ATT October 2017 agenda

• 1. JUST FOOD update; feedback from Food Festival + Agri-Urban + plans for Christmas event
• 2. Just Juicing: Community Orchard/IE: dates for diary
• 3. Public Realm, update after latest MCC meeting Trinity Church.
• 4. Future sites (Enhance Environment) updates. Tudor Street (McArthy & Stone) site consultation
• 5. Other in-town/edge of town housing developments.
• 6. Castle project update.
• 7. Llanfoist Bridge update plus cycle routes for Meadow.
• 8. The North Monmouthshire Community Plan. Progress?
• 9. Bryn Y Cwm Area Committee: progress on liaising with the community (councils)?
• 9. Climate champions visit to solar farm.
• 10. Caldecott Town Team and Monmouth Plan groups: Our experience; a presentation?
• 11. A.O.B
Apologies

- Jeremy Gass
- Mary Morgan
- Jon Prince
- Gethin Jones
- Francis Buxton
- Freddy Edmonds
- Anthea Fairey
JUST FOOD EVENT at the September 2017 Food Festival “What Future for Fish?” with Professor Alan Terry and Professor Rory Moore chaired by Mary Ann Brocklesby
JUST FOOD Future events /moves..........

Follow up on ‘Future for Fish’ event
JUST FOOD will launch a 38 degrees campaign to AM’s about taking up their “duty” on Marine Conservation areas around Wales. Alan Terry to brief.

• Food Manifesto Launch will be at December 10th Food Festival.
• Possibly in Corn Exchange with Professor Kevin Morgan giving talk, and Aoine Morris launching it.

The obesity issue

Global cost of obesity to hit $1.2tn by 2025

Health bills will be ‘enormous burden’ without preventive steps, say experts

The cost of obesity

US$55.8bn at 2014 value adjusted for purchasing power parity

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One of the principle culprits? Garage shops?
Can ATT engage effectively with this locally in any creative, engaging and humorous way, and if so how?

Agreed to pursue this at next ATT meeting
Juicing Event October 7th 2017 @ Abergavenny Community centre
Next juicing events: Saturday October 21\textsuperscript{st} @ Mardy Park TBC
Sunday October 22\textsuperscript{nd} @ ACC: 11.00 – 4.00pm
Community Orchard Pond lining work this weekend??? (help needed) Timing TBC

Contact Sue Holder sue.holder@gmail.com
Public Realm Forum Meeting 2
Trinity Church
September 25th 2.00pm

Present: MCC Highways, many County/Town Councillors/Jenny Barnes from CAIR/ TA’s Enhance Environment members/ Alan Michie/David Straker/ Shopmobility...........

Since last meeting.......August 29th
• Working Group had met to develop detail.
• Chambers of Trade( Abergavenny Business Club) met. Discussed.
• Talk-through and walk-through of Working group scheme with PCSO Amanda Yung
• Liased with Cllrs Sheila Woodhouse and Tudor Thomas over possible consultation to traders/businesses/residents
• Monday 18th September at Town Hall. Meeting of Working Group with MCC Highways ( 3 members + four of Working group);
• Working Group’s detailed drawings were shown to Highways.
Overall consensus from forum meeting was full support for the scheme as so far presented. (MCC Highways were curiously silent throughout)

Most critical element that will affect everything is the outcome of MCC commissioned traffic study report from Capita – hopefully due some time very soon.

It was agreed that an exhibition of proposals would eventually occur at Griffith’s offices manned by members of Working Group and Highways rather than go door to door to each retailer and business with councillors.

The Working Group had met again since, and refined further detail and would seek another meeting with MCC Highways once the Capita report is known.

Working group was pushing for a meeting with Planning and Highways to see if routes across Morrisons site could be enlarged; if more Hornbeam trees could be added along Lion Steet; if east bound bus stop location would be taken up:
Cwmbran Morrisons parking conditions. Will we get the same? It wont work if we do!

This issue is absolutely critical. PH has already written to MCC Highways and Planning about this. No reply yet. Pursue again.
Morrisons and local food producers meeting......

This week's Abergavenny Chronicle

Local food producers show off their wares to new supermarket

Nick Tatam had attended meeting as well. Difficult to assess how many producers would be taken up. Should be a way of following up but how? Carrefour in France had local producers at entrance with how local clearly indicated Will Morrisons do the same, or is this just window dressing.
McArthy & Stone Tudor Street site update
https://remarkablegroup.co.uk/engagement/

• Process of consultation run by McArthy & Stone hired expert consultants: (Remarkable Engagement)

• Architects are Inspire Design

• Some Councillors/Residents/ Civic Society have been to individual consultations already.

• A wider public consultation to come: date?

• This is serious Pre-Application consultation
McArthy & Stone: Possible questions

1. Have McArthy & Stone ever done a mixed-use development? If not why not? Shouldn't they conceive of this site as a mixed use development ideally at ground level on Tudor Street?

