

Town Clerk's Report 24th June 2015 to Policy & Resources Committee 30th June 2015

1. POLICY

1.1 Nominated free-parking days 2015 - The free-parking days in Wiltshire Council Car-parks for 2015 are; Saturday 27th June for Armed Forces weekend and Friday 24th and Saturday 25th July for Magna Carta Charter Fayre.

1.2 Community Governance Review – Wiltshire Council's Panel are expected to publish their recommendations in the Summer starting with the smaller parish changes and followed by the more significant changes proposed for the towns. This will allow a period of public consultation continuing into the Autumn, their recommendations are expected to include changes to the town boundary. A final decision is expected to be presented to Wiltshire Council for consideration at a Full Council meeting in November, with implementation of any changes expected in 2017.

2. FINANCE

2.1 Policy & Resources – Financial Accounts 2014/15 (AGENDA ITEM 12)

Year End	Actual Budget		Variance
	£000	£000	£000
Gross Expenditure	430	451	21
Income	6	5	1
Net Expenditure	424	446	22

The budgeted net expenditure for the year was £445k with the actual net expenditure at £424k which was £22k under budget.

Democratic Services CC401 was £5k under budget for the year with savings on salaries and publicity. The share of the Civic Centre costs were (£3k) over due to the new flooring.

Mayor CC402 net expenditure was (£2.5k) over budget mainly due to the civic dinner.

Grants CC403 Overall grants were £4k favourable.

Projects CC404 Projects spend included BID feasibility and 42 Discover Trowbridge banners, and was £14k favourable overall.

Establishment CC 410 net expenditure was £160k which was £1k under budget despite the shared cost of the Civic Centre at (£2k) over budget. Other savings for the year included salaries and insurance.

2.2 Finance Summary April 2014-March 2015

Museum net expenditure came in £3k under budget.

Leisure Services net expenditure was (£46k) over budget.

Direct Services total net expenditure was 16k under budget.

Civic Centre Management Board total net expenditure was (£94k) over budget.

Council - In total the budget net expenditure for the year was £1455k with the actual at £1501k which was (£46k) over budget.

Earmarked Reserves - Total balance has increased from £99k to £118k; Museum project £102k, Stallards changing room project £6k, Historic Buildings £2k, ETrowbridge £0.2k, and Sports pitches £7k.

General Reserves – has reduced from £251k to £205k.

2.3 Local Gov't Act S150(5), Orders For Payment – The finance department is still testing electronic banking.

2.4 Risk and Audit Panel – Meets on Tuesday 23rd June to consider the Annual Return, Internal Audit report and other matters.

2.5 Financial Regulations - the Financial Regulations have been reviewed by the Risk & Audit Panel at their meeting on 23rd June 2015 following questions raised at Full Council.

3. PERSONNEL

3.1 Leavers - Faye Daffurn – Venue Trainee Supervisor – 30/03/15, Jade Songhurst - Sports Coach – 25/03/15, Aimee Parsons – Sports Coach 08/04/15, Anthony Andrews - Sports Coach – 15/04/15, Sarah Kenyon – Exhibition and Arts Officer – 14/05/15

3.2 Starters - Ellen Ford – Venue Trainee Supervisor – 14/05/15, Hanne Dahl – Exhibition and Arts Officer – 03/06/15

3.3 Job Evaluation Exercise – South West Employers commenced the Job Evaluation Exercise with all staff on 3rd February 2015. I received an initial spreadsheet with job scoring for feedback, following which South West Employers will put together a pay and grading structure and finally produce the report. Time frame expected: approx. 2 weeks.

4. SERVICES

4.1 MUSEUM & TOURISM – The next committee meeting is 22nd Sept 2015 at 6:30pm

4.1.1 Museum Project – the Curator is progressing with our application to the HLF which will be submitted by 19th August. The Curator, Town Clerk, and Architecton met the HLF Development Officer for the South West Team, Phillipa Davies and Richard Bellamy, on Tuesday 9th June, to discuss the project in detail. We then held a meeting with Colin Scragg, Carter Jonas, who is negotiating with the Landlords in relation to our plans and lease. Costs have necessitated a phased approach to the project, with plans for this stage focusing on opening up the additional floor of the building to provide new accommodation for the full range of activities and views across the town as well as improving the entrance area. The HLF officers were once again very supportive of our project and provided helpful advice towards our application.

