

## Conservative Group Motion to Full Council 15/12/22

We the Conservative Group, formally request that this Council agree to the creation of a Council Working Group to help and facilitate the re-opening of Mauchline and Cumnock Railway Stations.

The basis of this Working Group would involve members of this Council, MP's, MSP's as well as an open offer to other Council Members in our region.

The Conservative Group is in the process of running an open Petition on this issue which currently has just under 1,000 signatures of our local Constituents and is rising.

We are expanding the Village of Mauchline and the Town of Cumnock, however we need to be seriously looking at the transport infrastructure in the area.

This working group would look to reverse the Beeching Cuts of 1965, increase the use of Rail, which in turn would reduce the volume of Traffic on the A76.

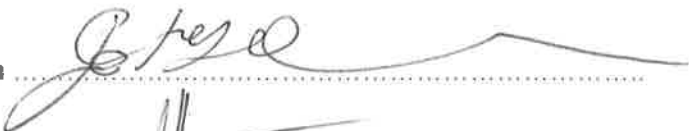
The Working group is important to:

1. Reduce Car Travel on the A76 between Cumnock, Mauchline and Kilmarnock / Glasgow and beyond.
2. Increase and Boost Tourism to the East Ayrshire Area.
3. Reduce Accidents and Traffic volume on the busy A76.
4. Increase Train travel, which is better for the environment, working towards our Net Zero Targets.

**Accordingly we call on Council to –**

- **Agree to set up a Working Group for the purpose of lobbying Scottish Government, Transport Scotland, Network Rail and any other relevant agencies or bodies for the re-opening of both Cumnock and Mauchline railway stations.**
- **To agree the composition of the Working Group as proposed above together with any other appointments to the Membership that Council may consider appropriate.**
- **To appoint Members of Council to the Working Group in accordance with the agreed composition.**
- **To remit to the Working Group to appoint its own Chair and to further develop their terms of reference as appropriate.**
- **And to remit to the group to provide regular updates on their activities and progress to Cabinet or Council and at such intervals as Council considers suitable.**

Proposer: Councillor John McFadzean



Seconder: Councillor Neill Watts



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