

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>FIELDS IN TRUST – CENTENARY FIELDS INITIATIVE</b>
<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>CABINET</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2015</b>
<b>DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ABERGAVENNY AND CHEPSTOW</b>

## 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider designating two areas of land in the county as Centenary Fields as part of an initiative developed by Fields in Trust, which is the operational name of the National Playing Fields Association.

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Bailey Park in Abergavenny and the Hardwick Village Open Space in Chepstow be designated as Centenary Fields under the Fields in Trust Initiative.

## 3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Earlier this year Fields in Trust launched a new initiative called Centenary Fields, to protect and preserve the UK's war memorial fields, parks and green spaces that include war memorials and other valued green open space with significance to World War 1.
- 3.2 Designated sites will be protected in perpetuity through a legal deed of dedication between the Council and Fields in Trust.
- 3.3 There are currently twenty sites in the county designated with Fields in Trust. A list of these sites is attached to this report at **APPENDIX B**.
- 3.4 Earlier this year all members of the County Council and each Town and Community Council were asked if they wished to nominate a specific site or sites in their area under the Centenary Fields Initiative. A number of suggested sites were put forward as part of that exercise but it has been difficult to establish a link between some of these sites and their significance to WW1 – the notable exceptions are Bailey Park in Abergavenny and the Hardwick Village (also known as Garden City) Open Space in Chepstow, where there are very clear links.
- 3.5 Attached to this report at **APPENDIX A** is a brief summary of the links between these two sites and their significance to World War 1.

## 4. REASONS

- 4.1 To enable the County Council to play a part in this national initiative and to work in partnership with Fields in Trust and local Town & Community Councils in helping to protect recreational open spaces in a number of communities in Monmouthshire for use by future generations.

## 5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 No revenue or capital expenditure will be incurred as a result of this proposal but there will be some staff time involved in the nomination and designation process for the two sites in question.

## 6. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The completed Equality Impact Assessment Form and the Sustainable Development Checklist are attached to this report at **APPENDICES C – E** (inclusive).

The significant equality impacts identified in the assessment are summarised below:

Improvements/improved access to public open space
Advanced equality of opportunity for people with a protected characteristic
Improved access to leisure and recreation facilities

- 6.2 The actual impacts from this report's recommendations will be reviewed every three years.

## 7. SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no safeguarding or corporate parenting implications arising from this report.

## 8. CONSULTEES

Cabinet Members	Local County Council Members
Strategic Leadership Team	Abergavenny Town Council
Head of Legal Services	Chepstow Town Council
Head of Tourism, Leisure and Culture	Monitoring Officer
Assistant Head of Finance/Deputy S151 Officer	
Members of the Bryn y Cwm and Lower Wye Area Committees	

Comments received as a result of consultation have been incorporated in the report.

## 9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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**Bailey Park, Abergavenny**

The Park was used as a meeting point for the Royal Mons Regiment in readiness for going off to the Front in World War 1. A Mark IV tank was placed on a tank planter within the park after the war but was later removed.

The Abergavenny Civic Society has placed an interpretation board next to the tank planter to give the history of the tank and the Friends of Bailey Park are seeking HLF funding to commission a replica of the tank through General Dynamics and to install it on the tank planter. General Dynamics is fully on board and is currently scoping the work with one of its manufacturers.

**Hardwick Village Open Space, Chepstow**

The Hardwick Village open space was laid out by the Admiralty 'National Shipbuilding Company' as part of the new Hardwick Village built for workers of the Government's new shipyard at Chepstow in 1917 to provide ships for the First World War effort.

The housing development and slipways for the ships were built by 6,000 Royal Engineers and some civilian work was undertaken by German prisoners of war.

Hardwick Village of 204 concrete block houses was built in what was then called the 'Cherry Orchard' area of Chepstow, immediately south east of the Town Centre and beyond the Port Wall surrounding the old port of Chepstow.

Workers for the Government's new shipyard at Chepstow came from the shipyards of Scotland, Tyne and Wearside, the Midlands, Eastern counties of England, and the villages of South Wales and Monmouthshire.

The bowling green and tennis courts on land laid out by the Admiralty's National Shipbuilding Company were officially opened in 1921.

The Hardwick Village area of 1917 is also known as 'Garden City', partly because of the housing layouts with this central open space area. The name lives on partly in recognition of the planned open space provided for the area by the Admiralty Shipyard in 1917. Today this open space is still the centre of Hardwick Village and provides open access for all residents.