4.1.2 Holiday Activities – there were a range of workshops on offer during Easter and May half term holiday they ran a successful Bugs and Butterflies workshop amongst others. Full details are in the Curator's June report to the Museum & Tourism committee.

4.1.3 Exhibition - Work continues on the Magna Carta exhibition and related activities.

4.2 LEISURE SERVICES - The next committee meeting is 22nd Sept 2015 at 7pm.

4.2.1 Fun Days – Plans are already in place for Summer holidays from Monday 27th July to Friday 28th August 2015 at the Grove School.

4.2.2 Sports Pitches Project – We are working with clubs, Wiltshire FA, Sport England and WASP to develop plans for the land at Devizes Road which we have purchased with S106 funds. Further funding (£225,000) has now been received by Wiltshire Council from Wain Homes in respect of the Southview Farm development. The remaining S106 funding (Castle Mead and Abbey New Homes) is expected by the end of 2015. The current lease at Woodmarsh with landowner Doric runs out in 2018 and we are in discussion with them via our agent (Kavanaghs) regarding options of a new lease or purchase of the land. We are in discussion with Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Football Association regarding use of some of the S106 money to support the purchase of Woodmarsh to provide a secure future for Trowbridge Town Football Club. We will then need to enter into discussion with the Football Club regarding future lease and rent, with any income to the Town Council financing and borrowing requirement and for investment in the new facilities at Devizes Road. Wiltshire Council is also in the process of completing an Open Spaces Study which will inform future policy. We will appoint a consultant in the near future to prepare plans for Devizes Road with a view to making grant applications in 2016. Our project will also consider the purchase of additional land and smaller scale improvements at Innox Road and Seymour to provide facilities for junior teams.

4.2.3 Sports and Play Festival – Our Festival in 2015 will be held on Saturday 25th July as part of the town's Magna Carta 800th Charter Fayre, with a medieval theme, details at the end.



4.3 DIRECT SERVICES – The committee meets on 25th August 2015.

4.3.1 Civic Centre – The Management Board next meets on 30th July 2015.

Installation of SOLAR Photovoltaic Cells on the roof. This was commissioned on 8th May and in the first month has already saved over 1 tonne of CO2.

4.3.2 Town Park

Friends of Trowbridge Park – an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Friends will be held at the Civic Centre on Wednesday 8th July at 6:30pm it is hoped that as many councillors and Friends members can attend to secure the future of the organisation working with the Town Council to support the maintenance and development of our superb town centre facility.

Outdoor Gym - following investment in the children's play area, much used since its installation earlier in the Spring the new Outdoor Gym circuit is nearing completion, providing a 1km fitness course around the Park. Future investment is likely to be dependent upon income from Community Infrastructure Levy and grant sources.

Storage Facility at St George's Works (AGENDA ITEM 7) - The owners of St George's Works (where the council currently rents a storage facility) is considering redevelopment opportunities and has sought the cooperation of the Town Council to improve this important aspect of the Park, providing a new frontage which looks onto the Park rather than turning its back on the Park as has been the case for over 128 years. The developer has committed to removing old out-buildings and overgrown trees at the back of the bandstand to enable the Council to build a new freehold storage facility for our vehicles and equipment. The Direct Services Committee considered this and made a recommendation to the Policy & Resources committee, due to the potential wider consequences. No financial commitment from the Council is required at the moment, prior to a planning application being made. The Full Council would be required to approve any borrowing by the Town Council to

fund construction of the new storage facility. If the Council were to consider borrowing in order to fund the development of the storage facility then in lieu of the current annual cost of the facility in St George's Works the Council could borrow £340,000 from the Public Works and Loans Board at fixed interest rates over fifty years, without any increase to the budget. The agent has provided additional information regarding construction vehicle access to the site which has been circulated to members.

Direct Services Committee's RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council works towards a joint planning application with the owners of St George's Works for the redevelopment of St George's Works including new elevations to the Park and new storage facilities in the Park for the Town Council, subject to agreement with the developer relating to costs.

In addition the Policy & Resources Committee is asked to consider the following **RECOMMENDATION from the Town Clerk:**

That in working towards a joint planning application for St George's Works and new elevations to the Park, the committee delegates to officers, in consultation with the Leader and Chair of the Direct Services Committee, responsibility for agreeing the planning application with the owners of St George's Works and their agents, subject to the proposals being advantageous to the Town Council and there being no cost to the Council at this stage.

4.3.5 Longfield Community Centre Toilets – (AGENDA ITEM 8) - The gents and disabled toilets at Longfield Community Centre were refurbished in 2014/15 utilising Area Board grant income and budget and we now have plans to complete the activity with the refurbishment of the ladies toilets in 2015/16 at a cost of £9,500. Longfield has a budget of £6,000 for premises repairs. The RFO advises the committee that a generally recognised minimum level of general reserve is 3 months of expenditure, which should currently be approx. £380k for the Town Council and that on 31st March the Council's General Reserve was £205k. The Committee should therefore consider carefully whether; General Reserves should be depleted further; external funding should be secured to contribute to the project or other savings against budget should be found to fund the refurbishment of the toilets, or whether the project should be delayed until appropriate funding is available. It should be noted that our Internal Auditor has also reported that the council should consider carefully the level of General Reserves this year.

The Direct Services Committee has requested approval from the Policy & Resources Committee to allow use of General Reserves to guarantee that the refurbishment can be completed and made the following:

RECOMMENDATION: That the Policy & Resources Committee makes available funding from reserves to complete the refurbishment of the Longfield Community Centre toilets, subject to a successful bid to the Area Board.

5. MARKETING & EVENTS

5.1 Calendar of Events (please see attached at the end of the report).

5.2 Website – The Town Council web-site www.trowbridge.gov.uk provides information about all council activities and services as well as links to other Trowbridge web-sites. Our other web-sites are: www.trowbridgecivic.co.uk for information about the Civic Centre, events and activities & www.trowbridgemuseum.co.uk for the Museum.

5.3 Magna Carta 800th 1215-2015 – Our Magna Carta 800th celebration year includes; *Magna Carta Museum Exhibition ongoing*, also celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the Museum.





Lord Mayor of London; Baron Towns Reception 12th May – 13 reps from Trowbridge attended a lunch at the Mansion House including the then Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Leader, Town Clerk and Town Crier. Trowbridge certainly made an impression on the day!

Liberteas Big Lunch, was held in the Park, Sunday 14th June, by BIG Community Grow. On Monday 15th June the Leader and Town Clerk represented the Town with others at the Salisbury Pageant. Mr

and Mrs Milroy represented the town at Runnymede.

Magna Carta Baron Towns Bike Ride 800 miles in 800 years from 20th June, Town Clerk Lance Allan will be visiting all 23 Baron Towns, starting in *Curry Mallet* and calling in at *Trowbridge* at lunch time on Saturday 20th. Sunday 21st *Long Crendon*, Bucks, *London* and *Greenwich*; Monday 22nd *Walkern*, Herts, *Stansted Mountfitchet*, *Little Dunmow*, *Pleshey* and *Castle Hedingham* in Essex and *Clare* in Suffolk; Tuesday 23rd *Framlingham* and *Huntingfield* in Suffolk; Wednesday 24th *Leicester* and *Belvoir*; Thursday 25th *Pontefract* and *Helmsley*, Yorkshire; Friday 26th *Thirsk*, *Topcliffe* and *Skipton*, Yorkshire and *Hornby*, Lancashire; After a trip over the Pennines on Saturday 27th the finale takes in *Warkworth* and finishes in *Alnwick*, Northumberland on Sunday 28th June. You can sponsor Lance at:

www.justgiving.com/LANCE-ALLAN2 to raise money for Dorothy House Hospice or www.justgiving.com/LANCE-ALLAN1 to raise money for Re-cycle bikes for Africa.

'Horrible Histories' live on stage at the Civic Centre on **Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July**.

www.trowbridgecivic.co.uk/event/Horrible+Histories+Barmy+Britain+Part+Three

St James' Church 'Celebration of Magna Carta' exhibition 20th - 26th July, including floral exhibits using Henry de Bohun colours of gold and blue.

Magna Carta Charter Fair weekend of 24th/25th/26th July. All council departments are involved in organising elements of the **Magna Carta Charter Fair** as well as our partner organisations. The Chamber of Commerce and Town Team is running a **Trowbridge Business Expo** in the Civic Centre on the Friday and Saturday sponsored by *Apetito*, *Hitachi* and *Office Evolution*. The Town Team will also be arranging **Medieval themed markets in Fore Street**, The **Active Trowbridge Magna Carta Sports & Play Festival in The Park** will be held on the Saturday, with **Jousting and a Town Crier's Competition** on Sunday ending with the **Civic Service** on Sunday evening in St James' Parish Church.

