• “This is the second high profile spat over an Italian location this year for McDonalds. Last month it was reported that cardinals at the Vatican had been angered by plans to open a branch in a piazza next to Saint Peter's Square.”
November 2016 ATT

Agenda:

1. Apologies

2. Feedback from Design Workshop (Cardiff) on new Usk pedestrian Cyclists bridge.

3. Morrisons. The draft ATT submission (see attached) + liason with Market Hall traders


5. EU Agri-Urban project update: Mapping local food sourcing/ distribution.

6. Updates from IE/Community Orchard/ Community Energy/ Well being event/ Flat Pack.

7 A.O.B: Who will pick up Housing strategy/LDP?
Note: Minutes to this meeting written in yellow

• **Apologies:**
  - Francis Buxton, Jack Thurston, Jane Llewellyn Dixon, Jeremy Gass, Dick Cole, Richard Lewis

• **Present**
  - Mary Ann Swanson, Steve Harris, Simon Bilsborough, Jon Prince, Patrick Hannay (Chair), Fraser Stephens,
THE BRIDGE

Workshop at WSP/PB offices Cardiff November 1st 2016
LLanfoist pedestrian/cyclists Bridge

- ATT attended workshop with MCC and bridge engineers/architects plus many local council and voluntary group reps in Cardiff offices of Parsons Brinkerhoff. Unified agreement on an improved proposition but while Cadw + NRW were present they avoided commitment.
- Proposed bridge location by bridge architects Knight Architects now nearer to the Bridge Inn
- 2 options for a design; preference at workshop for truss and inner timber lining option.
- Been agreed no lighting on bridge or meadow.
- Next stages: to Design Commission for Wales November 17th, then planning permission MCC application. Need to hit January 31st deadline for funding application WG.
Bridge crossing positions: current proposal in yellow by Knight Architects; (WSP/PB)
Possible new crossing point (approx)

Town Hall tower
Possible new crossing point (approx)
Option 1 by Knight Architects: Glu-lam beams
Option 2 Metal Truss and timber uprights creating timber inner lining as seen when on bridge: details still to be developed: All groups at the meeting had preference for this option as it allowed view through/down to river when on bridge.
Truss bridge section

Glulam bridge section

Support legs (glulam)
Sorting the cattle issue to also make it easy for mobility scooters, wheelchairs, bicycles with trailers, parents with prams will be a challenge if we are not to end up with an elegant bridge and a dog’s dinner of fencing posts. This above is not a solution........
Morrisons

• Welsh Government approved the road scheme proposals submitted by Morrisons but that was in 2011 and the Active Travel Act came in 2013, so they ATT + ACG will argue need to re-think.
• Aber Cycle group (ACG) written to MCC planners to object. (see MCC planning portal)
• Existing wall plus railings between Morrisons and Brewery Yard is being kept – but needs to look and feel like a single space – current design plans don’t do this in either detail or material.
• More thought needed re: access for pedestrians and cyclists and a clear north-south route across the site to Bailey Park.
• Need to up-date retail impact assessment – no mention of impact on food stall holders in existing market.
• Deadline for views to MCC November 23 if you want MCC officers to scrutinise them. Application to be heard at Planning Committee December 6th.
• ATT will also critique embodied energy of materials and lack of renewables: ATT will circulate draft objection and seek to speak at Planning Committee on behalf of ATT and A&DCS: ACTION PH
2010/11 scheme with Library
CRITIQUE OF LAYOUT
• Reinforces barrier between town and Bailey park
• Lack of clarity of pedestrian/cyclists routes north south across site.
• New junction on A40 primarily suits cars and nobody else when applicant claims it a town centre walk-able store.
• Lion Street edge; why keep railing wall; surface finish quality to Brewery yard should extend throughout.
• Poor entrance south east corner Lion Street.
• Poor connection to Brewery Yard.
• Car dominated site layout, pedestrians have to manoeuvre past cars.
• Applicants blind to major pedestrian route through Bailey Park.
• Car exit out of Fairfield CP not pedestrians
Pedestrian networks: Need to establish strong north south route across Morrison’s site to Bailey Park
A suggested better approach to site layout. A series of urban squares and tree-lined routes and edges.
An even better site layout:
Moving store onto Lion Street.
Model store on architecture of Market Hall.
Open up visual link, Bailey Park to site and town
2011
Morrison's elevations
2016
Morrison’s
Elevations
WASTE - REDISTRIBUTION

