

# TEAM ABERGAVENNY

## BETTER, TOGETHER

Report of Team Abergavenny to the Bryn y Cwm Area Committee on Wednesday 14 March 2018

1. Since our last report the following have happened.

### 2. Environment Group

- a) Representations on the preliminary review of the Local Development Plan were made. We are aware that both the Civic Society and Abergavenny Transition Town have submitted comments on the McCarthy and Stone application in Tudor Street with regrettably little acknowledgement
- b) Discussions are on-going with the County Highways Department on the Lion Street Redevelopment. A meeting planned for 5 March was postponed due to the weather and will now be held on 19 March.
- c) A JUST FOOD group will monitor the impact on the Market Traders as result of the arrival of Morrisons.
- d) Plans are being made to meet with an MCC Designer and Landscape Architect with a view to planning the long term redevelopment of the town and establishing guidance within the LDP.
- e) The cemetery at Llanfoist is nearly full and it is understood it will take back the land currently used by the Llanfoist Allotment Association. Investigations are being made as to the viability of alternative land being available both in Abergavenny and Llanfoist.

### 3. Spreading the Word Group

- a) The Group is actively pursuing developing an Art Trails in the town with signage.
- b).There is concern that the Borough. Theatre is being handed back in March to the County Council. The future of a theatre in town is uncertain unless refurbishment is carried out to the inside of the building. The first phase of the Town Hall refurbishment does include the Theatre.
- c).Town hall redevelopment.  
We attended the exhibition showing the plans for the Market Hall and Community Hub. They were generally well received and the Team promised to seek views with a larger section of the community on their thoughts to the plans.

### 4. Enabling Communities to Thrive Group

#### a).Bailey Park

The progress to submit a project to the Big Lottery is slow and the level of interest by the volunteers is waning because it would appear that the Council is unable to give the level of support that was first anticipated and as a result the implementation could be 5 years away. A Progress meeting is being held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March to determine the future.

### 5.Encouraging Business Success

- a) Difficulty is being experience in recruiting qualified members for this group. Arrangements are being made to meet with Owen Wilce to discuss whether under the Well Being Act any help or direction can be given that will improve the position.

#### b) Agri/Urban Liaison

The Team is continuing to assist the progress of the Business Plan which is due to be submitted the EEC in April 2018. There is a key question about whether there will be resources available to

employ a Project Manager to bring this work to fruition. Without a suitably qualified person this may founder.

#### 6. General Comment

We have focused on how to move forward for the coming year. Several important issues have been discussed which we would like to share with this Committee to see whether there is support for joint activity in any of them later in the year.

We have concerns with the Review of the LDP that developments in Abergavenny should be balanced and not just residential development.

We would like to see links to the Agri-Urban Plan, improvements to traffic planning and some high-end light industrial developments as well.

If this Committee supports those objectives it might be possible to work together on this.

Team Abergavenny 7 March 2018