Draft Agenda:
1. Apologies
2. The Pedestrian Cyclists Usk Bridge options consultation: update.
4. IE: Community Supported Agriculture: next moves: Takers for Stroud visit?
5. IE: Community Orchard update: Harvest Gathering Aber Community Centre?
6. CastleOak 70 bed Care Home, Llanfoist Farm site: update
7. The electric/hydrogen car debate –report back on MCC meeting?( Jon Prince)
8. Land on the Llanfoist periphery: Grove Farm 120 houses project: Time for a plan?
9. JUST FOOD: the September Rosie Boycott Food Festival event update:+ Horsington Yrd
11. Five Year Plans: Town Council/ MCC/ Team Abergavenny: Update
12. Town Hall/Hubs/information exchanges (library) update on developments
14. A.O.B.
   a) Romanian UDI on food sourcing :b) Create Your Space update: c) Flat Pack Democracy:
   reminder: d) ATT Website / Facebook / Twitter progress? : e Eisteddfod Bee triumph.
   f) Radical technology conference Bristol; report back :g) UrbACT update:

Next meeting date + subject focus: WHERE NEXT FOR ATT?
Apologies

- Rod Cunningham
- Francis Buxton
- Simon Bilsborough
- Richard Lewis
- Freddy Edmonds
- Jack Thurston
- Nick Tatum
- Dave Simcock

Present

- Andy Green
- Fraser Stephens
- Mary Ann Swanson
- Jon prince
- Dick Cole
- Lynette Green
- Paul Clifford
- Steve Harris
- Patrick Hannay (Chair)
Cyclist/pedestrian bridge over Usk

07.08.2014 early preferred option by engineers: note route has since altered:
Design Commission for Wales: pre-application Design Review meeting attended by Christian Schmidt and engineers from WSP Parsons Brinkerhoff. You can read report of their advice on this at:- (Well worth reading)

http://dcfw.org/design-review/design-review-reports/
This was the notice inviting people to the public consultation at Llanfoist
Bridge consultation took place September 13/14 @ Llanfoist Village Hall: MCC + WSP/ Parsons Brinkerhoff
4 out of those present at ATT meeting had gone to consultation. 50 written responses were filled in at the hall. Many others were taken away for filling in late. Approx 300 came to consultation over the two days.

NOTE: This is NOT the actual proposal
Possible future alternative cyclists/ pedestrian routes to serve both settlements: Note, the actual option 1 proposal by MCC has a more subtle bridge location and routes to it than just straight across from Byefield lane car park as shown here.

A route option labelled 1 is one that links up into the housing estate. A route option labelled 2 comes round the back of the estate. The preferred primary route for the moment is to the Bridge Inn where roads will be reconfigured to create a pedestrian crossing (see later).
1. Up from bridge onto estate: direct, but this will require careful investigation and negotiation. Not likely to be installed at time of bridge crossing installation.

2. Round edge of estate: clear intent to extend estate? Possibly but route considered unlikely to be put in when bridge installed.
Bridge Inn corner to be re-configured

Route to the new bridge

View from the Bridge Inn along the river bank

The Bridge Inn corner: roads to be re-configured to instal crossing and further parking bays added to avoid awkwardness on existing bridge
Note: bridge may eventually not be at right angles to bank but be slanted in direction of travel:

This should probably say Access ramp
Generally agreed at meeting: colour should not be used to hide, and anyway green would draw attention. It needed acknowledging that the bridge was a positive presence so don’t try and hide. It need sensitive landscaping.
WSP Parsons Brinkerhoff structural options: (there are potentially others but not put forward by PB: see later)

- Slender appearance leads to visually aesthetic structural form;
- Minimal visual impact;
- State of the art technology and advanced structural form;
- Minimal long-term maintenance;
- Short installation times;
- Smaller cranes required;
- Potentially requires more expensive and complex foundations;
- Greater skill and care is required during construction.

