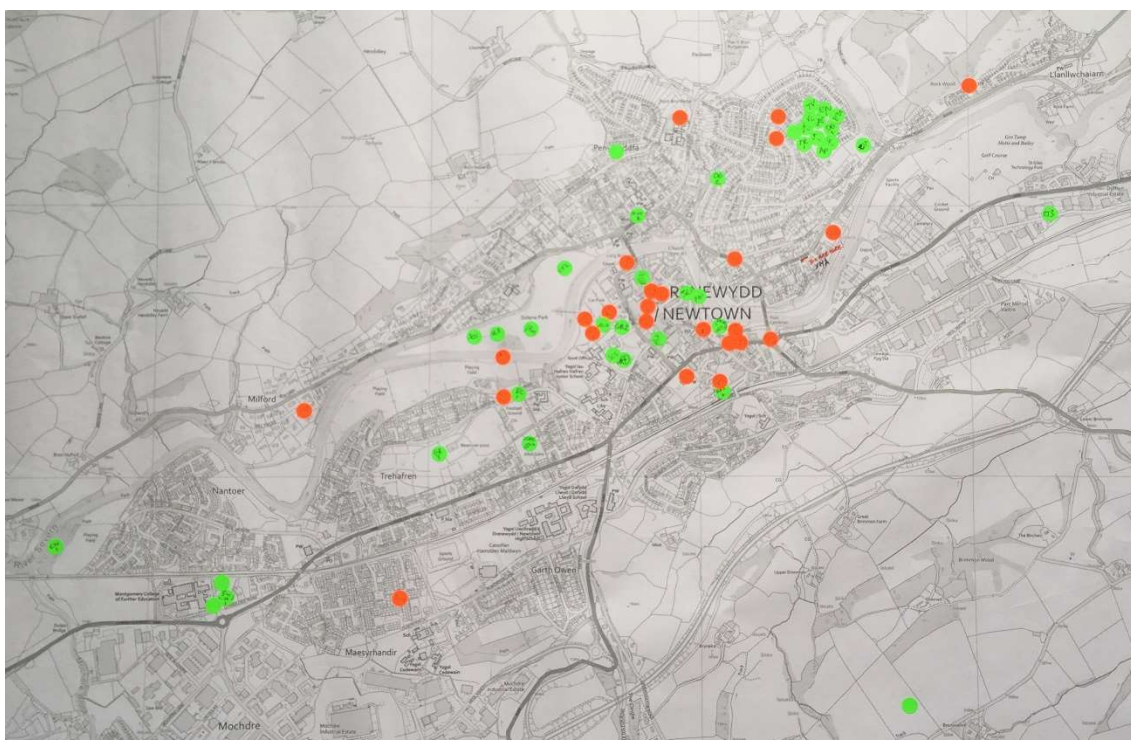


Community and local stakeholder drop-in event No.4

Wednesday 8th May 2019 – 4-7pm - Waggon & Horses, Canal Rd.

“The Good Bad and the Ugly ”comments



Ref	BAD
GB1	Flannel Exchange exterior is in very poor repair and looks a mess especially the river façade. The building has been damaged by generations of botched additions and detracts from the key location.
GB2	Vital town centre open space. Plans to develop this space by PCC would be detrimental to green space cohesion and should be resited
MJ1	There is a need for a completely new 21 st century play area, fenced off from dogs and containing a wide array of play / leisure facilities for families and a wide age range. There is a need to look at creative play areas in cities and get ideas for this area to ensure it is the best it can be !
CJE1	Footpaths on Barnfield's – not maintained or lit – fences are falling down – the grassy areas area never maintained at the end of Poplar Road
MC1	Millfield's – no footpath along main road for residents to walk safely
MC2	Area adjacent to car park must be kept green and accessible for events – an important link space
MC3	Broad St should be pedestrianised allowing greater social spaces for visitors – public to use , events, street trees, seats, information boards , better links to green spaces
MC4	A need for community building / housing / social / environmental/ education / events / café / play facilities
JG5	Zebra crossing on Canal Road is very dangerous – needs better signposting / hump as cars too often drive straight past pedestrians – I have nearly been run over several times crossing here

