reviewed on a regular basis.

ACTION 2/1302: LH to reissue and all to consider further evidence and comments available to us.

Rail Future Awards

LH walked through the potential awards that we could enter and suggested to the committee that we enter two awards being 1. The Best Campaign 2. The Best Website. It was noted that submissions should be made in no more than 200 words.

ACTION 3/1302 1: LH to nominate for the Best Website

ACTION 3/1302 2: TH to nominate for the Best Campaign.

Item 3 - Correspondence

LH has had no response to his letter to the Infrastructure Commission. Action closed.

No additional correspondence has been received.

Item 4 - Committee Reports

Grip 3 Funding

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

PT / TH met with Jessica Morden (JM). JM met with Grant Chapps and stated that the recent Government announcement of providing £500 million funding, for reversing Beeching cuts from DFT, would be split into 3 areas

- Scoping Fund – provide up to 75% of costs
- Establish Projects to build up campaigns – provide up to 75% costs
- New station fund (need to be applied for once we have completed GRIP 3)

We are still waiting for money for GRIP 3 from Welsh Assembly as promised. We will therefore make an application to the Establish Projects when funding becomes open for application in March.

We will await instructions on the application mechanism which will let us know who must make the application and understand if different process for Wales.

ACTION 4 13/02 1: PT to make application when appropriate.

- B. The committee were advised that Christian had submitted for Welsh Government funding, but we do not know outcome of this.
- C. SE transport Commission is asking people for their views on what could provide relief to the congestion on the M4. FT is looking for promotion of MAGOR through this reach out. It is hoped that MCC will be talking to Commission about solutions and this should include MAGOR. The comments left on the site will be used to inform a report in early spring so comments should be put in asap.

ACTION 4/1302 2: All to use networks to get this promote need for Walkway Rail Station in Magor / Undy link here

<https://haveyoursaysewt.commonplace.is/>

ACTION 4/1302 3: FT to arrange a meeting between MCC and MAGOR in late March.

Government

- A. PT advised the committee that he had sent a letter and a further summary email to the Prime Minister with regard MAGOR and hopes to gain funding through the additional Reverse Beeching Cuts £500 million fund.

Jessica Morden (JM) is also following up. JM Is trying to organize a visit with Grant Chapps.

ACTION 5/1302 1: PT to publish his letter on the MAGOR website

- B. Lisa Dymock has connected with Paul Davis, Party Leader of Welsh Conservative, and it was agreed that it should be arranged for him to come to MAGOR for a site visit.

PT advised that there was a meeting in Cardiff on 21 January 2020 – run by Transport for Wales and was mainly for public sector bodies. PT walked the committee through a presentation on what was covered at the workshop. The main presenter was James Hooker.

Keep points covered:

- Metro has highest focus
 - MAGOR featured specifically
 - Focus on South Wales Rail Corridor
 - Future Generations Act
 - Magor and Undy a hot spot for car dependency, distance from jobs, education
- C. FT advised the committee of the number of potential development sites along M4 and around Magor / Undy which will just increase population and need for rail transport. There will be a 26 March 2020 drop-in session at Baptist Church in Magor. FT has asked the organisers that for the last hour of this engagement for the focus to be on the Local Development Plans. FT and LD will be at the event providing support and facilitate a discussion amongst members of the community. FT is still awaiting a response from Mark Hand on MAGOR candidate site.

Cllr Jers Dyderski (Cllr JD) updated the committee about meeting held this week at RCC about access to Severn Tunnel Junction from the motorway. Grand Union presented their case and was questioned about the practicalities of their plans for trains to London from STJ for passengers and crate. Challenges included access, service parcel side and service to local communities and accessing amenities. Regulator to make decision by end of March because of timetabling. Cllr JD confirmed that there is a need to back MAGOR station. It was noted that it was thought that DFT would not support Grand Union plans. A consultation will take place. Ian Yeowart, who leads Grand Union Trains, which is seeking to introduce new and competitive train services between Cardiff and London Paddington, has been invited to come and speak to MAGOR.

ACTION 5/1302 2: PT to make arrangements with Ian Yeowart.

Cllr JD stated that it was important that as Severnside we must work together. TH felt that Grand Union saw that it cannot be just about what they want it must be holistic.

Local Business and Media

ITV were making a feature for the day of the launch of the Williams Report. DT, TH and PT were interviewed and filmed and will alert committee when it will appear on TV.

ACTION 6/1302: TH to alert committee when we are to be featured on ITV.

PW attended local transport Group, where he raised the issues with the access to STJ through Rogiet.

Transport Groups

Transport for Wales – Nichole Sarra, mentioned that we haven't had money as promised from Ken Skates and she will be attending a future MAGOR meeting.

TH has had an invite from GWR to discuss with Transport for Wales about trains stopping at station. We are still waiting for clarity on the decision between Llanwern and MAGOR. Our engagement across the piece must ensure that we make it clear how far we have got with Grip 3.

