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TCAF Report to Area Board 14th November 2013

Steering Group update:

TCAF hosted a first aid training course by the Red Cross attended by 8 members of the community. The day was a success and everyone passed with flying colours.

We are organising a Food Hygiene course on December 4th, 9am-5pm at Bridge House, Trowbridge. This is open to any volunteer community members and we have up to 15 spaces available. TCAF are funding the course fully so if you are interested please contact Kate Oatley on tcaf@trowbridge.gov.uk.

TCAF held their AGM on Monday 7th October at the Town Hall. Ffinlo Costain from the Wiltshire Energy Alliance presented on alternative energy and proved to be very interesting. Colin Kay was re-elected as Chair with Derek Adams being voted in as Vice-Chair. Doug Ross was re-elected as Treasurer and Kate Oatley as Secretary. Priorities for the coming year are the environment, Housing and Safer Trowbridge.

There will be a meeting for Discover Safer Trowbridge on Monday 18th November 10am-12pm at the Civic Centre when we will be discussing the Purple Flag Agenda. This is an open meeting so please do come along if you can.

We are going to be reviewing our Community Area Plan in November so that we can ensure that it reflects current issues for the community area. We will circulate for comments towards the end of November.

We secured funding from the PCC for the Polish events that took place at the Atrium on the 23rd October and the Civic Centre on the 28th October. Following on from this, we are working with Collaborative Schools to recruit interpreters who will be trained by EMAS to work in the schools and wider community to support Polish families where there are language barriers.

Trowbridge Arts continues to run professional events throughout the autumn. For further details please visit the website www.trowbridgearts.com

TCAF's next Steering Group meeting will be on Monday 11th November, 4-6pm at the Civic Centre.

TCAF are working in partnership with Action for Market Towns (AMT) to assess the town centre which will include information collated on footfall, car-parking, vacant premises, types of stores in the town centre, user confidence surveys and business confidence surveys. Results will be made available in the Spring-time. Anyone wishing

to volunteer their time to help collate the information can contact Kate Oatley on tcaf@trowbridge.gov.uk

We have attached a list of tcaf meetings for your information. If you would like to join any of the theme groups please contact Kate or Tracy on tcaf@trowbridge.gov.uk

Colin Kay TCAF Chair