



REVISED CONSTITUTION OF: MAGOR (Magor Action Group on Rail)

ADOPTED ON:.....17th February 2022.....[Day/Month/Year].....

1. Name

The name of the Group shall be known as: MAGOR (Magor Action Group On Rail)

2. Aims

The aim of the Group shall be to:

- (a) Re-Open a Railway Station to Serve the Community of Magor and Undy
- (b) To support the community and county council in representing the interest of users and potential users of rail (including light rail or tram) services in the area and aim to minimise the impact on any people who may be adversely affected
- (c) To raise awareness, encourage and promote the use of rail travel for residents, visitors, business users and tourists, including supporting tourism/leisure, community development projects and local businesses; therefore enabling local communities to increase their economic, social and environmental welfare
- (d) To foster and encourage sustainable transport and work towards maximising transport integration with the rail services for the Magor and Undy area
- (e) To support the County Council in the development of good working relationships with the rail industry companies, the Welsh Government, the area Transport Consortium, and other stakeholders as necessary
- (f) To liaise, work with, or form partnerships with other user groups and organisations where this could be beneficial to the other aims of the Group

3. Mission

To seek to attain an early as possible opening of the Magor & Undy Walkway Station, as part of the Welsh Government's '6 New Stations Plan'

4. Unique Selling Point

The Station will be easily accessed by the entire population of 6800, estimated to rise to 10,000 in the next 10 years, by foot or bicycle in less than 15 minutes.

5. Independent

The Group shall be and act in a way that is independent of political parties, trade unions, industry and railway companies and organisations. This shall not preclude individuals from these organisations being members of the Group or Management Committee.

6. Powers

In order to achieve its aims, the group may:

- (a) Open and close Bank Accounts
- (b) Take out Liability Insurance
- (c) Work with other Groups/Organisations/Authorities and exchange information
- (h) Do anything that is lawful which will help it to fulfil its aims

7. Membership

(a) Membership of the Group shall be open to any person (generally a resident of Magor and Undy area) over 16 years of age, or any organisation who is interested in helping the Group to achieve its aims, willing to abide by the rules of the Group.

(b) Membership shall be available to anyone without regard to gender, race, nationality, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief.

(c) Every individual member and each organisation shall have one vote at Annual or Special Meetings.

(d) Each member organisation shall appoint a representative to attend meetings of the Group and notify the Group's Secretary of that person's name.

8. The Management Committee

- (a) The Group shall be administered by a Management Committee of the Officers and not more than 5 other members elected at the Group's Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- (b) The Officers of the Management Committee shall be; the Chairperson, the Treasurer and the Secretary.
- (c) The Management Committee shall meet at least 4 times a year.
- (d) The Chairperson shall Chair all meetings of the Group.
- (e) The quorum for Management Committee meetings shall be 4 members.
- (f) Voting at Management Committee meetings shall be by show of hands. If there is a tied vote, then the Chairperson shall have a second vote.
- (g) The Management Committee may by a two-thirds majority vote and for a good and proper reason remove any Committee member, provided that person has the right to be heard before a final decision is made.
- (h) The Management Committee following the AGM will elect the Officers for the coming year from the committee and may appoint another member of the Group as a Committee member to fill a vacancy provided the maximum number is not exceeded. This new committee may elect a President for the next year.
- (i) All data provided by members shall be used only for administrative purposes by the Group, and will not be divulged to any other party. Should the Group be disbanded, such data will be destroyed

9. Duties of the Officers

- (a) The duties of the Chairperson are to: • chair meetings of the Committee and the Group • represent the Group at functions/meetings that the Group has been invited to • act as spokesperson for the Group when necessary • can delegate this role to another member of the Management Committee should the Chairperson not be available.
- (b) The duties of the Secretary are to: • take the minutes of meetings • keep an email list of members and organisations • prepare the agenda for meetings of the Committee and the Group in consultation with the Chairperson • deal with correspondence • collect and circulate any relevant information within the Group
- (c) The duties of the Treasurer are to: • supervise the financial affairs of the Group • keep proper accounts that show all monies collected and paid out by the group
- (d) In addition to the members so elected the committee shall have the power to co-opt further members as advisers for their expertise, who may serve until the conclusion of the next AGM. Members co-opted under this provision shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of the committee.

10. Finance

- (a) Any money obtained by the Group shall be used only for the Group.
- (b) Any bank accounts opened for the Group shall be in the name of the Group.

(c) Any cheques issued shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other nominated official.

11. Annual General Meeting

(a) The Group shall hold an Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) within 13 months of the proceeding AGM.

(b) All members shall be given at least 21 days' notice of the A.G.M. and shall be entitled to attend and vote.

(c) The business of the A.G.M. shall include: (i) receiving a report from the Chairperson on the Group's activities over the year (ii) receiving a report from the Treasurer on the finances of the Group (iii) electing a new Management Committee (iv) appointment of an independent examiner of the accounts (v) considering any other matter as may be decided.

(d) There are no arrangements for Proxy or Postal voting at any meeting.

12. Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting may be called by the Management Committee or by any 12 members of the Group to discuss an urgent matter. The Secretary shall give all members fourteen days' notice of any Special General Meeting together with notice of the business to be discussed. All members shall be entitled to attend and vote.

13. Alterations to the Constitution

Any changes to this Constitution must be agreed by at least two-thirds of those members present and voting at any General Meeting.

14. Dissolution

The Group may be wound up at any time if agreed by two-thirds of those members present and voting at any General Meeting. In the event of winding up, any assets remaining after all debts have been paid shall be given to another Group with similar aims; the Local Community or a charitable organisation.

This constitution was adopted at a general meeting of the Group on

_____17th February 2022_____ [date]

Signed by: Chairperson: Secretary: Treasurer: Other Committee members: