

Dear Jane and Tony

As you will know Alan Michie stepped down from chairing Team Abergavenny(TA) some time ago and currently each TA meeting on the third Thursday of each month is chaired through a rota, a different person chairing each meeting. ( This is the same for the TA 'Spreading the Word' group that meets each month also.)

When Alan was chairing he simply took initiatives to call major meetings around certain projects (which he chaired) inviting Town and County Councillors and officers and other stakeholders to attend at major decision points on these projects while the TA's Enhance Environment Group (chaired by me) did all the hard graft with Highways and many others. Now that there is no single Team Abergavenny chair or figurehead it may be that you may assume that we have all gone to sleep and have nothing else to offer.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

I am attaching the minutes of a recent meeting between one of our group, Jack Thurston, with Rob Davies, Paul Keeble and Ian Brain of MCC Highways at their Raglan depot. As you will see there were a host of items we are still following up on.



Jack Thurston  
Notes Highways Oct

The other critical projects we have been trying to pursue at various points are:-

1. The new education/recreation complex for King Henry VIII with all associated active travel infrastructure and urban/rural landscaping; ( we have held a brainstorm meeting with members of the group on issues provoked by this project, in advance of meeting being arranged by TA's Peter Johns with Cath Saunders (Will Mclean's work colleague).
2. The Cinema Square (this may be already a Town Council project) One of our group members Karen Hoole, an architect, lives in Baker Street opposite the site.
3. The Aldi extension project/Bus station town arrival site; this relates to Aldi's planning application.
4. The A40 corner at the memorial – potential new foot-crossing possibly? ( maybe they will regret not having moved the memorial forward up Frogmore Street if they do that);
5. Developing an outline 'active travel' routes system across parts of the Meadow to reach parts of the town and the station and at the Waitrose roundabout, that will confirm the value of the pedestrian cycle bridge over the Usk, once it is constructed.
6. The Post office building site and its future ( plus maybe Castle street car park and the town wall edge to that).
7. Pushing for 20mph speed limit across the town.
8. Maindiff Court potential.

These are just some of the things that TA's Enhance Environment Group have been focussed on. ( The group has architects, project managers, urban designers, town planners, active travel expertise and also some councillors). So we are very much not asleep. We very deliberately have been in a fallow period waiting for the latest phase of the public realm (Frogmore Street) to bed-in and for a proper resolution to be found for the bus stop before embarking publicly on other matters above.

We hope we might be of some value at the appropriate time to your Council's Environment Committee.

Yours sincerely

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Chair TA's Enhance Environment Group