*Source: 'Tales of villages built at Chepstow between 1917 and 1920 for shipyard workers' by Harry Llewelyn Warren (1987)*

Report to Cabinet meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 regarding FIT Centenary Fields Initiative

APPENDIX B

FIELDS IN TRUST PROTECTED FIELDS IN MONMOUTHSHIRE				
Site	Field Town	Type	Reg No	Managing Organisation
<b>Bryn y Cwm Area</b>				
Belgrave Park	Abergavenny	QE11 Field	1621	Monmouthshire CC
Lower Meadow Playing Field	Abergavenny	QE11 Field	1628	Monmouthshire CC
Union Road Play Area	Abergavenny	Covenanted		Monmouthshire CC
Govilon Playing Field	Govilon	King George V Field		Llanfoist Fawr CC
Llanellen Playing Field	Llanellen	Owain Glyndwr Field		Monmouthshire CC
<b>Central Monmouthshire Area</b>				
Rockfield Road Housing Estate	Monmouth	Covenanted		Monmouthshire CC
Town Field	Monmouth	QE11 Field	1630	Monmouth Town Council
Cross Ash Playing Field	Cross Ash	QE11 Field	1625	Monmouthshire CC
Prince Charles Road Play Area	Raglan	QE11 Field	1631	Monmouthshire CC
Former Cattle Market Site	Usk	Owain Glyndwr Field		Monmouthshire CC
<b>Lower Wye Area</b>				
Bulwark Park	Chepstow	QE11 Field	1623	Monmouthshire CC
The Danes Open Space	Chepstow	QE11 Field	1632	Monmouthshire CC
Caerwent Playing Field	Caerwent	QE11 Field	1624	Caerwent Community Cl
St Arvans Playing Field	St Arvans	King George V Field		St Arvans Community Cl
Shirenewton Recreation Ground	Shirenewton	QE11 Field	1387	Shirenewton Community Cl
<b>Sevenside Area</b>				
King George Playing Field	Caldicot	King George V Field		Caldicot Town Council
Birbeck Park	Caldicot	QE11 Field	1622	Monmouthshire CC
Denny View	Caldicot	QE11 Field	1626	Monmouthshire CC
Hall Park Open Space	Caldicot	QE11 Field	1577	Monmouthshire CC
Millfield Park Open Space	Magor	QE11 Field	1629	Monmouthshire CC

## EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM

<b>What impact are you assessing</b>	<b>Service area</b>
The designation of open spaces as Centenary Fields	Tourism, Leisure and Culture
<b>Policy author / service lead</b>	<b>Name of assessor and date</b>
Ian Saunders	Mike Moran 21/09//2015

## 1 What are you proposing to do?

The proposal is to designate Bailey Park in Abergavenny and the Hardwick Village Open Space in Chepstow as Centenary Fields under the Fields in Trust Centenary Fields Initiative

2 Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics in a **negative** way? If **YES** please tick appropriate boxes below. **NO**

Age	N/A	Race	N/A
Disability	N/A	Religion or Belief	N/A
Gender reassignment	N/A	Sex	N/A
Marriage or civil partnership	N/A	Sexual Orientation	N/A
Pregnancy and maternity	N/A	Welsh Language	N/A

## 3 Please give details of the negative impact

N/A

## 4 Did you take any actions to mitigate your proposal? Please give details below including any consultation or engagement.

N/A

## 5. Please list the data that has been used to develop this proposal? E.g. Household survey data, Welsh Govt data, ONS data, MCC service user data, staff personnel data etc.

**2011 Census data plus Governing Body registration details in respect of football and rugby**

Signed: *Mike Moran*

Designation: Community Infrastructure Coordinator

Dated: 21/09/2015

**APPENDIX D**

**The “Equality Initial Challenge”**

Name: <b>Mike Moran</b> Service area: <b>Tourism, Leisure and Culture</b> Date completed: <b>21/09/2015</b>		Please give a <b>brief description</b> of what you are aiming to do.  Designate two sites in the county as Centenary Fields in order to protect the land in perpetuity as green open spaces for current and future generations to enjoy.	
Protected characteristic	Potential <b>Negative</b> impact Please give details	Potential <b>Neutral</b> impact Please give details	Potential <b>Positive</b> Impact Please give details
Age			✓
Disability			✓
Marriage + Civil Partnership		✓	
Pregnancy and maternity		✓	
Race		✓	
Religion or Belief		✓	
Sex (was Gender)			✓
Sexual Orientation		✓	
Transgender		✓	
Welsh Language	✓		

