



Date/Time of Minutes	Meeting Title	Meeting Ref
16 th July 2025	Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR)	16/07/2025 Amended
Subject:	Committee Meeting	
Location:	Meeting Room, Hub	

Attendees:	Laurence Hando (Chair), Ted Hand, Paul Turner, Peter Wilson, Frances Taylor, John Crook, Angela Sandlers & Julie Wilson
Apologies:	Francis Taylor & John Crook
Minute Taker:	Laurence Hando
Distribution Copies:	As Above

	Actions/Notes	Action By	Target Date
1	<u>Review of Actions</u> The Minutes of 24 th April 2025 were accepted as true and accurate.		
2	<u>Matters Arising from last meeting:</u>		
.1	Re 3.5 We still await confirmation from FT if we responded to the Regional Transport Plan.	FT	16/10
.2	Re 5 We still haven't heard back about the long-awaited Transport Proposals. We'll pick this up next meeting.	FT	16/10
3	<u>Committee Reports:</u>		
	Rail / Political update		
.1	TH and LH attended the Senedd to meet Ken Skates on 21 st May. Unfortunately, he was enroute from North Wales and conducted the meeting online. TH & LH were disappointed that despite being on site an hour early, we were not led to the meeting room until 10 minutes after the start of the meeting. Fortunately PW & PT had joined the meeting virtually and so questioned the minister on why despite him saying, 8 years ago that 'Magor was priority and had a strong business case' at this point, we are no clearer on when or even if the station would be built. Generally the substance of the meeting was also very disappointing, as the Transport Minister repeatedly stated that the £445 million Westminster monies, were in the domain of the Network		

	Rail to spend not the Welsh Assembly. It therefore didn't feel appropriate to ask any addition questions nor have we received written answers to the forwarded points we sent in anticipation.		
.2	LH wrote to Catherine Fookes MP, thanking her for speaking on our behalf at the KS 21st May Virtual meeting. Subsequently CF rang LH to update us on her Westminster Question asking for a meeting with Lord Hendy Secretary of State for Transport. LH explained The Magor Station could be a Quick Win in the region of £10 Million compared with the 4 more expensive stations. LH offered to send a delegation to Westminster to meet Lord Hendy but in fact a meeting with Network Rail would seem more necessary in light of the KS comments. Subsequently CF has asked the Prime Minister in PMQ's, that Magor should be a priority and built first. Which the Prime Minister thought worthy of consideration. PT has arranged a virtual meeting with CF on Monday 21st July at 2pm. We are presently awaiting log on details.	ALL	21/07
.3	The Committee met with Jessica Morden on 25th April. JM confirmed she would be pleased to be our Honorary President and that would support us, even though we are now outside her constituency.		
.4	Our Petition to the Senedd presented by PT was discussed by the Petitions committee on 14th July. It was decided they would request an update from the Transport Minister KS. The Petition held open.		
.5	A meeting at the Golden Lion has been arranged with Peter Fox MS on Friday 25th July at 10.30.	ALL	25/07
4	<u>Walk to School Initiative</u>		
.1	Another Successful initiative was reported. With 280 children from Magor CIW school participating and 120 from Undy Primary. Some members of the group had taken exception to Cllr. Crook's questioning why more members hadn't participated on the day. All members of the team participated either by organising the event, attending or dealing with the money allocation. An amount of £325 was pledged from the community. As a result, Magor CIW will be donated £302.50 and Undy Primary £222.50. At this point we are looking for a presentation date of Friday 18th July. Although it was another successful initiative, the participation numbers were lower than last year. 400 pupils compared with 462 in June 2024. Disappointment had been expressed that all the government agencies invited, i.e. PCSO's etc had only attended the Magor CIW event and not the Undy Primary school. It was reported this was organised by the Magor Councillor. If we are to continue this initiative, it is hoped that similar invites could be arranged on behalf of Undy.		

5	<u>A.O.B</u> No A.O.B's		
6	<u>Next Meeting</u> As the meeting day was amended to Wednesday to accommodate the elected representatives and apologies were necessary, it was agreed revert back to a Thursday for our future meetings. Next meeting to be on Thursday 16th October 2025. Location still to be confirmed as enquiries about the Golden Lion will be approached by PT.	PT	15/10