2. What are the nature of conversations they have had with adjoining owners, principally Griffiths? Is there a strategic plan for the whole backland area down to Lewis Lane to the north and to Neville Street on the east that includes a public footpath network into which their proposals are linked?

3. To what degree do potential security issues lead to this whole site ending up being a gated community, and is this appropriate for such a large site right in the heart of the town?

4. Is this sort of accommodation really the priority need for those elderly residents most in need in our community? How many flats are at social rents?

5. What will the development do to apartment prices in the area? Will there be any affordable apartments?

6. At the moment the site is very permeable both visually and in terms of physical access. Will it remain that way? Will you increase that. What level of understanding of the site's historical context do you have and what does that suggest to you?

8. For such an important site in the town would you consider holding an architectural competition for its design.

9. Will you be taking your scheme to the Design Commission for Wales for Review?

10. The present set of buildings have a very loose relationship with the site boundaries; what is your take on this and the whole nature of the street they sit on? Are you reinforcing a particular set of qualities?
More questions for McArthy & Stone

11. Do you read Tudor Street potentially as a tree lined avenue, and will your scheme build on that notion?

12. The Tudor/Baker Street corner is very loose and open currently? What is your take on that?

13. There is very much a backland unloved service yard (derelict) feel to the rear (north) of the site and yet there is a fine set of cottages that suggest there could be the beginnings of a decent street. What is your approach to that? Could the street go anywhere other than Griffiths Workshops?

14. Another major step in a narrative that suggests the town is just a retirement zone for oldies. Is this really a good future for Abergavenny...the Bournemouth of Wales!

15. The Tudor Street /Castle Street plateau is until very recently a street of civic and public social buildings. Your usage breaks that if you chose to make a single-use development.
THE HENSTAFF SITE opposite the Merthyr Rd/ Brecon Rd junction
Brecon Road/ Henstaff site: a case of over-development?

Civic Society will be submitting comments: As will ATT. Comign to planning next month.

Broadly over development of the site: inadequate parking: courtyard simply a car park: flats mean on space standard. No social rent. No affordable units.
The Castle Project for a covered event space

Process of consultation has begun led by Rachael Rogers with many stakeholders. Architect Sarah Browne selected. No planning application yet; Pre-App stage: Noise impact study may be needed.
Testing foundation conditions for new pedestrian/ cyclists bridge across the Usk. Good sign but don’t know outcome of survey

Routes across the Meadows?

“Re the footbridge. A path directly from the bridge to the Byefield lane car park entrance is not feasible, due to the terrain. The existing path will be adapted. That's the information we have from MCC.

“My line manager for the Meadows is Matthew Lewis who is the head of the Countryside Section for Monmouthshire. If I understand it correctly there are no definite plans to extend the paths, I think, it is seen as desirable, but there are no funds available for this as far as I'm aware.” Anthea Fairey

ATT’s questions: Can we join the discussion with Mathew Lewis? Do MCC have any long term plans for routes to take cyclists to the station?
Abergavenny has no allotments, Llanfoist does, but that cannot expand and lease may be coming up. Could some of this land below become growing areas?
“I spoke to Gemma Hutton this morning - they live at 89 Monmouth road. Some of the land is theirs, some belongs to their neighbour, Mr Booth, and some land adjacent to the river belongs to somebody who lives in Australia (or is Australian... not sure which). Her husband Ian probably knows more. I mentioned ATT were interested in information in conjunction with cycle routes on the meadows”. Fraser Stephens

Need to explore cycle route to Station road / Monmouth road junction. Could it be a Community supported agriculture plot or allotments for Abergavenny? OR a site for self-build low cost affordable housing plots with horticulture? Need to initiate very delicate negotiations........
Cycling group update/ events

• Social ride reports
  • Most of these had been very well received and enjoyed and more would be planned.

• 'Trails for Wales' campaign
  • Work on this is ongoing

• Brecon Beacons Local Access Forum
  • Jack Thurston has attended. Need to continue. Most members of Forum are anti-access (farmers and land owners) Need to balance the Forum with those pro-access.

• Winter events planning
  • Social events are being planned for members

• Future campaigning plans
  • Under discussion. Active Travel Officer not yet appointed by MCC!!!!!!
Update: Team Abergavenny Community Plan

- Meeting with Mayor Dave Simcock and Martyn Grocutt (Labour Leader) + Theme leaders of Team Abergavenny’s Community Plan.
- Simcock has written generous foreword to document due publication soon (by e-mail).
- Willingness generally to work alongside and with voluntary bodies while recognising Council’s priority responsibility to meet MCC Wellbeing aims and focus on those communities in North Abergavenny which needed most support.
- Agreed to explore possible collaboration of voluntary design review team with Planning Committee.
TA Community Plan and Town Council contnd...

- (From Huw Candler minutes to ‘Spreading the Word’ reported by Jacqui Warren......)

