

Report of Town Representatives of Friends of Bailey Park Committee Meeting held on 30th May 2022.

Brief summary of the points raised by Friends of the Bailey Park Committee, which was attended by Chair and Vice Chair with 7 other members.

1. Virtually all of the volunteers were elderly and they would welcome new recruits especially if younger. Contacting Monmouthshire Youth Services to seek volunteers was considered.
2. The group has excellent relationships with MHA, MCC and the Town Council and recently has obtained support from Abergavenny Garden Centre.
3. They welcome volunteers to help especially at busy planting sessions and we Councilors agreed as individuals to help where we can.
4. They expected planters to be moved from the Hospital site to a site near to Morrison.
5. They had enlisted MCC support to make the picnic area more suitable for mobility users.
6. They constantly had to clear litter and were especially concerned about disturbances in the picnic area, often at Weekends, by people leaving an awful lot of litter and occasionally causing damage. Contacting the Gwent Police Engagement Officer for more support.
7. They were concerned about dogs in the Park not on a lead – was there a bye law, what would the survey leading to a review of Protected Order Areas lead to and when would it be produced.
8. One idea positively discussed was whether the area of the Park currently rarely used, north of the Picnic area, is suitable for fencing and being made available for dogs to run around freely?
9. They noted it was not known when the toilets in Bailey Park were expected to be open by MCC. It was noted they were not open at the time of the meeting, even though it was half term holidays.
10. It was noted that there was lack of public toilets at this end of Town which caused some concerns to Park users.
11. It was noted the old hut in the adjacent car Park owned by MCC was in a very bad shape with an asbestos roof and wondered what action MCC was going to take.
12. Many visitors to the Park had noted the huge improvements made to the Park in recent years and everyone involved was thanked for their inputs especially the Councils and we added the volunteers themselves.

Councilors Kyle Eldridge and Maurice Barnes
4th June 2022