- Traditional form of construction;
- Increased flexibility of structural form and aesthetics;
- Traditional foundations can be employed;
- Short installation times;
- High fabrication costs;
- Regular maintenance over watercourse required if painted steel is used;
- Creates a confined space inside the box which will have to be maintained/inspected regularly;
- Larger cranes required during construction..
Engineer Jurg Conzett: this is a stress-ribbon bridge beautifully engineered
Enzauen Park bridge Pforzeim, Germany: a stress-ribbon bridge: note level and depth of structural ties below ground.
Other options not explored by PB: bridges not at right angles to the bank: mast and cable suspension with mast hidden in trees on Llanfoist bank....also others
Passarell Solferino, Paris: a pedestrian bridge that delivers people at two very different levels
March 2013 floods: the Usk from Llanfoist bridge: clearly the pedestrian bridge would be closed during such floods.
How to deal with the flood threat? More mitigation upstream but also possibly close bridge in such circumstances.
To cope with 1:100 year flood

This way of getting up to a much higher bridge to avoid any flooding was shown to Design Commision for Wales, and considered not advisable. Why not deal with flooding upstream through mitigation, woodlands, subsidised flood plains, bogs, etc and work on poor surface water management in settlements: NRW would appear to have agreed that one simply closes the bridge in such floods. And thus there is no need to have such a bridge at high level.
Once the bridge is in place more provision for cycle parking in town will need to be provided. MCC already have drawn up a list of possible locations for discussion with Town Council and cycling groups.
COMMUNITY ORCHARD + IE EVENTS

• Monday 12th September 6.00 p.m.
  *Yellow rattle seeding/pick fruit:*
  Location LJ Community Orchard

• Friday 16th September 6.30 for 7 – 9 p.m.
  Rosie Boycott Q&A on politics of food:
  Location St. Mary's Church, Abergavenny

  **Saturday 17th September 11.00 – 5.00pm**
  Horsington Yard: Animals and food debates

• Sunday 9th October 10.00 – 5.00 p.m.
  *Apple and pear juicing:*
  Location Abergavenny Community Centre

Note the top three events have already occurred.
Community Orchard + IE Events contnd

• **Saturday 29th** and **Sunday 30th** October 10.30 – 4.00
  *Pond creation*: Location **LJ Community Orchard**

• **Saturday 5th November & Saturday 26th November** 11.00 - until it's done!
  *Ideas and Planning*: Location **Orchard if fine**

• **Saturday 10th December**
  Apple pruning/training: Location **LJ Comm Orchard**

• **Saturday 7th January 2017** 3.30 p.m. onwards
  **Wassail Event**: Location **LJ Comm Orchard**

• VOLUNTEERS PLEASE...........ALL WELCOME contact ieabergavenny@gmail.com
Community Orchard wins Green Flag award at National Eisteddfod Abergavenny August 2016
COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE

• A visit to Community Supported Agriculture at Stroud:
• Sign up.......... Any takers?
• PH will investigate mini- bus hire but alternatively a small group will go by car and report back.
CastleOak 70 bed care home: Westgate Site: Planning application already in: Case study number DC/2016/00884
Note Linear Park planned for site to run along this edge of their proposal has been ignored.

Note 3 metre high gabion wall at edge of site above (lost) public footpath to ensure flat site.
FIRST OUTLINE ELEVATIONS SUBMITTED: followed by..........
currently in for planning DC/2016/00884

Safety in mediocrity!
The electric/hydrogen car debate: feedback from Climate Champions meeting: Jon Prince

NISSAN LEAF
Notes from Jon Prince on Climate Champions meeting MCC on electric car charging points

- MCC have plans for electric vehicle (EV) charging points in Abergavenny, Chepstow and Monmouth car parks. It's not decided which type of charger will be used. The meeting resolved to collect more information by:

  Finding out what plans Welsh Government has for installation of EV charging points.

  Applying to Rural Development for funding for a study.

  Seeing if surrounding Local Authorities have plans for EV charging.

  Phil Powell from Gwent Energy will investigate installing EV charging points at Chepstow library.
Westgate

Grove Farm site

MCC owned land?

Mountain View extended?

THE ENCIRCLEMENT OF THE USK...... “ABER-FOIST” .......? OR..................
Rather than developer led fragments, MCC led major new planned settlements?
A POSSIBILITY FOR Gypsy lane site? (next three slides on self build) Agreed that Steve Harris + PH would go and talk to Ben about this option for development to allow those excluded currently from access to low cost housing.
3 types of serviced plots possible for Grove Farm
(source: Custom & Self Build Toolkit)

• 1. Serviced plots that are directly delivered by a council -

• Here the local authority uses its own land (or land it acquires), and takes the risk associated with the plot delivery (but not the building of homes). This typically means it hires contractors and co-ordinates the various utilities providers to service the plots, and then handles the design, planning, marketing and sales in-house. The advantage of this approach is that the council controls every element of the project and enjoys the direct benefits of development, such as the uplift in land value associated with improvements made to the land.

• Contnd..........
• 2. Serviced plots delivered in partnership with others –

• Here a council uses its own land (or land it acquires) and then works with a partner or third party to deliver the project (such as a developer, a builder, a housing association or community group). With this approach the partners share the development risk and benefits.