6. **TOWN DEVELOPMENT** – Committee meets 23rd June, 14th July and 11th August.

6.1 **Town Centre Developments**

St Stephen's Place [//ststephensplacetrowbridge.co.uk/](http://ststephensplacetrowbridge.co.uk/) – There is one remaining unit to let following opening of Wagamama. <http://www.wagamama.com/restaurants/trowbridge>

Cradle Bridge – Marks & Spencer Simply Food, Toby Carvery, 150 parking spaces, two retail units and a footbridge across the river to St Stephen's Place was approved by Wiltshire Council on 29th April. www.mrmultid.co.uk/index.php/projects/cradle-bridge-retail-and-leisure-development

Bowyers (AGENDA ITEM 9) – Demolition works were completed in December but Morrisons included the site in a list for disposal for Residential/Retail/Mixed use development on Tuesday 9th June, with bids to be in by 6th July. <http://www.rapleys.co.uk/property/trowbridge-ba14-8hh/retail-residential-mixed-use-development-opportunity/438/> The Committee should consider if on behalf of the Council it would welcome this site being promoted for residential development through a new planning application as part of the Housing Allocation Plan currently being drafted, reducing pressure to find new greenfield sites.

RECOMMENDATION: That following the decision of Morrison's to dispose of the former Bowyer's factory site, Trowbridge Town Council would welcome the principle of residential development as the major element of any new scheme for the redevelopment of this site, enabling this site to be part of the Housing Site Allocations and therefore easing the pressure to find other greenfield locations and therefore advises Wiltshire Council of this view.

Court Street – Monahans hold an official opening this week in Fortescue House as tenant for the offices, residential apartments at the former Tremans factory site are also for sale.

6.2 Housing – The following major sites are under development.

H9 Southview Farm, Wain Homes, 300 houses for sale.

www.wainhomes.net/southwest/development-details.php?itemID=47

H11 Castle Mead, Persimmon & Charles Church 650 houses for sale, West Ashton Rd link and Hilperton Gap Rd (Elizabeth Way) are due to open August. www.persimmonhomes.com/castle-mead-2206

H8c The Pastures off Parsonage Way, Abbey New Homes 180 houses for sale.

www.abbeynewhomes.co.uk/PASTURES%20Trowbridge/home.html

Baron's Park, Green Lane – Green Square, 90 houses.

<http://www.greensquarehomes.com/baronspark/index.htm>

Ashton Park – Mainly in West Ashton and North Bradley parishes, an outline application (15/04736/OUT) for 2,500 houses, employment, 2x local service centres, 2x primary schools, site for secondary school, ecological visitor facility, open space and A350 West Ashton and Yarnbrook improvement has been received. The Town Council will consider a response at the meeting of the Town Development Committee on 14th July. An application for 120 homes on a small area of the strategic site off Drynham Lane (East of railway) has also been submitted by Wain Homes.

6.3 Wiltshire Local Development Framework

6.3.1 Housing Site Allocations Plan - The Town Clerk met with Spatial Planning officers from Wiltshire Council on Thursday 7th May to discuss the issues raised regarding the Hilperton Gap and other aspects of the Town Council's response to the potential sites. Meetings have also been held with those promoting site 3260 between Frome Road and Spring Meadows and site 613 at Elm Grove Farm off Drynham Lane (West of railway). Full public consultation will be undertaken by Wiltshire Council later this year.

6.3.2 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – The Community Infrastructure Levy was adopted by Wiltshire Council on 12th May and took effect on Monday 18 May 2015.

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityinfrastructurelevy

6.4 Bus Services – Wiltshire Council and the Traffic Commissioners were given the statutory 56 days' notice by First Bus that they would be withdrawing from operating commercially; Service 234 (Chippenham – Trowbridge Frome) and Service T1 (Trowbridge Town). This will take effect

from 2nd August. Wiltshire Council have ensured that the X34 will continue to be operated by Faresaver on the Chippenham – Trowbridge – Frome route, with some additional services early morning and late afternoon to fill the gaps. Wiltshire Council is now seeking a contract to operate a Trowbridge Town Service between the town centre and Wiltshire Drive/Studley Green, this is likely to be on a reduced frequency to the T1. The St Thomas Rd/Victoria Rd/Hilperton parts of the T1 are likely to be covered by route adjustments to the X34. Further changes to other services can no doubt be expected in future, resulting from reductions in budget available to Wiltshire Council for subsidised services and shortage of bus drivers in the region.