SH2	Bins emptied more regularly by McDonalds – constantly overflowing and littered
SL2	Litter bins not emptied enough or not large enough for waste
SC3	Shame such a beautiful building is standing unused
SC4	Lack of lighting in public areas
VL5	Barnfield have paths that are not looked after – could do with some TLC
PB1	Existing mural needs importing or renovating – or renewing altogether
PB2	Walls suitable for murals
PB3	Walls suitable for murals
CJ1	Pedestrianise the lower part of Broad Street to allow free public access and opportunities
CJ2	Derelict church and shabby area – looks bad – the church gets used by junkies
SH2	Public toilets – not pleasant – need improving
CE1	More facilities for tourism are required along the river – especially if you cycle out. More should be made of the cycle paths, café etc
CE2	Several paths on Barnfield are not adopted so are in a bad state of repair and are dangerous
SJS5	Link station to the town
SJS6	Too many empty shops
DG2	Too many bumps on roads – accidents
JG2	Need recycling bins in town centre – currently only ones are on Severn Square which is too out of the way for town centre
JG4	Traffic system needs to be reviewed now by pass is here - lights don't work
CJ5	We need more facilities at Newtown Hospital – i.e. minor injuries clinic
Ref	GOOD
GB3	Treahfren and other green spaces offer superb short walking and active recreation opportunity
GB4	Historic site provides superb opportunity for regeneration - lost opportunity – just a muddy mound at the moment
JR1	I strongly feel that this open amenity area should stay as it is. If you look at the overall barnfuls estate pretty much every part of the estate has a house on, so for walkers, children, residents and all the wildlife it should remain so.
ENV1	This area has been open space since 1976 and it should remain as such, the area has lots of wildlife including protected species such as slow worms, grass snakes, bats , many species of birds. The area of Barnfield's / Oaklands has no other area for walking / playing etc.
CJE	Amenity open space on top of Barnfield's is only open space left on estate – land was left as open space when building was allowed in the 1980's – so it shouldn't be built on as more houses have since been built. This space is used daily by walkers, dog owners, children, local people etc.
SO1	More activity on our green spaces – youth engagement
VL1	Dolerw excellent space. Love the orchard, more places needed to sit
RW7	I like the river because it is very pretty
AP	Hope this space is kept as open amenity as it is used by many dog wlaekers, is home to lots of wildlife and the access to the filed is not sufficient for more to be accessing it with vehicles
SC1	Skate park – great facility - well used by residents and from other local areas
SC5	Lovely large green space for pubic use / events
CJ3	Dyffryn industrial estate has lots of independent businesses – can we tidy it and encourage more start-ups?
LA1	Open space used by immediate residents and community - visited often– war bunker – dog walking area
CE1	These fields are classified as amenity open space on the LDP ad have been since 1976. Field behind Poplar Rd was supposed to be maintained as an informal play area

	by the owner but never has been. This area is important for dog walking, the local wildlife and a general amenity green space for local area. This is the only amenity area on Barnfield's. Would be good if it was taken over by the TC as a park – even if it was just maintained for walking.
CE2	Love the orchard on Dolerw – great idea -would be great to have more events on the park for the community
SJS1	Black poplar
SJS2	Allotments
SJS3	Cultivate community garden
SJS4	Station
DCM1	Cultivate community garden
DCM2	Allotments
DCM3	Black poplar
DCM4	Museum
DG1	Keep area behind Poplar Rd as amenity as promised by the late Jeffrey Evans – promised play area
JG1	Oriental Ash trees on Severn Square are a delight! Must be kept
JG3	Newtown has fantastic green spaces – we are privileged and should make more of them
CJ4	The hills around Newtown are lovely – I would like to see a good mountain bike loop starting and ending at the proposed new actively hub buildings
VL2	Amenity open space – has been for many years – no houses built here
TV	Keep this area as amenity off Poplar Road – used for dog walking lots of people use – air ambulance uses to land when an accident nearby
DM1	Area between Churchill Close and Poplar Road – essential amenity open space – the only such area in Barnfield's estate. Used by dog walkers. Quiet area for walking – running and air ambulance uses. Lot of wildlife / blackberry picking

Other comments made (no ref no):

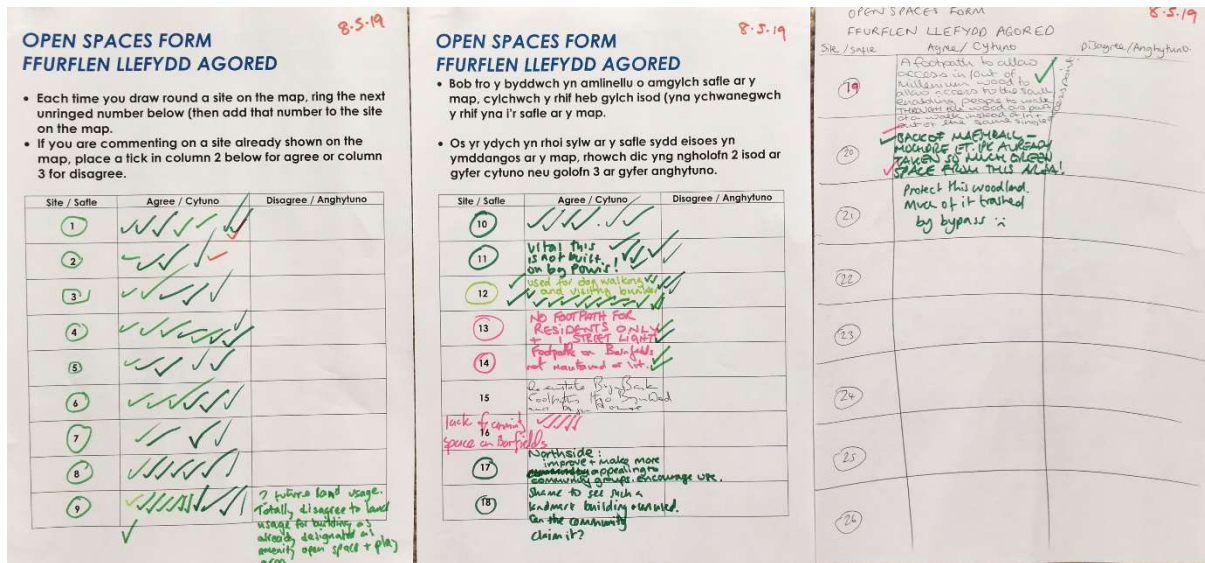
- Wall in car park - could the community get involved in making it look nicer?



