



Date/Time of Minutes	Meeting Title	Meeting Ref
21 st May 2026	Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR)	21/05/2026
Subject:	Committee Meeting	
Location:	Golden Lion	

Attendees:	Laurence Hando (Chair), Ted Hand, Paul Turner, Peter Wilson, & Phil Inskip
Apologies:	Julie Wilson & Frances Taylor
Minute Taker:	Laurence Hando
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	Actions/Notes	Action By	Target Date
1	<u>Review of Actions</u> The Minutes of 26 ^t February 2026 were accepted as true and accurate.		
2	<u>Matters Arising from last meeting</u>		
.1	2.2 Still no meeting with Network Rail as will be raised elsewhere in meeting.		
.2	3.1 MCC motion proposed by FT was passed		
.3	3.2 Ted has been in contact with Christian Schmidt of MCC and is expecting a response by the end of May.	TH	June
.4	4.1 Still awaiting Group picture as suggested by FT		
.5	4.2 PT expressed thanks to Twm Owen for his article in the Argus.		
3	<u>Committee Reports:</u>		
.1	Catherine Fookes TH & PI met up with Catherine Fookes MP to keep her up to date. She has been raising MAGOR in Westminster. It is felt imperative that we confirm that no Track Slewing is required for the Magor Station to go ahead. If so, we can reiterate to CF that MAGOR is "Oven Ready"		

.2	<p>Platform Positioning In order to advise CF of the “Oven Ready” state, we have been requesting a “No Slewing” answer from Mott MacDonald who completed our Grip 1 and 2. TH will chase up Mott after 26th May.</p> <p>The Original Mott diagram and the TFW consultation looked the same. We don’t know if the track at the station site is more than the regulation max of 1KM radius. Hopefully talking to Christian Schmidt, we might find out. Plus understanding MCC’s thoughts on progression of the station at Magor.</p>	TH	27/5
.3	<p>David Johnson Plaid Cymru TH & PI has a meeting with Plaid representatives before the Senedd elections who appeared very supportive of the Magor project.</p>		
.4	<p>New Senedd Members In Monmouthshire, we now have 2 Plaid, 2 Reform, 1 Labour and 1 Conservative. We are reasonably confident that they will support us. PT is still awaiting back from Steven Senior of Reform on their party stance of the new stations However Laura Anne Jones has previously stated her support.</p> <p>It was felt that once the New members settle into their roles, we should start approaching them for support and answers. Also Mark Hooper Dept transport Minister. This was deferred until end of June.</p>		
.5	<p>School Engagement Further to our original decision, not to sponsor a walk to school this year. TH has heard from Victoria (Tors) Hammett-Johnson, who understood our position, particularly in light of last years negative comments by a few! Tors volunteers to facilitate the event, if we agreed to participate. A unanimous vote was approved in favour of continuing of Tors took over the organisation.</p> <p>TH to communicate our reverse decision to Tors and a meeting was agreed for 18th June to finalise matters. Both Tors and Owen are to be invited to this meeting.</p> <p>Meanwhile we need to canvass support for sponsors. PT to action a Facebook request and add to our website.</p>	TH	22/5
4	<p>.1 Any Other Business</p> <p>Through a Freedom of Information enquiry PI was able to receive an update to the Relief Line upgrades:- -The Track will be upgraded to between 40 and 100mph (faster than the main line) -15/20/25 Turnouts will not be upgraded -Anticipated signing off authorisation to be in Autumn 2026. Taking up to 2 years to complete.</p> <p>This therefore appears to be a separate project to that of the 5</p>		

<p>.2</p> <p>.3</p> <p>5</p>	<p>stations.</p> <p>Due to Nationalisation, it appears the GWR, (now under Great British Railways) no longer has the gift to choose its “Taunton Stopper” where it likes. So STJ or Magor are in doubt, when the Station is built. This only leaves TFW on the Caldicot line.</p> <p>With reference to the 5 new stations. It appears TFW is only looking at 1 train er hour on the Cheltenham route.</p> <p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Thursday 18th June 19:00 Golden Lion</p>		
	<p>Meeting finished at 20:00</p>		