

# Abergavenny Transition Town Meeting - 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016 - Summary

## ATT hosts Flat Pack Democracy promoter Peter MacFayden.

Peter MacFayden from Independents for Froome ( IFF) came to Abergavenny Community Centre last week to a meeting chaired by Paul Clifford.

Twenty five people attended. A good discussion. Elections for Town Council are May 2017. Can the Froome experience be relevant to Abergavenny?

If you want to get involved e-mail [paul.clifford20@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.clifford20@btinternet.com)

For more information see <http://www.flatpackdemocracy.co.uk/about/>



Paul Clifford and Peter MacFayden



The meeting

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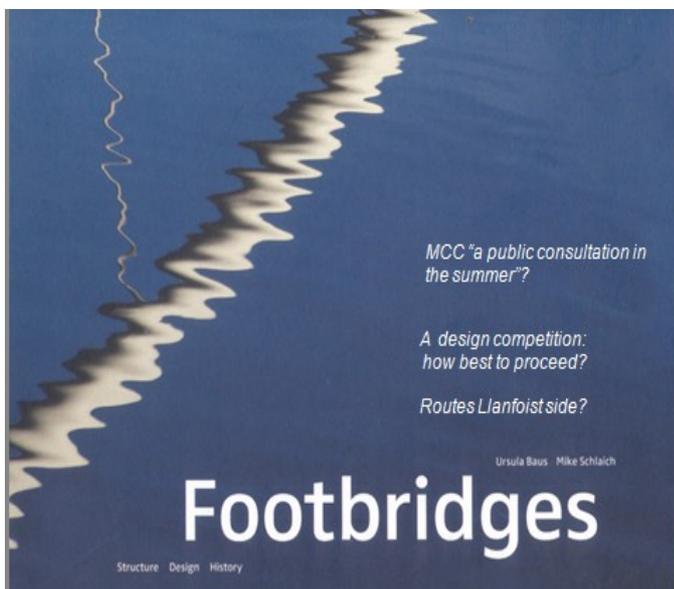
## ATT not phased by Big Lottery Decision

Big Lottery informed us and all our partners that they had decided not to award the £20,000 development first phase for our *Growing with the Flows* project bid for £2m under BL's *Create Your Space programme*. The group of many community partners from the original bid are meeting early September to push elements of the project forward by other means. If you want to know more about our bid contact [phannay@toucansurf.com](mailto:phannay@toucansurf.com)



## ATT to link with others to lobby for pedestrian /cyclists bridge design competition

The May meeting of ATT agreed that the potential project for a new pedestrian/ cyclists bridge over the Usk near the Llanfoist roadbridge should be the outcome of a design competition, not just handed to MCC framework engineers Parsons Brinkehoff. The Abergavenny Cycle group and members of ATT plus reps from Llanfoist Community Council aim to Lobby MCC on this. The sorts of best practice that should be used as a benchmark for this can be found in the book "Footbridges" by Ursula Baus and Mike Schlaich.



## Hydrogen Car Trial + Electric Car charging point infrastructure

ATT and Monmouth TT are joining up to lobby for a sound strategy for providing an infrastructure of electric car charging points within the county.

Any members of either Transition Town, or Chepstow TT who already own an electric car or are about to purchase one, please contact [phannay@toucansurf.com](mailto:phannay@toucansurf.com)

Monmouthshire County Council announced in cabinet that they had been approached by *Riversimple* to trial 20 hydrogen cell cars.

Maps for current electric car charging points in the UK can be found at [www.goultra.com](http://www.goultra.com). You can now charge your electric car at over 10,000 chargepoints and at over 96% of motorway services in England and Wales.

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## ATT to investigate thermal performance of new 250 Home development at Deri Farm, North Abergavenny.

Persimmons the housebuilder has a current application in for planning. Members of ATT will be cross questioning the environmental performance of the houses proposed and the degree to which the siting can accommodate the best orientation for renewables. While the site borders a national cycling network route, ATT will be looking closely at all planning decisions that can reduce the prominence of car usage for accessing facilities ( schools and local shops).