Ref	BAD
1	Inappropriate proposed chicken farm – potential pollution and traffic
Ref	GOOD
2	Significant historical oak – council refused TPO application

Footpaths and Open space comments





Community facilities comments

Which current facilities need improving?	Facilities that your neighbourhood lacks?
Better opportunities to avoid short car journeys – footpaths / cycleways etc (2 others agreed)	Play areas for kids (near Crescent Street and town centre) 1 other
Incentives to motivate walking and cycling	Zebra crossing needed to cross to play area on Sycamore Drive (1 other agreed)
More parking needed at railway station (1 other agreed)	Footpaths lit on Barnfields and switch on more lights (5 other agreed)
Circular walks / paths linking areas and countryside together (7 others agreed)	Footpaths need to be adapted as in disrepair (1 other agreed)
Pedestrianise town centre allowing more social spaces trees / seating / information boards (4 others agreed)	Woodland Way – the promise of roads being adopted by the Council and play area as the children currently play on the road – land has been ear marked as on the deeds of many home owners
Less road humps	Cycle paths
Sights ????	Youth centre
Road pot holes	Children's soft play / trampoline park
Picnic leisure areas near river in park (1 other agreed)	Conference centre / hall for events
Hotels / places to stay	Youth facilities
Recycling bins – on street and in parks (all types please) More work to prevent litter – get the junk food outlets to fund if possible)	Lack of 4-bedroom homes for professionals (especially if wanting to attract health professionals etc for new health centre) Also lack of bungalows

Design comments

What is distinctive in your neighbourhood?

- Canal Road Area – like the old Wool Board building – red brick, green alongside river, grass on the square
- Cefn Mawr – beautiful rural landscape
- Barnfields , Churchill Close, Poplar Road, Field – the only green open space for nature on entire Barnfields estate classed as amenity land. Abundance of wildlife habitat, mammals, birds, reptiles which need to be protected / preserved. Wild hedgerows acting as wildlife corridors for protected species such as hedgehogs. Play area for children, space for ramblers and runners around circular paths.
- Woodland Way – great river path – super for dog walks!
- old St Marys church / ruins – lovely green area with blossom, birds and peaceful
- Old Kerry Road – Historic Buildings
- Unspoilt architecture – cohesive and interesting use of eco / natural materials – heritage key value
- Looking up the hills
- Cure terraced houses at the end of Canal Road
- Please help to improve the pavement right at the end of Canal Road and make it safer to get to Lonesome Lane / Tan y Grawg / Llanllwchaiarn

Housing comments



HOUSING SITES FORM FFURFLEN SAFLEOEDD TAI

8.5.19.

- Each time you draw round a site on the map, ring the next unringed number below (then add that number to the site on the map).
- If you are commenting on a site already shown on the map, place a tick in column 2 below for agree or column 3 for disagree.

Site / Safle	Agree / Cytuno	Disagree / Anghytuno
① ✓		Do NOT AGREE TO ANY HOUSING due to access issues and open amenity
2 ✓		ditto
③ ✓		If there was more housing here it would complete the oval... a footbridge could link it to college + playing fields
④ ✓		Derelict church area and surrounding area needs urgent redeveloping
⑤ ✓		This building should be knocked down and used for housing.
6		Under-occupancy of existing properties already. They need rebo-fitting. If they don't have parking it encourages walk/cycle/car share / car club / bus / train.
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⑨		Up for sale. Housing here would be good (close to park and school).