Councillors Osborn and Osborn have been keeping everyone updated on the campaign to ensure that the RUH Hoppa service is retained. Wiltshire Council, the RUH and Wiltshire CCG between them appear to be committed to ensuring it remains.

6.5 Trowbridge Railway Station - Improvements to the Forecourts have been completed.

6.6 Electrification – Alterations to services are confirmed: **July 18th - 31st**; Chippenham - Bathampton, main line closed through Box Tunnel. Some services will run between Chippenham and Bath via a reversal at Staverton. All services via Trowbridge will operate as normal except some Melksham line services which will be replaced with buses. There will be a near normal service for people visiting the town for our Magna Carta Charter Fayre weekend.

August 1st - 31st; Staverton - Bathampton will also be closed. There will be an hourly Portsmouth Service through Trowbridge from Swindon via Chippenham, with some services calling at Melksham. Passengers for Bristol and beyond are advised to use this service changing at Swindon. Passengers for Bradford on Avon, Avoncliff, Freshford, Bath, Oldfield Park and Keynsham will have a replacement bus service from Trowbridge. There may also be replacement bus services direct to Filton Abbey Wood. Arrangements for special Saturday trains to Weymouth are still to be confirmed. www.networkrail.co.uk/great-western-route-modernisation/wiltshire/

6.7 Wessex Water – Will be installing new sewers 20th July to 1st September to provide for extension to the Paddocks Nursing Home which is situated off Hilperton Road. The new sewer will be routed via Paxcroft Primary School and land occupied by the public footpath adjacent to Ferris Way.

6.8 Licensing – The Town Clerk attended a hearing on 17th June into a late night refreshment application for the mobile catering outlet which has been situated without planning consent at the junction of the Halve and Roundstone St. The Panel's decision was to grant the licence for late night refreshment to midnight.

7. **TROWBRIDGE PARTNERSHIPS**

7.1 Transforming Trowbridge – www.transformingtrowbridge.org.uk Met for the last time on 15th April and will now be incorporated into a new partnership for Trowbridge combining with other representative organisations to focus on a plan for the future of the town, including the town wide concept of the Campus. This group held an inaugural meeting on 11th June and has decided to retain the name Transforming TROWBRIDGE. The focus of the group will be on economic development, but with links to other aspects of the community, which can influence and be influenced by the economy. Leisure, Cultural and Education services have a key role to play in attracting quality jobs to the community.

7.2 Trowbridge Community Area Future (TCAF) <http://tcafuture.wordpress.com/>

Julie Baptista commenced work as the Community Project Co-ordinator on 11th May, working alongside Lindsey Millen. Meetings not detailed elsewhere are:

TCAF Steering Group	13 th July	16:45	Civic Centre
TCAF Neighbourhood Partnership	7 th September	18:00	Civic Centre

7.3 Car-parking - The trial residents' parking scheme is ready to be implemented in Yerbury Street once the details have been agreed. Changes to parking outside County Hall have taken place and as a result Wiltshire Council staff are now able to park for free in the Lovemead car-park. We will be discussing the potential transfer of car-parking to the town council with Wiltshire Council as part of a cost-neutral package of asset transfers which are likely to include the remaining recreation grounds owned by Wiltshire Council, open space and children's play areas.

7.4 Campus – Consultants have now been appointed to bring forward options for the development of the new-build element of the Campus on the southern part of the area between Bythesea Road and the River Biss, which will also accommodate some commercial development to support the financing of the Campus new-build. The NHS has confirmed a requirement of 1500m² and requires a decision to proceed within 18 months and opening in 3 to 4 years.

7.5 Trowbridge in Bloom – this is now being facilitated by TCAF. The next meeting is being held on 9th July at 10:00 <http://www.trowbridge.gov.uk/trowbridge+in+bloom>

7.6 Trowbridge Arts – Their project Evaluation Report was circulated to councillors on 21st May. The Town Council provides a grant to Trowbridge Arts to support their activities and the Trowbridge Arts Festival. The next BA14 Culture meeting is on 9th July. The Cultural Strategy for Trowbridge has recently been circulated.

7.6.1 Town Hall Trust – is expecting to work with the Arts Council to secure funding for the works to the Town Hall to restore it as a permanent Arts Centre.

