

Newtown Place Plan  
Drafting Workshop

6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 (NLTC Chamber)

Notes from session

**Open Spaces, Play areas & Allotments**

**Today**

- If no evidence for the need for allotments – we should seek it, who would really like to have an allotment. Convert anecdotal to actual evidence.
- Re the summary of allotment observations:
- The use of an allotment maybe /is recreational; related to mental/physical health; to social contact & related to the production of food for immediate family, neighbors.
- It has only a loose relationship with a wider “food economy.” Occasional surpluses occasionally only enter the money economy ... The two functions need disentangling on the plan.

**Tomorrow**

- Most plans for the “Open Spaces” seem to involve building on them in some way or driving across them to canoe launch points, or build allotments etc. etc. Can we please keep our open spaces OPEN!
- Increase allotment availability if there is a need.

**Facilities**

**Today**

- Assets perhaps lack a cohesive theme and each stand well on their own, but don't make a bigger picture.
- Electric vehicles difficult to attract – few charge points.
- Good range of facilities

**Tomorrow**

- Persuade inward investment from more hotels and eating establishments to cater for visitors/conferences – making ‘destination Newtown’
- Newtown as ‘Electric Town’ – charge points for casual and destination visitors and residents
- Newtown as a “service centre” – great location, good facilities – largest town

## Footpaths & Cycle Ways

### Today

- Some paths fragmented – need linking, train station isolated.

### Tomorrow

- Need more river crossing e.g. around Mochdre Brook area. FP or mixed area
- Need accessible path over & around Trehafren Hill to permit families/ handicapped to get out of traffic. This could tie in with active travel to town in new healthy route.

## Character Areas

### Today

- Penygloddfa – unused & characterful

### Tomorrow

- Penygloddfa – branding and marketing as unique or special character
- Possible film set
- Gateway style arrival and departure from Penygloddfa

## Town Centre

### Today

- A bit retail orientated
- Nice core around Broad Street, High Street, Market Street & Seven Street

### Tomorrow

- A future away from retail or a different sort of retail
- Anyway to give a boost to the attractive change to the core.
- Bring housing into town center to boost the indigenous economy.