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## Further application on the Llanfloist Farm site

CastleOak have put in train a pre-application consultation process for a 70 bed care home on part of the middle section of the site at Llanfloist Farm known as 'Westgate' adjacent to the A465. ATT with the Civic Society recently took part in that process raising a raft of key issues ranging from the key matter of 'planning uses' allocated to the site which don't currently relate to a care home under the LDP, through to many detailed aspects of the schemes design. CastleOak was meeting the Llanfloist Community council and members of the Llanfloist community last week. To find out more contact Dick Cole at [DandLCole@aol.com](mailto:DandLCole@aol.com)

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## ATT invited to contribute expertise to MCC-led EU 'Agri-Urban' Project

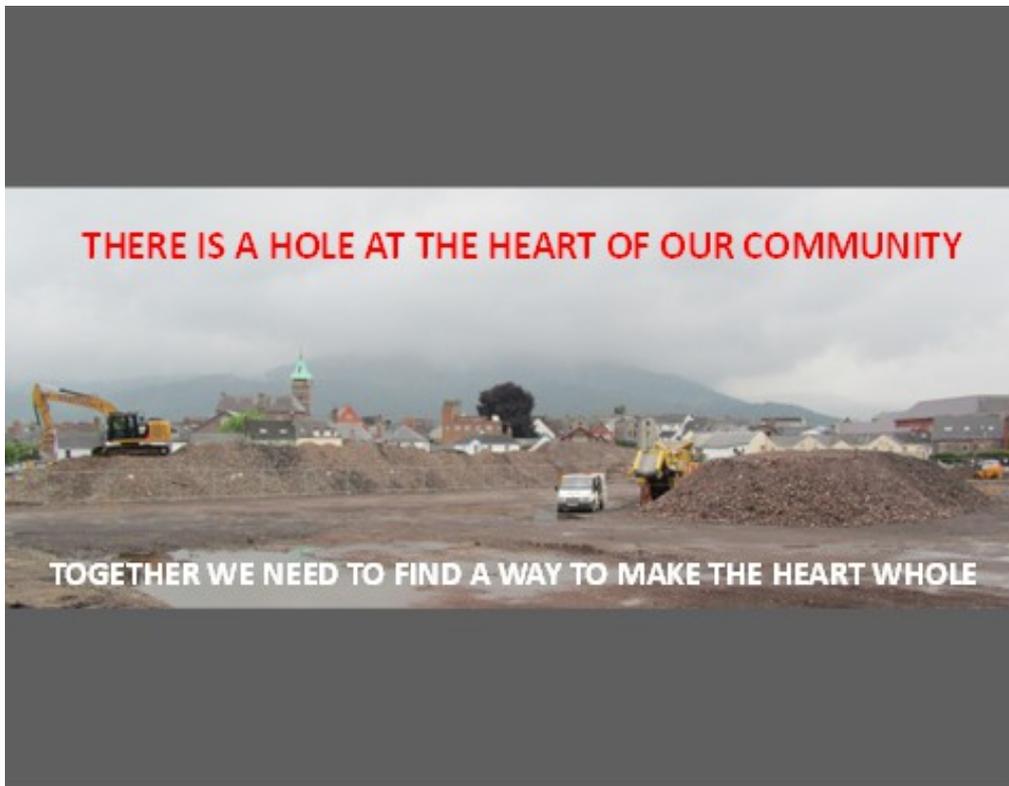
The Abergavenny Food Festival has been the magnet to attract a major EU project connecting us to 11 European urban settlements with particularly innovative developments connecting local food producers to the settlements. This is being conducted through the MCC Rural Development programme Officer Deserie Mansfield and Town and County Councillor John Prosser. ATT attended the second meeting of the project. The reps from the eleven settlements are coming to the 2017 Food Festival. Several of ATT projects may be relevant. Elaine Blanchard, a local business woman, gave a presentation on the development work for the "Food Assembly" to be linked to the Abergavenny Community centre.

See <https://thefoodassembly.com/en>

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## It's June – it must be Morrisons Soon?

June is the month where Morrisons is legally and formally supposed to sign up with MCC to the full project to deliver a supermarket on the former Abergavenny Cattle Market site. We are now June 20th and nothing yet. ATT discussed at their recent meeting about having a new project process waiting in the wings, just in case all the promises didn't come to fruition and to avoid a crude sell-on to the highest bidder.



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## ATT members to visit Stroud Community Agriculture Ltd

We plan to organise a trip soon to Stroud to see their innovative Community Supported agriculture project. We will try and take a minibus. Those interested should contact

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## ATT contributes to debate on projected new information exchange hub in refurbished sections of the Town Hall

Monmouthshire is leading a new project to merge *one-stop shop* and library facilities into one

*information exchange* facility as well as creating a new reception for the Town Hall Theatre. This project is at a very early exploratory stage. ATT argued that while many consultees and stakeholders might sign up to the project in principle, there was a huge amount of detailed development and design thinking needing to be done by the architects EWI and consultants DCA before one had a viable project. MCC should avoid rushing to get everyone's approval in principle and then find at a latter date there are major flaws in the proposals.

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