7.6.2 Bridge House – The Charity has sold Bridge House to Professor Anita Taylor to set up as an arts workshop and education space. The proceeds from the sale are being distributed through a grant scheme. Prof. Taylor is working with Trowbridge Arts and the Town Hall Trust.

7.7 Chamber of Commerce – Emma Roberts was elected President of the Trowbridge Chamber of Commerce.

7.8 Holy Trinity War Memorial – The White Ensign Association has received confirmation of its grant funding from the War Memorials Trust and will now be letting the contract to undertake the refurbishment work to James Long (Masons) Ltd.

7.9 Cockhill Solar Farm Community Fund. - Work is complete on site, which has been generating electricity since the end of March and the owners are setting up the £15,000 per annum fund with the Wiltshire Community Foundation. The Council will need to appoint a panel to advise the WCF on distribution of the funds later this year.

8. WILTSHIRE

8.1 Wiltshire Council - The parish newsletter is now published weekly and is circulated to members. www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/parishnewsletterhome.htm

8.1.1 Area Board – The next meeting is on 16th July at County Hall. The Community Area Web Site is at www.trowbridge.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk

8.1.2 Community Area Transport Group (CATG) – Has a budget of around £21,500 for 2015/16. Met on 20th April and approved 50/50 funding for a dropped kerb set on Green Lane supported by the town council. CATG will also seek funding from Selwood Housing towards the 20mph zone implementation on the College estate. The Town Council will then reconsider a 25% share of the funding. Also approved a new lighting column in Keates Close with the Town Council providing 50/50 funding. The next meeting will be in September.

8.1.3 Local Youth Network – Sarah Holland, Youth Network Officer and apprentice Harry Gavroche-Jones are working with groups to identify service gaps and projects which may apply for grants. The LYN Management Group will work with young people on priorities and to make recommendations to the area board for grants to support youth activities. The Town Clerk has agreed to act as interim Chair until a young person has been appointed to the role, Lance will then act as mentor. Last meeting was held on 16th June.

8.1.4 Mobile Library Service review – (AGENDA ITEM 9) Wiltshire Council needs feedback on how changes planned for the mobile library service will impact on the community. For details of the changes please see the attached consultation documents. The consultation closes on 31st July 2015. Any changes will come in to effect from October 2015.

8.1.5 Market Towns Network – The next meeting will be held in September.

8.1.6 Highways & Streetscene - All issues should be reported via the website. www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshireregister.htm

In the absence of Nick Allford, Neighbourhoods Officer. Councillors are requested to contact Bill Austin on bill.austin@trowbridge.gov.uk with jobs in their ward.

8.1.7 Public Transport Consultation – workshops for key stakeholders are being held on 15/16/20/21 July to consider priorities against the need to make further significant savings in expenditure.

8.2 Police and Community Safety – Inspector Chammings reports to Full Council.

8.2.1 Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) – Wiltshire Council is working with the Town Council and other partners to develop a proposal for a PSPO to be implemented to cover a variety of anti-social activities across the town. Evidence of smoking in bus shelters is currently being compiled.

8.3 Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service – Further information about Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Services is available on their web-site and in their QM magazine. www.wiltshirefire.gov.uk/qm

8.4 Health Services – The new Bradcroft surgery has now received planning permission. A decision has been made to provide mental health care beds in Salisbury ensuring the need for an alternative use for the Charterhouse site.

8.5 Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) – Newsletters are regularly circulated or available on their website www.wiltshire-alc.org.uk

9. CIVIC & DEMOCRATIC ACTIVITIES

9.1 Council Meeting Dates. Council and committee meetings for the next few months are:

Tuesday 30 th June	Full Council Extra (Annual Accounts)
Tuesday 30 th June	Policy & Resources
Tuesday 7 th July	NO MEETING
Tuesday 14 th July	Town Development
Tuesday 21 st July	Full Council
Tuesday 28 th July	NO MEETING
Tuesday 4 th August	NO MEETING
Tuesday 11 th August	Town Development (4 weeks)
Tuesday 18 th August	NO MEETING
Tuesday 25 th August	Direct Services
Tuesday 1 st September	Policy & Resources

9.2 Twinning

9.2.1 Leer/Germany – Deputy Mayor, Hauke Sattler, Councillor Ulf Heinrichsdorf, Leader of the Council Mrs Beata Stammwich, and Mrs. Cllr Ursel Nimmrich and Mrs. Cllr Engeline Kramer will be visiting Trowbridge for the Magna Carta celebrations in July 2015. The Trowbridge/Leer Twinning Association is drafting an itinerary for the duration of their stay from Thursday 23rd July – Monday 27th July 2015.

