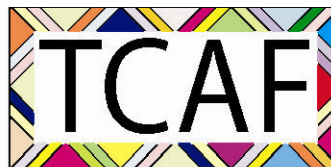


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## Report to Trowbridge Area Board 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

### 1. The Steering Group Meeting.

- The Community Area Plan has been published and was officially launched at the TCAF AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Copies are available from TCAF at 10/12 Fore Street, Trowbridge, 01225 765072 or via the website: [www.tcaf.org.uk](http://www.tcaf.org.uk)
- We intend to promote the Plan to the public and publicise the work which TCAF does with the intention of attracting new volunteers to reinvigorate the Partnership and its Theme Groups.
- The Steering Group has submitted an expression of interest form to the Area Board for a place on the Shadow Board for the Community Campus.
- An interim report has been submitted to Andrew Jack highlighting TCAF's progress against the agreed Workplan for 2011/2012. A request for additional funding has been submitted to provide the budgeted hours to deliver the Workplan and to support an administrator for a few hours per week, allowing the Project Officers to focus on current projects and strategic matters. We have advertised for voluntary assistance in a number of places with little success at present.

### 2. Economy and Transport.

- Doug Ross has volunteered to replace Bob Brice (who is to become the Champion for Sports and Outdoor Leisure) as the Economy and Transport Champion and is working on the updating of the Sites with Development Potential schedule and the Empty Shops and Offices schedule.
- TCAF officers have attended presentations by developers in order to keep up to date on current proposals. The Planning Application for the redevelopment of the former Bowyers site has now been received and the Planning Application for the former Tesco site is expected in mid November. Both developers have held public meetings which were well attended with good public participation.

### 3. BA14 Culture.

- It is with great sadness that we report the death of Mary Stacey, our Arts Champion who has, in recent years, done so much to develop the Arts in our area, after more than 20 years as a District and Town Councillor where she served as Chairman of West Wiltshire District Council and twice as Chairman/Mayor of Trowbridge Town Council.
- BA14 Culture is supporting the development of the Trowbridge Arts Festival in 2012. This is being headed by Trowbridge Town Councillor Andrew Bryant who has formed a committee and preparations are well under way.
- BA14 Culture has also submitted an expression of interest form to the Area Board for a place on the Shadow Board for the Community Campus. This is to ensure that there is a voice for The Arts, Heritage and Culture for the new campus

- BA14 Culture has been heavily involved in the campaign to Save the Arc Theatre, speaking directly with the Governors, the Arc Advisory Board as well as Di Dale and Bev Flannigan at the Arc. BA14 Culture has presented a number of options to the Wiltshire College and have sought a commitment of funding from the Area Board, Town Council and Wiltshire Council. Decisions are pending and the consultation period ends on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **4. Sport and Active Leisure.**

- Bob Brice will convene a meeting of this group when it is felt that action is required. He is TCAF's representative on the Trowbridge Outdoor Sports Pitches Group which Jeff Osborne chairs.

#### **5. Local Environment Awareness Forum.**

- This group has decided to concentrate its efforts on countryside, green areas within the town and villages, trees and wildlife habitats, improvements to derelict areas and the improvement and development of cycle ways and footpaths.
- Our next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at Stallards Pub starting at 7pm where we will be discussing local environmental issues. Newcomers are welcome to attend.
- The group is making progress with an Incredible Edible project promoting growing your own food. This is linked in with a wider project being run by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust whereby Community Orchards and Community allotments can be funded on Housing Association land throughout Wiltshire. The group is looking into organising a Trowbridge Apple Day to be held September 2012.

#### **6. Education.**

- No meetings have been held since the last Board meeting.

#### **7. Health and Social Care.**

- A representative from this group attended the Annual Members meeting of the Swindon Great Western Hospital.
- The group is keeping updated about the changes in commissioning to 'Any Qualified Provider' the government initiative aiming at extending patient choice of Secondary Care.
- The group is awaiting the JSA data due to be published shortly in order to identify a key project it can support and develop.
- The group is keen to engage health professionals and are looking to meet at Trowbridge Hospital in order to make their meetings more accessible to key staff there.
- The group is seeking volunteer support in minute taking.