Please give details about any potential <b>positive Impacts</b> .	How will these <b>positive impacts</b> be achieved
➤ <i>Both sites will benefit children and young people. Bailey Park in particular provides positive benefits for older people in the <b>50+ age range</b></i>	➤ Continue to work with user groups to ensure that the needs of both children & young people and older people are taken into account when activities or further improvements are planned
➤ <i>Both sites have been designed to be accessible by <b>disabled people and people with support needs</b></i>	➤ Continue to work with/encourage user groups to pay particular attention to the needs of disabled people & those with support needs
➤ <i>The two sites recommended for designated status are equally accessible to both male and female gender.</i>	➤ Ensure that all user groups encourage female participation and ask for female participation in activities to be encouraged and recorded in any end of scheme and/or periodic monitoring reports for the next three years until the EQIA is reviewed in 2018 (para 6.2 refers)

Please give details about any potential <b>negative Impacts</b> .	How do you propose to <b>MITIGATE</b> these <b>negative impacts</b>
➤ <i>There is currently no provision at either site to promote the <b>Welsh Language</b></i>	➤ Ensure that in future any signage designed for or erected at either site is bilingual

Signed: *Mike Moran*

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### The “Sustainability Challenge”

Name of the Officer completing “the Sustainability Challenge” <b>Mike Moran</b>		Please give a <b>brief description</b> of the <b>aims</b> proposed policy or service reconfiguration <b>To protect existing open space &amp; recreation facilities for future generations and to encourage improved access/use of those assets</b>	
Name of the Division or service area <b>Tourism, Leisure and Culture</b>		Date “Challenge” form completed <b>21/09/2015</b>	
Aspect of sustainability affected	Negative impact Please give details	Neutral impact Please give details	Positive Impact Please give details
<b>PEOPLE</b>			
Ensure that more people have access to healthy food		✓	
Improve housing quality & provision		✓	
Reduce ill health and improve healthcare provision			✓ Participation in sport and healthy exercise improves health and reduces dependence on healthcare provision
Promote independence		✓	
Encourage community participation/action & voluntary work			✓ Each of the sites recommended for designation involve high levels of community participation and are run by volunteers
Targets socially excluded		✓	
Help reduce crime and fear of crime		✓	
Improve access to education and training			✓ Both sites recommended for designation involve some training and the attainment of some additional skills
Have a positive impact on people and places in other countries		✓	
<b>PLANET</b>			
Reduce, reuse and recycle waste and water		✓	
Reduce carbon dioxide emissions			✓ Access to local facilities reduces reliance on car journeys, thus reducing carbon emissions
Prevent or reduce pollution of the air, land and water		✓	
Protect or enhance wildlife habitats (e.g. trees, hedgerows, open spaces)			✓ Both sites recommended for designation will protect wildlife habitats

Protect or enhance visual appearance of environment			✓ Both sites recommended for designation enhance the visual appearance of the environment
<b>PROFIT</b>			
Protect local shops and services		✓	
Link local production with local consumption		✓	
Improve environmental awareness of local businesses		✓	
Increase employment for local people		✓	
Preserve and enhance local identity and culture			✓ Both sites are promoted by local people and "fit" with the local identity and culture of the area
Consider ethical purchasing issues, such as Fairtrade, sustainable timber (FSC logo) etc		✓	
Increase and improve access to leisure, recreation or cultural facilities			✓ Both sites recommended for designation increase and/or improve access to leisure and recreation facilities

What are the potential negative Impacts	Ideas as to how we can look to <b>MITIGATE</b> the <b>negative impacts</b> (include any reasonable adjustments)
➤ N/A	➤ N/A

### The next steps

- If you have assessed the proposal/s as having a **positive impact please give full details** below

The two sites recommended in this report for designation as Centenary Fields will, if approved:

- continue to provide access to a range of improved open space & recreation facilities in perpetuity, primarily for the benefit of local people;
- provide opportunities for investment that are sustainable in the longer term & that reduce reliance on car journeys for effective access;
- continue to provide good access to green open spaces and participation by people that have one or more protected characteristic(s);
- help to promote local identity and culture through the involvement of a large number of local people acting in a voluntary capacity.

- If you have assessed the proposal/s as having a **Negative Impact** could you please provide us with details of what you propose to do to mitigate the negative impact:

N/A

Signed: *Mike Moran*

Designation: Community Infrastructure Coordinator

Dated: 21/09/2015