9.2.2. Cloth Road Artists Cath Bloomfield, Sue Cook and Andy Bigwood are to exhibit their work at 3. Internationaler Leerer Salon in Leer, Germany from 5 June to 4 July 2015. Artists from the Polish twin town of Elblag and the Dutch city of Groeningen will also be participating. The first Leerer Salon, or international exhibition, was held in 2011 and it is good to know that Cloth Road artists have been able to show their work in each of the three to be held so far – it represents a great opportunity for their artists and helps to maintain a valuable cultural link with the twin town.

9.2.2 Charenton/France – the Mayor and his wife have carried out an official visit along with a group from the Trowbridge French Twinning Association to Charenton from 12th – 15th June.

9.2.3 Elblag/Poland – a small group of Troubadors from Elblag will be visiting Trowbridge during the Magna Carta celebrations in July and participating in the Civic Service.

9.3 Civic Service – will be taking place on Sunday 26th July at St James' Parish Church at 6.30pm. This will be preceded by an afternoon tea for local and foreign dignitaries at the Civic Centre, culminating in the Civic Procession at 6pm from the Civic Centre to St James' Parish Church, accompanied by the Wiltshire Youth Marching Band. All councillors are encouraged to attend. Following the Service there will be refreshments served in St James' Church Hall.

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2015

JUNE

20	Wiltshire Family History Day	Civic Centre
20	Magna Carta Cycle Ride in aid of Dorothy House www.justgiving.com/LANCE-ALLAN2 and Re-cycle Bikes for Africa www.justgiving.com/LANCE-ALLAN1	
24	Weekly Market	Fore Street
26	Farmers' Market	Fore Street
27	Motown Live at The Civic	Civic Centre
27 & 28	Wiltshire Armed Forces and Veterans Celebrations	Town Park

JULY

1	Weekly Market	Fore Street
8	Blood Donor Sessions	Civic Centre
8	Weekly Market	Fore Street
10	Farmers' Market	Fore Street
12	Sunday Club	Civic Centre
15	Weekly Market	Fore Street
18 & 19	Horrible Histories (2.00 & 4.00pm)	Civic Centre
22	Blood Donor Sessions	Civic Centre
22	Weekly Market	Fore Street
24	Farmers' Market	Fore Street
19-26	'Celebration of Magna Carta' Exhibition	St. James' Church
24-26	Magna Carta Markets	Fore Street
24 & 25	Business Expo	Civic Centre
24	Magna Carta Sports & Play Festival	Town Park
25	'Magna Carta – Game of Barons' exhibition ends	Museum
26	Jousting	Town Park
26	Town Criers' Competition	Town Park
26	Mayor's Civic Service	St. James'
Church		
29	Weekly Market	Fore Street

AUGUST

5	Blood Donor Sessions	Civic Centre
9	Sunday Club	Civic Centre
14	Farmers' Market	Fore Street
16	Carnival Soapbox Derby	Castle Street
19	Blood Donor Sessions	Civic Centre
28	Farmers' Market	Fore Street

SEPTEMBER

5	Carnival Country Fayre	Trowbridge Park
6	Wiltshire Weddings Fayre	Civic Centre
11	Farmers' Market	Fore Street
13	Sunday Club	Civic Centre
25	Farmers' Market	Fore Street
26	Rock Diabetes	Civic Centre

OCTOBER

7	Islands in The Stream	Civic Centre
9	Farmers' Market	Fore Street
11	Sunday Club	Civic Centre
16, 17, 23, 24	'Moulin Rouge' Ladies' Nights	Civic Centre
23	Farmers' Market	Fore Street

NOVEMBER

13	Farmers' Market	Fore Street
14	The Rat Pack Vegas Spectacular	Civic Centre
15	Sunday Club	Civic Centre
20	Abba Mania	Civic Centre
27	Farmers' Market	Fore Street
28 & 29	Christmas Craft and Food Fair	Civic Centre

Great 'Comedy @ The Civic' is on its way for 2016!!
February sees the return to the Civic Centre of [Roy Chubby Brown](#),
and in May 2016 we look forward to welcoming [Bill Bailey](#).

All of the above information is correct as at 28th April 2015. All event dates, timings and locations are subject to change.