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Re-opening Monmouthshire's High Streets

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss ideas and feedback on the measures introduced over the last year and to gather ideas for the future: no decisions will be made at this meeting.

Chepstow

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Objective June/July 2020

To make our high streets safe for shoppers to return to support our local businesses

Create an environment that supports a vibrant Café Culture and encourage take-up of grant funding opportunities

Support Active Travel

Shop Local – Shop Monmouthshire

Review of re-opening Chepstow

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- Officer group established to look at making town covid safe and support businesses
- Various options considered for High Street and plans shared with CTC & Chamber
- Options taken forward:
  - Closure of High Street with exemption incl. blue badge holders and deliveries between 4pm – 10am
  - Additional disabled parking bays in Welsh Street car park
  - Changes to Welsh Street/Moor Street crossing by the Arch
  - Provision of planters and parklets support café culture
  - Changes to Welsh Street/Moor Street crossing by the Arch
  - Changes to Beaufort Square crossings
  - Banners, signage and Shop Local campaign as well as successful Sunday Market hosted by CTC
- Update:
  - Trees & planters delivered – ☺ green up the High Street and allow removal of barriers ☹ to be realigning following feedback; awaiting 2 x parklets; delay with installation of bollards
  - Highway Works at Beaufort Sq - ☺ re-open square & higher priority for pedestrians with improved connectivity to St Mary Street ☹ concerns about safety/ time req'd
  - Going forwards need to consider traffic routing around Chepstow; access for blue badge holders and deliveries; integrate with wider transport plans for town incl. ATA, bus & train services

What went well and what could have been better – your feedback

What went well and what could have been better – our reflections

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- An over abundance of Covid signs, bollards, cones were quickly rationalised to make the town more inviting – still some clutter to remove
- Timescales to procure and implement improvements
- Planters and parklets look great – but the layout needs tidying up, delivery was delayed, and they are different to the images previously shown to the Town Council. More seating is needed
- Temporary pavement repairs
- Trying to balance a pedestrian friendly environment with maintaining access to disabled parking bays – has it worked?
- Insufficient budget to complete the 20mph zones around the Town
- Communication and engagement

What next? Your vision for Chepstow

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- What is your vision for Chepstow?
- Do any of the trial measures have merit for consideration and consultation to become permanent changes?
- Are there additional or alternative measures you would like to see?
- Are there any quick wins?

Transforming Towns Placemaking Grant

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Purpose of the grant is to revitalise town centres by addressing the following shared issues:

- Dealing with vacant premises
- Addressing poor quality retail premises
- A need to increase footfall
- Creating flexible, modern, affordable floorspace for business growth and support
- Supporting tourism
- Increasing housing and urban living opportunities
- Community facilities for co-location of key services
- Public realm and essential enabling infrastructure
- Provision of Green infrastructure and Biodiversity in town centres
- Furthering of the ‘digital towns’ agenda
- Supporting active travel routes

Next steps

- From the ideas shared tonight, which are the highest priorities?
- How can we best engage with yourselves, residents, businesses and other stakeholders about these future ideas?