• contnd.........
• **3. Serviced plots delivered by others** – in this situation a developer, builder, housing association or community group is the main promoter, and they will probably be the owner of the site. There is no development risk for the council, but it can still seek to proactively manage or influence the project so that the plots help to meet the local demand.

http://customandselbuildtoolkit.org.uk/briefing-notes/how-to-deliver-serviced-plots/#
Community Energy update? ( 1 of 2) from Andy Green

- Abergavenny Energy CIC have;

Made application to the Rural Development fund for three projects

1) A Feasibility Study on the practicalities and benefits of Community Energy Hubs. The Energy Hub will be an energy storage facility (preferably but not necessarily associated with one or more renewable energy generators) that would perform the following functions.

   a) Provision of Emergency Energy in the case of Grid shutdown
   b) To support the Local Electricity Infrastructure - to absorb peaks and fill troughs that increasingly occur on the grid.
   c) To enable future energy trading - bolstering the local economy
   d) To provide an electric car charging infra-structure

Other related benefits of energy storage may also emerge from the study. The study will also encompass the pros and cons of the most up to date energy storage methods.
Community Energy contnd..........

2) A Community Switching Scheme which will be based on multiple rural cells. The objective is not, at least initially, to buy greener energy per se but to be an 'involver' to provide a customer base for future energy saving initiatives. This is our most challenging proposal but we believe that such a 'local community' perspective will bring success where earlier more ephemeral Switching Schemes have found barriers.

3) A local energy trading Scheme. Essentially Mr Farmer will sell energy generated on his farm to the local school (or similar consumer). The grid provides a 'Pool' of energy that the former feeds into and the latter draws from so no direct transfer of Watts is required! This can increase profit and reduce costs respectively and keeps money within the local community.

We have passed 'Pre-Application' and are now moving onto Step 2 The Formal application - with many thanks to Monmouthshire CC (Mark Lloyd in particular) for their support and guidance.
Team Abergavenny / Town Council 5 year plan

• Jack Thurston and Dick Cole have contributed sections to Jacqui Warren who is co-ordinating draft document for TA.
• PH was going to contribute on land/property front but ran out of time. Submitted stream of consciousness stuff on all aspects of town environment; informal meeting with Warren and Michie held two weeks last Wednesday.
• Meeting on Monday 5th September; Team Abergavenny considered draft:
• Meeting with Town Council and TA held on Wednesday 7th to consider draft if approved on 5th by TA.
• Note: new Clerk to Town Council stepped down only after two months or so in post. New Clerk appointed.
Next meeting for those wanting to move to next stage to be announced
Chair: Paul Clifford
Boundary changes in Wales

• “Wales would lose 11 of its 40 seats, leaving it with 29. This is the biggest proportional change across the nations and reflects that fact that many of the Welsh constituencies have low numbers of registered voters. It would be the biggest single change to Wales' electoral map since the Boundary Commission was created in 1944.”

• Langstone, Llanwern and the remainder of Newport East will be merged into Monmouth, ........Croesyceiliog and Llanyfron, currently in Monmouth, will also be merged into Torfaen, ........

• But Monmouth's David Davies, the only Conservative MP in Gwent, said: “I went to school in Caldicot and it would be a pleasure to canvass Hall Park where I used to live.

• “And I will be delighted to represent the parts of Monmouthshire County Council which are currently in Newport East.”
Bayer sweetens its Monsanto bid to $65bn in third approach

A new ruling on its safety is expected by the end of 2017.

Catherine Fookes, campaigner manager for the Organic Trade Board, has lived in Monmouthshire for 15 years. She called on the council to become a pesticide-free zone.

A horticultural worker inside a Monsanto greenhouse in Bergschenhoek, the Netherlands. Photograph: Jasper Juiten/Bloomberg/ Getty Images.
Glyphosates: Meeting agreed to call on MCC to ban them.
CREATE YOUR SPACE UPDATE partners holding meeting October 5th to decide what next
Town Hall ‘Hub’ update

• “This report was deferred and has been added to the 22\textsuperscript{nd} September (MCC) agenda. The report now seeks approval for funding to finalise the business case on the basis of the hub being located within the Town Hall. At this stage it does not seek approval to ring fence or allocate the capital funding and this is as a consequence of wider financial pressures and the need to finalise the Business Case before seeking authority to proceed with the project.”

• Debra Hill – Howells MCC 13.09.16

We think this means considerable delays likely. PH to seek clarification
MacDonalds is the one single brand in NZ that is proving difficult to convince: contnd on next slide
abroad to share their success story with other unions.

