

TEAM ABERGAVENNY

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Report from Team Abergavenny to the Bryn Y Cwm Area Committee 17 January 2018

This report is the first to follow the welcome decision by this Committee at the last meeting to support the Team's Community Plan.

For that reason this report will focus by Theme Group on the items within the plan and progress that is being made.

There are 5 sub-sections to the plan, so each will be reviewed in turn.

1. Spreading the Word Them Group

The Spreading the Word Group are continuing to monitor and support the local Events planned for 2018, eg the various Cycling events and the new Arts Festival. New Trails are in the course of being produced for Chapels and Churches and Parks and Gardens, hopefully in time for Easter. Also the group is monitoring developments with regard to the Melville and Borough Theatres and the development of the Abergavenny Castle Grounds. Meetings are consistently well attended.

2. Encouraging Business Success Group

In researching areas that would help businesses the most, it was found that the signage in town could be improved. This work will be carried out in collaboration with other organisations including the Civic Society and Y Fenni Business Community starting in January with an analysis of the existing position.

3. Enabling Communities to Thrive Group.

In the short term the main project for this group is the development of Bailey Park facilities to improve access to basic sports facilities for people generally. Currently work is proceeding on developing material for a Lottery Bid in the current year. This Group is working closely with the County who are coordinating the activity. The next meeting is being held on the 11th January.

4. Enhance the Environment Group.

This group has probably seen the most progress during the recent period, as MCC have been supportive in continuing the redevelopment of the Town Centre linking with the new Morrison's Supermarket Development. Consultation and collaboration between the group and County Officers has been very fruitful recently, and many of the Group's ideas have been incorporated in the plans being developed.

5. Moving Around More Easily Group.

Recently there has been significant activity from a number of groups to impress on the Rail Transport agencies the importance of making Abergavenny Railway Station accessible. Working with the Town and County Councillors and Disabled Groups letters and petitions have been sent and it is hoped that this may help to bring forward some positive news in the not too distant future.

In January Team Abergavenny, with the leaders of each Theme Group, will review their priorities for 2018 and discuss what help is needed to facilitate progress in their chosen objectives.

This activity will be reported on at future Bryn y Cwm Meetings