- Town Council and TA agreed:-

- “One Town Councillor and one TA member would be part of each theme group and that there would a quarterly meeting of theme representatives, TA members and councillors to review progress.
How are other towns in Monmouthshire doing on community engagement with Politicians and officers?

Monmouth and Caldecott seem the other prime movers.....maybe?

Team Abergavenny/ Civic Society, ATT and the North Monmouthshire Community Plan aren’t the only ones at it

ATT will publicise widely an event with presentations (followed by discussions/lessons to learn) from Monmouth (David Farnsworth), Caldicot (Aaron Reeks) and Jacqui Warren of Team Abergavenny, at the ATT November meeting Thursday 9th 7.15pm. Maybe ask Jacqui to chair. Need to investigate booking main hall at ACC.
MCC bee-friendly roundabout at entry to Westgate site.

Johnsey roundabouts within Westgate site! Cheap nasty and maintenance free!
Life’s a billboard!
Every fence an opportunity for sales

Any planning control......?
A.o.b.

• Owen Davies had e-mailed to confirm that the International Cyclocross event will take place in the grounds of King Henry VIII school and be televised on S4C on 28/29 October 2017.
A.O.B

- **Borough Theatre** – “Wearing his hat as Chairman of the Borough Theatre Trust, Huw Candler reported that for financial reasons the Trust will shortly be handing the management of the Theatre back to Mon CC. He said that County Cllr. Bob Greenland had assured the Trust that that Mon CC would continue to support the Theatre.”

“**Melville Theatre** – Stan Pochron reported that The Melville Centre For The Arts, is a Community Interest Company, seeking Asset transfer from MCC for the building and site. A Business Plan is being considered by Mon CC officers and is due to come before the Cabinet for a decision in early November. Lottery funding will be sought to develop the site”.
A.O.B contnd........

• Arts Festival 2018 Abergavenny
• “The theme will be ‘Water’ to coincide with Welsh Tourism’s Year of the Sea campaign next year and celebrating the local hill streams, rivers, canal and lakes. It will take place on 29 June-1 July incl. and will celebrate the visual, performing and music arts”.

A chance to revive the ‘Growing with the Flows’ project on the Gavenny river ???? PH to approach Arthur Williams/ Jacqui Warren.

NEXT MEETING Thursday November 9th 7.15pm @ ACC: Who chairs? PH may not be able to attend. JW?
Lion Street improvements

- Inadequate width for cyclist/pedestrians
- New east-bound bus stop?
- Morrisons car park 180 spaces
- Contra-flow cycle route
- Better pedestrian entrance to Morrisons
- Added 'Hornbeams'
- Turn round for Taxis and all cars. Disabled bays added to car park
- New raised surface linking market Street to Morrisons
- New pavement
- No vehicles beyond this point into Frogmore St
- Improved crossing
- Later phase 2018/19?
Enforcing the Pedestrian Link

After establishing the pedestrian link route, it is important to ensure that it works successfully and integrates into the surrounding areas. There are two main areas that we have tried to address in our design development that we believe will ensure that the pedestrian link succeeds, these are outlined below.

Creating the Vista

Having established the principle of linking the town centre with Fairfield car park and Bailey Park, it is also important to consider the route in the wider context of Abergavenny.

Abergavenny is dominated by the surrounding hills. Currently the existing buildings on the site obscure these views as you reach the bottom of Market Street however by allowing the pedestrian footway to curve through the site between the vehicular access route and the store allows the vista to open revealing uninterrupted views through to Bailey Park and to Sugar Loaf Mountain beyond.
Pedestrian cyclists routes Morrisons?

- Pavements too narrow for shared cyclist/pedestrian route. Should one be dedicated to cyclists?
- Direct entry Brewery Yard into Morrison’s Car park?

Discussions with Planners, Highways, Morrisons and contractors *Midas* on car park detail planning.
No traffic coming from Lion St

Single surface pennant stone extended from High St: no resin bonded carriageway.

Right turn only out of Princess Street

Disabled and Taxi parking bays on either side of resin bonded carriageway. Exact numbers to be negotiated in next phase

New disabled parking bays

Resin bonded single carriageway sections.
Rest of surface Pennant stone paviers+ setts

Bollards to mark major pedestrian cross routes

Pavement extended to embrace war memorial: detail to be negotiated next phase

Disabled and Taxi parking bays on either side of resin bonded carriageway. Exact numbers to be negotiated in next phase

Loading 4.00pm tp 11.00pm next day but not in narrowest section
Disabled 7
Taxis 4
Loading 11
General 8
Buses 2
TOTAL 32

EXISTING PARKING PROVISION
Disabled  7
Taxis      4
General    8
TOTAL      19

EXISTING PARKING PROVISION
DISCOUNTING BUSES AND LOADING
PARKING POTENTIAL Option A

Frogmore St  14
Baker St    6
Cinema Sq  4

TOTAL  24