The new legislation stipulates that workers must be offered a fixed, minimum number of hours each week, and will not be penalised for refusing any extra work offered at short notice.

“We have been in demand, everyone wants the nitty-gritty details of how we pulled it off,” said Joe Carolan, a senior organiser for Unite. “Internationally, activists think the speed of the victory was startling. But we’ve been campaigning since 2005. We’ve had long drawn-out scraps. Endless fights.”

The union has been celebrating this week after it concluded a significant and lengthy negotiation with Restaurant Brands New Zealand (which includes KFC, Starbucks and Pizza Hut franchises) agreeing to move all of its 4,000 zero-hour employees onto fixed-hour contracts. The company will now guarantee workers a minimum number of hours each week, and “reasonable compensation” for any time they are expected to be available.

Intense talks are also under way with Burger King and Wendy’s, said Carolan. But one fast-food chain is digging its heels in: “McDonald’s are tough,” he said.

Hehir says the zero-hours contracts demanding that employees be available seven days a week were evidence of poor management - and most companies had been able to accurately pinpoint busy times when extra workers may be needed, to a 10-hour window each week.

The introduction of minimum fixed hours has also taken away a tool some managers use to discriminate against workers - arbitrarily rewarding or punishing them by changing their hours.

“If you forget to smile at your boss on their birthday, that’s no longer something they can punish you for by withholding shifts,” said Hehir. “Workers have more stability, more confidence they will not be punished for personal slights - real or imagined.”

Shirley Wang, who is employed at Sky City Casino in Auckland on a fixed-hour contract and is an active Unite member, says the next hurdle is to move workers to banded employment contracts, in

‘Workers have more stability, more confidence they will not be punished for personal slights’

Gerard Hehir, Unite
Old version of Costa Drive Thru

Not a tree in sight

Premier Inn

Brewers Fayre

First visualisation of MacDonalds publicly released: shown postage stamp size in Chronicle

Now actually the site proposed for a 70 bed care home

MacDonalds artificial boundary line

Slip road off A465

So whose is this land? MCC? if so could not they plant a forest?

PH to check MacDonalds planning application to see what agreements were finally made with BBNP and MCC landscape advisers as to planting of woodland along the site perimeter
EU Urb ACT update

• Councillor Prosser and Deserie Mansfield went to Rotterdam workshops. Report back due 26 September. PH to attend meeting with Pamela Mason (PM) and report back.

• Consider inviting PM to next ATT meeting to discuss Barcelona case study and also recent developments on local horticultural production in Romania.

• PM invited by MCC to join visit to Belgium case study in October.

• PH attending next meeting of EU Urb ACT 26th September.
Record-high temperatures ‘like walking into a fire’

By Hugh Naylor

Record high temperatures have scorched countries from Morocco to Saudi Arabia and beyond this summer, and climate experts are warning that the severe weather could be a harbinger of worse to come.

Temperatures in Kuwait and Iraq have startled observers. On 22 July, the mercury hit 53.8°C (129.8°F) in the Iraqi city of Basra. A day earlier, it reached 129.2°F in Mitribah, Kuwait. If confirmed by the World Meteorological Organisation, the two temperatures would be the hottest ever recorded in the eastern hemisphere.

Going out is like ‘walking into a fire’, said Zainab Guman, who lives in Basra. “It’s like everything on your body – your skin, your eyes, your nose – starts to burn.”

In the coming decades, UN officials and climate scientists predict that the mushrooming populations in the Middle East and North Africa will face extreme water scarcity, temperatures almost too hot for human survival and other consequences of global warming. If that happens, conflicts and refugee crises on a far greater scale than now are probable, said Adel Abdelatif, a senior adviser at the UN Development Programme’s Regional Bureau for Arab States.

“This incredible weather shows that climate change is already taking a toll now and that it is – by far – one of the biggest challenges ever faced by this region.” WASHINGTON POST
Are we running out of time as climate change advances relentlessly? Are we making sufficient impact on the crucial factors of behavioural change? Are we too invisible to the rest of Abergavenny.........?

Is it time for ATT to re-assess its priorities for direct action and focussing on a few key issues: To be discussed at next meeting: anyone to submit suggestions in advance of meeting and circulate.
Radical Technology Conference Bristol
September 2nd – 4th 2016

Report back next meeting

Drawing Clifford Harper 1975
NEXT MEETING October 13\textsuperscript{th} @ Abergavenny Community centre 7.15pm

• Key focus issues?
• Who to invite?
• Where is ATT going next?
• New chair in January? Volunteers?