#### **8. Safer Trowbridge.**

- The Wiltshire Police force (WP) is streamlining the Neighbourhood Tasking Group meetings process and is now looking to have one for the urban part of Trowbridge and one for the rural part which will continue to link with Parishes.
- Bluez 'n' Zuz discos remain very popular, with around 200 youngsters regularly attending, thanks to the current location at the nightclub Moo Moo. These discos are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month.
- A new youth shelter has been officially opened at the Mountain Bike Track on Studley Green.
- A Task & Finish Group is to be set up to look into next summer's provision for young people in the Trowbridge Community Area and the funding needed to support it.

- TCAF is to promote the use of the new 101 number through a half page advert in the Trowbridge Magazine.
- A Safer Trowbridge logo has been developed and signage is to be created to highlight the work of the group in the community area.
- Wiltshire Fire and Rescue continues to keep us informed with regular issues of “Partnership Matters” and copies of their reports to the Area Board.
- Wiltshire Fire and Rescue’s website is informative and helpful. Please see [www.wiltshirefire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshirefire.gov.uk)
- Crime information obtained from [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk) shows: -

	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
○ Burglary	13	20
○ ASB	167	200
○ Robbery	0	1
○ Vehicle	19	26
○ Violent	45	45
○ Other	<u>118</u>	<u>118</u>
○ Totals	<u>362</u>	<u>410</u>

## 9. Parish Councils Liaison Group.

- Hilperton Parish Council has real safety concerns with the way some drivers are speeding on the (old) Devizes Road and in particular driving around the mini-roundabout opposite to the Barrett’s residential development on the wrong side of the roundabout when travelling in a westerly direction. While it is accepted that all signage for the 20mph speed limit is correctly in place some drivers continue to drive dangerously. This matter will be taken to the next meeting of the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) and a workable solution needs to be found.
- BANES proposal to impose an 18 tonne weight limit on Cleveland Bridge in Bath under an Experimental Order, not requiring full consultation with neighbouring Authorities, which will last for 18 months and is expected to become operational from February or March 2012 will mean that a large number of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) will be diverted from the A36 and some are likely to go through our local villages. The Secretary has written to Cllr. Tonge (Cabinet Member for Highways) stating that WC must take some action, a “Do Nothing” approach is not acceptable, and proposing 2 possible approaches: -
  - Seek a Judicial Review to examine the process adopted by BANES in approving the Experimental Order
  - Adopt “safeguarding measures” for the villages by imposing weight restrictions on the roads through the villages likely to be affected, such that the diverted HGVs will be prohibited from using them.
- The PCLG resolved to support the campaign to keep the Arc Theatre open as a professional theatre and is to write to Wiltshire College objecting to the closure of the Arc Theatre as a professional theatre.
- The 2 main priorities of the Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team, as determined by the NPT Tasking Group, are: -
  - Towpath House, Hilperton – Unacceptable behaviour.
  - Trowbridge Town Football Club – Criminal Damage.
- Kendrick Jackson was appointed as the PCLG’s representative on the Trowbridge Community Area Shadow Community Operations Board.

## 10. Trowbridge Neighbourhoods Partnership.

- Further dropped curbs are to be installed on St Thomas’s Road and new ones created on College Road and the Longfield Estate.

- Landscape work: Good progress has been made replacing summer planting with winter planting.
- Trowbridge enjoyed great success in the South West in Bloom competition with an overall Gold Award and a further 20 Royal Horticultural Society community awards
- The group has voted to move from Neighbour Policing Team having a separate Tasking group to having two larger Tasking Groups one for Trowbridge and another for the Rural Area thus enabling better efficiency of police time and making it more achievable to have key people available to attend these meetings. Police Officers and/or PCSOs will continue to attend residents meetings to ensure priorities for each area are still known and responded to.
- There was a successful focus on 'boy racers' in car parks resulting in a number of fixed penalty notices, warnings for not wearing seat belts, defect notices and one vehicle being impounded for not being insured.
- There are currently two PCSO's on statutory maternity leave. These positions will remain vacant.
- Recruitment of Special Constables has been successful and will be ongoing.
- Beech Grove park is to be developed with £16,000 of S106 funding.
- NARA is to begin a Lorry Watch scheme, the aim of which is to reduce the number of Heavy Goods Vehicles over 17 tonnes travelling through Newtown, ultimately eliminating all such vehicles except where they are delivering their loads in Newtown. Volunteers are needed for this scheme.
- Some notable future events: -
  - Christmas Lights Switch on Event - Saturday 26/11/2011
  - Older People's Sunday Events – 6<sup>th</sup> November & 11<sup>th</sup> December 2011.