

Town Council Report to Area Board 13th May 2010

1. Museum & Information Centre

Exhibitions: Cloth Road Photographic Saturday 1st May until 31st July.

Trowbridge Pubs Saturday 7th August until 4th September.

A History of Dance Saturday 18th September until December 18th.

The Christmas Exhibition Tuesday 30th November until 17th December.

A History of Trowbridge's Outlying Villages exhibition will open in January 2011.

We also anticipate holding a **20 years of the Museum** event in conjunction with the **Shires** shopping centre anniversary.

Cultural Olympiad – Thrive Dance event – Saturday 1st May 2010 at 10am in Trowbridge Park. alongside the Lions Club May Fayre.

Education – The Stumpy Club has now attracted 30 members. Spring holiday activities are focusing on Trowbridge in Bloom with Flower Art workshops being held on Wednesday 2nd June and Friday 4th June. Educational visits have been the highest ever this year and bookings are already looking good for next term.

Museum Friends – 2010 is the 20th anniversary of the Friends of the Museum. As part of the commemorations items the Friends have purchased for the Museum are to be displayed.

West Wilts District Council's chain of office – Following a meeting it has been suggested to WC that it might be best to delay the donation until the museum expansion project is complete. The Museum can then include in a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund a heavy-duty secure case to display the Chain and related items.

TIC – Sales figures continue to be healthy, particularly maps and books and the full range of national rail tickets.

2 Community Services

Sunday Club – The next Sunday Club for senior citizens is on 9th May in the Civic Hall.

Playbuilder – Officers will meet WC on 21st May to discuss this Stallard project further.

Active Trowbridge – Sport Relief Mile was a very successful event held in Trowbridge Park, with over 300 people taking part. To date £3,090.86 has been raised.

Wiltshire British Armed Forces & Veterans Celebrations – plans are in place for another great weekend event on 26th/27th June.

Go Trains! Co-operative - At the Civic Hall on 20th April, launched the UK's first co-operative train operating company, aiming to run services from Yeovil to Birmingham via Melksham and Oxford from Winter 2011/12.

New Rector for St James' Church – a licensing service for the new Rector, the Reverend Dr Rob Thomas, was held on Monday 26th April in St James' Church by the Bishop of Salisbury, which was attended by the Mayor and other councillors.

3 Town Development

Transforming Trowbridge – Work is underway on the Masterplan vision and scoping study by Urban Practitioners.

Gateway, Parkridge – No further lettings confirmed, application to allow some incidental food sales may give good indication of likely tenant.

Sainsburys - The Mayor will officially open the store on Wednesday 30th June at 9.00am, together with the Town Crier. The other part of the site is expected to lay dormant until the housing market picks up. Plans for a new pedestrian crossing at the junction of Church Road and Manvers Street, a zebra crossing on British Row and a new bus stop in Union Street were considered at the Town Development meeting held on 20th April. Objections to details for the bus stop have been made.

Cradle Bridge, Parkridge. Alternatives are now being considered for this site.

Castle Place & St Stephens Place. Confirmation of a purchaser is due soon.

Bowyers. Permission for the redevelopment of the listed buildings has been given, despite our objections to the retention of the building closest to the Town Bridge.

Regional Spatial Strategy and Core Strategy – Consultations are now all available on the web through Limehouse software via the Wiltshire Council web-site.

Sports Pitch Provision –We hope to arrange a meeting for the Football and Rugby Clubs, including the possibility of S106 money, which Steve Ibbetson at WC is dealing with.

A Boards – We are in discussion with Wiltshire Council about this issue.

St Thomas' Recreation Ground – The Council has objected to the proposed fence.

4 Properties

The Civic – The FIFA World Cup begins on 11th June 2010 all England Games and the finals will be shown at the Civic Hall. The Civic Hall will close on 12th July 2010.

Civic Centre Project – The project is now out to tender.

Street Furniture – The Shears Map has been removed from Fore Street for refurbishment. To be replaced by a TIB sponsor board attached to the fingerpost.

South West in Bloom 2010 – the committee is completing the judge's route. An application for Area Board Funding of £5,000 was approved on 22nd April 2010. Details will be in the Properties Manager's report to committee on 8th June.

CCTV – five new talking systems have been fitted to cameras including the park play area.

Pubwatch – 22 radios are to be bought using Area Board and Awards for All funding.

Allotments – Discussion ongoing with Wiltshire Council.

Markets – Following approval of the Market Policy I will be attending the NALC/NABMA meeting in Shrewsbury on 4th May to make a presentation on policy development.

Parish Stewards – reconfiguration of work programmes to simplify the auctioning of jobs is being introduced. Further cooperative activity with English Landscapes is also progressing.

5. MARKETING/PROMOTION

Town Council Supplement – The next full supplement will be in June.

Website – the new Town Council web-site is progressing towards completion.

Town Guide – the 2010 edition is now in preparation.

6. PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Wiltshire Council

Delegation of Services – I met with Bob Chequer (WC Delegation to First Tier officer) recently to discuss this. A proposal to trial management of the Park or Stallard Rec. is likely to be put forward by Wiltshire Council.

Delegation of Street Naming & Numbering – WC has confirmed that they will not be delegating this to town and parish councils; *'the current legislation and protocols are complex and would prove an extremely onerous burden on towns and parishes for very little gain'*.

Market Towns of Wiltshire – the next meeting is due to be held on 22nd July 2010.

LTP Parking Plan – Following an enquiry as to whether the Town Council would be invited to partake in the consultation on parking policy being undertaken by WC, I have been advised of the following by Chris Major, Parking Services Manager: -

The LTP3 Project Board (which includes Cllr Tonge, Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways) has provisionally agreed that consultation with Area Boards, Parish and Town Councils, Chambers of Commerce and other key stakeholders on the LTP parking plan review that our consultants Mouchel are currently undertaking, would be carried out through the web-based Limehouse software. A final decision on the format and timing of the consultation was due to be taken by the Board at its meeting on 14 April.

No further update is available to date

Youth Services – Discussions are ongoing with the WC officers on a regular basis.

West Wilts Show - The Town Council is concerned at the decision of Wiltshire Council not to fund a show in Trowbridge Park in 2011 and is asking if any funds from the Performance Reward Grant may be available to assist with a show.

7. Meeting Dates. Council and committee meetings for the next 2 months are:

Tuesday 11 th May	Town Development 7.00pm	TTC office
Tuesday 18 th May	Annual Council 7.00pm	TTC office
Tuesday 25 th May	Community Services 7.00pm	TTC office
Tuesday 1 st June office	Civic Centre Project 6.00pm	TTC
Tuesday 1 st June office	Town Development 7.00pm	TTC
Tuesday 8 th June office	Museum & Tourism 6.30pm	TTC
Tuesday 8 th June office	Extra P&R 7.00pm	TTC
Tuesday 8 th June office	Properties 7.30pm	TTC
Tuesday 15 th June	NO MEETING	
Tuesday 22 nd June	Town Development 7.00pm	TTC office
Tuesday 29 th June	Extra Full Council 7.00pm	TTC office
Tuesday 29 th June	Policy & Resources	
	On the rising of Extra Full Council	TTC office

PLEASE NOTE THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 20TH JULY 2010 ALL FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT LONGFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE DURING THE CLOSE DOWN PERIOD OF THE CIVIC HALL. COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES.

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