• a) Reduce consumption: ATT to take up Chepstow TT example of running Bring and Take events (no money changes hands) based at Abergavenny Community centre. Was run successfully by Phil Powell of Chepstow TT. Contact him to check processes / problems and promotion and set up first event. (Action M-AS)

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b) Highlight excess consumption: All ATT members to be asked to photograph conspicuous waste examples on visits to Waste Transfer Station (particularly of furniture.) PH to arrange blog on AbergavennyNow website to post photos and raise awareness/questions. (Action all ATT members)
WASTE TRANSFER

• c) SB/PH to invite Community Homemakers rep and also a worker on Waste Transfer Station (who lives in Abergavenny) to attend ATT discussion of experience as worker on the job at Llanfoist. Also invite rep from MCC Waste team as suggested by DC.
WASTE: LITTER
WASTE WATER CONTAINERS

- d) John Lewis recent national report, 35% up on people buying water containers which they fill with water from the tap to avoid purchasing plastic bottles of water.
- Should we raise with Waitrose management at Llanfoist why they still sell plastic bottles of water. Possibly mount campaign at steps entrance to Waitrose off roundabout with cooperation of Welsh Water (who had hundreds of their containers given out at Eisteddfod) (Action M-A S)

M-AS will contact Phil Powell of Chepstow TT to understand logistics of Bring and Take events and how to set one up at Abergavenny Community Centre: ACTION M-AS

- Debate about priorities for direct action on drinks containers (fizzy drinks versus bottled water). Could be simply ATT providing information rather than direct confrontation action. No decision. M-AS to develop strategy.
- Community Homemakers + Waste workers to be invited to ATT meeting: ACTION SB
EU Agri Urban project

- Hoped to get feedback from Catherine Fookes re: recent November meeting of MCC/EU Agri urban project.
- PH unable to attend due to clash with other commitment.
- Pamela Mason was not at meeting either.
- As yet no feedback from Catherine. F.
- Note: JUST FOOD group holding a discussion December 7th focussed on a paper circulated by Pamela Mason.
Pond digging in the Orchard

- Top soil removed to create a bund

- Ground filled with stones, bricks, tarmac etc very difficult to dig

- Exploring the hiring of a small digger to speed things up.

- Puddle clay to be purchased from Canal River Trust

- Planning permission still waits final confirmation but seems guaranteed

The Project starts: November 5th 2016
Mary and Stan Barker may form a group - along the lines of Friends of Mardy Park Orchard; link person to ATT Jeff Davies

At Mardy Park - there's a gardening therapy group, Wild Tots and Forest School, are using part of the land too, so its complex plus will need careful liaison.
Community Orchard events?

• Through IE/Community Orchard contacts with the Community Land Advisory Service (CLAS) which is part of Federation of City Farms and Community gardens, ATT might set up an event with CLAS taking a leading role – if there is sufficient volunteer interest in ATT. **Those interested: contact Jeff Davies/ Jane Llewellyn Dixon.**

Visit to Stroud Community Supported Agriculture scheme still to be done. **Action JD + PH**

**Next Event – 10 December 2016** training on apple Tree pruning 10.00am Orchard moving to Mardy Park 12.00-1.00pm.

**Next Event 7th January 2017** Wassail + Tree dressing. Look at IE and Community Orchard website or Facebook for more details.

**Pond digging** has begun in the orchard (by hand!). Powered diggers may take over.
Community Orchard /IE Events

• **Saturday 10th December**: Apple pruning/ training:
  • Location LJ Comm Orchard: 10.00am then Mardy Park 12-1

• **Saturday 7th January 2017 3.00 p.m. onwards**
  Wasailing Event + (children) Dressing the trees:
  Location LJ Comm Orchard + afterwards Hen & Chicks: TBC
PARKS: PEOPLE AND PLACES BID

Work in progress................