Schools

PW/ TH advised the committee that when they went to Rogiet school the Headteacher was very supportive and he has agreed to complete a competition. The competition will be about writing to the first minister and the best five from each class will be provided to MAGOR to select a winner. All 7 classes going to complete and £10 book voucher for each winner from each class. The committee supported this activity and financial outlay.

The committee supported a walk to school day for Magor School with a donation of 50p per child for school funds. This is to be discussed with Magor school on 25 February 2020. The message being about getting out of cars in line with the principle of the Walkway Rail Station. It will be planned for when the mornings and afternoons are lighter and better chance of dryer weather.

ATCION 7/1302: TH to finalise arrangements with schools

Finance

Our grant application was set to be discussed at MUCC but there was not enough quorum at MUCC at the latest meeting and therefore deferred to next meeting.

JW provided finance figures Current Account – £799.67, Deposit Account – £2141.55:
Total £2921.22

Item 5 - Any Other Business:

John Crook – suggested that we should do more in the villager.

ACTION 8/1302 1: Submit the Rail Future update via John Crook from Ted Hand.

PT advised the committee that the survey of car parks is to go ahead. The survey will now take place towards end of March

ACTION 8/1302 2: PT to circulate survey proposal and for all to confirm whether they will volunteer to conduct survey.

It was agreed that Cllr JD from Rogiet Community Council has an open invite to MAGOR meetings from here on in.

Item 6 - Confirmation of Date and Time of Next 3 Meetings

JW agreed to take notes and actions for next meeting as PT and DT not attending.
[Subsequent to meeting the next meeting has been re-arranged for 26 March 2020 to start at 18:30 and to end at 19:30]

PT to do notes and minutes for 23 April meeting as DT could not 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 13 February 2020			
1/1302	1. VE Day Arrangements 2. Star prize for MAGOR / MUCH stall raffle for May Fayre	1. DT to circulate GC's email. 2. TH to purchase the star prize of toy train set and to submit expenses to JW to be reimbursed	Completed Sent 08/03/20 Completed Toy train set purchased XX/XX/XX
2/1302	Wellbeing Future Assessment	LH to reissue and all to consider further evidence and comments available to us	Completed Assessment re-issued to members on XX/XX/XX. This is now a working document.
3/1302	1. Rail Future Awards – Best Website 2. Rail Future Awards – Best Campaign	1. LH to nominate for the Best Website 2. TH to nominate for the Best Campaign.	Completed Submitted xx/xx/xx Completed Submitted xx/xx/xx
4/1302	1. Reversing Beeching Cuts Fund	1. PT to make application when appropriate	In Progress PT in active contact with JM regarding when open for applications and will be mentioned in

	<p>2. M4 Commission seeking views link</p> <p>3. Assure continued support from MCC</p>	<p>2. All to use networks to get this promote need for Walkway Rail Station in Magor / Undy link here https://haveyoursaysewt.commonplace.is/</p> <p>3. FT to arrange a meeting between MCC and MAGOR in late March.</p>	<p>agenda item 3 – Correspondence</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>All to advise if they submitted a comment</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>TH to attend meeting with Paul Matthews on 17/03/20</p>
5/1302	<p>1. Letter to Prime minister</p> <p>2. Engagement with Grand Union Trains</p>	<p>1. PT to publish his letter on the MAGOR website</p> <p>2. PT to make arrangements with Ian Yeowart from Grand Union Trains</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>On website</p> <p>In Progress</p> <p>Date of meeting proposed but still to be agreed.</p>
6/1302	MAGOR to feature on ITV	TH to alert committee when we are to be featured on ITV.	<p>Not due yet</p> <p>Awaiting the publication of the Williams report</p>
7/1302	Campaign promotion activities with schools	TH to finalise arrangements with schools for letter writing competition with Rogiet and Walk to School Day with Magor	<p>Complete</p> <p>TH has confirmed arrangements with schools and will provide logistic details at meeting</p>
8/1302	1. Villager article	1. Submit the Rail Future update via John Crook from Ted Hand	Completed

	2. Car park survey	2. PT to circulate car park survey proposal and for all to confirm whether they will volunteer to conduct survey.	<p>TH provided JC with article and has been submitted to villager</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>Survey approach agreed with MUCH. Date of survey to be agreed and volunteer list will be finalised when exact date in April is known.</p>
Actions from meeting held 21 November 2019			
4/2111 1	<p>Updates from Committees - Grip 3</p> <p>The WRIG provided advice and Christian to follow up required actions to apply to DfT for funding.</p>	TH to follow up with Christian regarding actions from WRIG meeting – by 22 November.	<p>In progress</p> <p>Christian has provided the following update on 10/02/2020 that grant bids deadline is 14/02/2020 and it is assumed he is working on our bid to submit.</p>
4/2111 3	<p>Updates from Committees – welsh government</p> <p>LD offered a meeting with Paul Davies leader of the conservative party, which was welcomed.</p>	LD to arrange meeting with Paul Davies and PT and TH.	<p>Completed</p> <p>Meeting arranged with TH and LD.</p>
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 FT chased up LDP with Mark Hand – FT to provide further update at meeting
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	Completed JW submitted signatures to petition commission on XX/XX/XX