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Other Issues / Anything missing

Issues	Solutions
Litter on riverside	Bins emptied more during busy times or bigger bins needed in key places and need recycling bins (3 others agreed)
Poultry units destroy the rural landscape and create pollution and heavy vehicles traffic on narrow lanes. Factory style buildings are inappropriate to the countryside	Locate them on factory estates where they have a good road access, waste disposal and power supplies
No community renewable energy schemes	PVs on industrial roofs as part of planning? Hydro scheme? (2 other agree)
Busy roads, dangerous to cross – especially with children/ buggy	Crossings - Milford Road near roundabout – also either end of Longbridge including Back Lane intersection
Land not adopted on Poplar Road – grass never cut	Get land adopted and maintain grassy area (one other agrees)
Footpaths on Barnfields estate not adopted – so not maintained , not lit at nights, fences falling down	Get footpaths under some sort of managed scheme before someone gets hurt
Parking on Crescent St	Residents parking zones – including surrounding streets – Bryn , Commercial Street (one other agrees)
Monitor traffic lights in town – at times nobody seems to be moving anywhere	Make them sensitive to traffic waiting not just on a set timer which delays movement
Traffic congestion in town	Replace traffic lights with roundabouts, where possible reduce single occupancy car use. increase cycling and walking.
Lack of amenity open space on Barnfield's especially compared with other estates	Secure amenity open space behind Poplar Road / Churchill Close by asking owner to pass it to TC or to make it into park area. Its used extensively by Barnfield's residents and local wildlife
Cycling – no proficiency training locally	Proficiency tests re-introduce – better safer cycling areas (on paths not road) – better lighting on routes
No pedestrian specific areas	Could transform high street if pedestrians and cafes onto street. Could also be vibrant performance space, spontaneous activities, benches for conversations
Developers not fulfilling contracts and leaving areas incomplete – council have to take it over	
Lack of cycle paths	Cycle routes and advertise / promote “man power” transport
Bins not present at Black path by skate park	Business sponsorship bins? Regular collections Encourage “refill” stations (i.e. Back Lane café)
Waste and Energy waste	Measures to reduce waste and conserve energy and reduce consumption

<p>Notes below emailed after the event :</p> <p>Broad Street or High Street Why not make one of these streets' pedestrian only, with access only for loading/unloading? This could be combined with the planting of trees either side of the road. This latter element would make the town so much more attractive; like Llanidloes is. There would be a loss of on-street parking but I think it would be worth the hit as there is plenty of off-street parking for the town. The trees planted would need to be fairly well-established ones but the recent introduction of CCTV should limit the vandalism.</p>	
<p>Severn Square - This is one of the most attractive, if small! parts of the town, apart from the garage frontage. Christmas lights on the trees there would look great. Also, could the garage owners be helped to access any grant to help them restore what could be an iconic building. A similar garage in Llandrindod is currently being restored.</p>	
<p>Photography competition Why not run a photography competition for the best photographs taken in the town centre? A modest prize could give you access to the use of some good imagery – you'd need to put something in the Ts and Cs that you can use the imagery to promote the town, though.</p>	
<p>Bypass I know it's the WG's responsibility but could you work with them to sow wildflower seed on the banks of the road?</p>	
<p>Theatr Hafren flytower. This has been in a state of disrepair for at least two years now. Could the TC put pressure on the theatre to improve it? It makes that entrance to the town look shoddy.</p>	
<p>A cycling sportive. There are many companies which are organising cycling sportives but, as far as I'm aware there are few in mid Wales. Newtown, as a start and finish, would attract visitors to the town. I think it would just be a case of seeing if there is any interest from one of the sportive companies. Hafren Cycling Club would be able to advise.</p>	

Fencing around Mochdre Industrial Estate
Could the TC work with whoever the owners of the industrial estate at Mochdre to remove the wooden fencing bordering the roundabout and the nearby roads? The fence doesn't achieve anything other than attract flypost adverts which are usually left there for years on end.

Email sent after the event :

One of the main concerns with our town is the preservation of open spaces. It is very welcome that the Dolerw park has finally a plan for its regeneration and management. For too long this town asset has not been under utilised.

We live in Oaklands Park, at the top of Barnfields, and we do have some open undeveloped spaces left here. Oaklands Park has two play areas/ kickabouts which we hope will remain that way. A few years ago there was the threat from the developer to build on these last two open spaces. There is also a large field behind Oaklands Park which we have always been informed would not be developed. This is a haven for wildlife and an open space where residents can walk and enjoy nature. There has recently been some grass cutting activity (first time in 13 years) which we hope does not indicate any changes to come. Development of this land would create more traffic issues for Barnfields - especially during any construction phase.

May I also comment about the once proposed pedestrianisation of Broad street. If this street was indeed made traffic free, it would enhance the product offered in town. We need a free safe space where businesses could expand their offering and events could be organised by various charities and NGO's. Now that the bypass is in place, diverting traffic away from Broad street should not create many issues.

Newtown needs to keep itself alive by offering something different to attract more people into town.