• ATT invited Team Abergavenny (TA)members to a conversation around Growing with the Flows Lottery submission but they didn’t have time to come.
• TA and Town Council are mostly focussing on more sports and recreational facilities for Bailey Park through a People and Places Lottery bid. (see next page)
• ATT will contribute observations if asked.
North Monmouthshire to 2021: Sport & Recreation Priorities

Vision: Fitter and stronger together
( Team Abergavenny/Richard O’Connor)

Network group - in progress

Nick John       Leisure Centre (Guidance & support)
Andy Sutton     Rugby & Health
Simon Mansfield Football, Athletics & Disability
Andy Pook       Petanque, Llanvoist hall, Athletics
Steve Boyles    Welsh Athletics
Ian Saunders    Primary School Athletics (WA)
Martin Williams King Henry School
Mrs Bayton      Ilantilio Pertholey P.S.
Karla Hobbs     PS Governor
Mrs Hall        School sport strategy
Ruth Moyse      Nth Gwent Police
Penny Nurse     Nth Gwent Cardiac Rehab
Trevor Scott    Hockey Club
Bill Rogers      Tennis Club
Meryl Thomas    Table Tennis
Shirley         Friends of Bailey Park
Mike Hodges     Friends of Castle Meadows
Alan Pearson    SAQ International

Short / med term priorities
1. Petanque club house remedial work and co-location for Athletics, Football and Park Run.
2. Junior weekly Park Run – Leisure Centre initiative
3. Athletics Club start up in Spring
4. Athletics training track and multi sports surface
5. Primary athletics – mile a day Govt initiative
6. Rugby Club co-location of another sport opportunity
7. St John, Guides and Scouts co-location opportunities
8. Arrange network workshop for early 2017
9. Communicate Nth Mon to 2021 S&R plans to all other sports club’s, schools and village halls

Input to North Monmouthshire 2012: Open Spaces
1. Bailey Park development (see spec attached).
2. Open spaces promoted with adventurous, attractive facilities, access and signage. (see Abergavenny:Our Town document from King Henry School)
Team Abergavenny: Sport & Recreation input to Bailey Park development

**Rationale:** Priority for an attractive and well maintained park in which to meet and relax. And secondly to improve the recreational offerings to match modern standards.

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Still need to get more information on publicly owned land on perimeter of Abergavenny and Llanfoist. PH to pursue + JP to check with Vivien Mitchell Monmouth TT
Possibly ATT Spring event – alternative methods of delivering affordable housing (e.g. self build). To be led by Steve Harris maybe in Spring 2017. PH to pursue Welsh School of Architecture research on housing delivery and production for WG, as contributor.
Ask Dick Cole to verify diary dates for LDP process in 2017-2018

ACTION:

- Engage with the next round of LDP. Who/when?
- Need to secure info on all public owned land on perimeter of Abergavenny / Llanfoist. Who?
- Strategic settlements not fragments DC.
- Organise meeting of alternative delivery methods: SH?
Meeting 1: Saturday 19th November 2.30pm Abergavenny Community Centre
Meeting 2: Monday 21st November 7.00pm: Abergavenny Community Centre

Ever heard of *Flat-Pack Democracy*, a different way of conducting a Town Council? We have Town Council elections next May 2017. Ever thought of standing for the Town Council? Come and discuss a different future and maybe step up to the plate. **Chaired by Paul Clifford**

Piece in Chronicle November 10th 2016: Chronicle cooperative: On AbervannyNow

Note: ATT is merely hosting events: Paul Clifford chairing:
TA :5 year plan public consultation

• Jacquie Warren for Team Abergavenny and the Town Council, through researching past plans (Whole Place/Better Bryn Y Cwm/LDPs etc) and through discussions with many activists and communities in the town, has assembled a draft of a five year plan, consisting of projects under various themes. (Dick Cole and Jack Thurston have contributed from ATT)

• From a much longer list, a selection of 65 projects have been assembled of various scales and potential benefit and a public consultation on them is intended to help establish priorities. You can also look over the longer list and select from that.

• These will be on display in Methodist Hall, Castle Street December 5th 2.30 – 4.30pm and then again 7.00- 9.00pm: There is an article in this week’s Chronicle.

• WE WOULD URGE EVERYONE TO MAKE THEIR PRIORITIES KNOWN THROUGH THIS PROCESS
A.O B

• Possibility of organising a Transition Town Film Festival with Monmouth and Chepstow TT – Lots of support for this idea. Paul Clifford is the contact. Members to suggest titles of films/sources to Paul.

• **Next ATT meeting**

• 8 December 7.15pm Abergavenny Community Centre