

Town Council Report to Area Board Jan 2013

1. POLICY

Council Tax – The Dept of Communities and Local Govt has failed to provide Billing Authorities and parish & town councils with definitive guidance as to how the new arrangements for setting the precept should work. Thankfully Wiltshire Council has made a decision which allows precept setting to proceed for 2013 and will discuss arrangements for future years soon. A full report accompanies the budget papers.

Free Parking Wiltshire Council Car Parks – Wiltshire Council approved: Saturday 29th June - Armed Forces Day and Saturday 30th November 2013 – Christmas Market.

2. MARKETING/PROMOTION & EVENTS

Newsletter – The January newsletter is, as agreed, incorporated into the Trowbridge Magazine and will be published this way six times this year.

Calendar of Events 2013

Tuesday 12th February – Pancake Races, Fore Street (during school holidays).

Thursday 21st February – SWIB Spring Seminar, Civic Centre.

Saturday 16th March – Civic Dinner.

Saturday 30th March – Easter Saturday Street Market.

Sunday 21st April 2013 - Spring Open Gardens from 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Thursday 2nd May – Town Council and Wiltshire Council elections.

Saturday 4th May – Lion's May Fayre, Fore Street the Town Council stand will be present.

Saturday 8th June – Sports Festival, Park.

Sat 29th & Sun 30th June - Wiltshire Armed Forces & Veterans Weekend, Park.

Saturday 29th June – Vintage Market – FREE parking day.

Sunday 14th July 2013 - Summer Open Gardens from 1.00pm – 5.00pm.

July – TIB competition judging, SW in Bloom Judging Day

Sunday 21st July – Civic Service, St James' Parish Church at 6.30pm.

Sunday 18th August – Carnival Soap Box Derby, Castle Street.

Saturday 31st August – Fore Street Food Fest.

Saturday 7th September – Carnival Country Fayre, Park - the Town Council stand will be present.

Saturday 7th September – TIB Home Produce Fayre, Fore Street 10am – 2.00pm

September 2013 - Trowbridge Arts Festival, TBC.

Tuesday 24th September - Trowbridge in Bloom Awards Evening, Civic Centre

Saturday 19th October – Trowbridge Carnival Procession

Saturday 30th November – Christmas Fayre & Christmas Lights Switch On (tbc following Direct Services Committee mtg 5th Feb) – followed by Shoppers Carol Service - FREE parking day.

3 Museum & Tourism – The next committee meeting is 26th February.

5.1.1 Exhibitions - "Rich and Rare" – Opens on 9th February. It examines the difficult birth of the Industrial Revolution in the area. Alongside this exhibition we will be featuring the latest information on plans to re-locate to larger premises to provide a venue for all the family to enjoy.

5.1.5 Textile & Weaving Festival 2013 - Sarah is producing a booklet for the 5th year of the Festival.

4 Leisure Services - The next committee meeting is 26th February.

Active Trowbridge Regular activities continue – Fun Days during Feb half term.

YAG – The Youth Advisory Group has now been established, Becky Bignold is Chair.

5 Direct Services – The next committee meeting is 5th February.

Sunday Club The next Sunday Club is 13th January at the Civic Centre.

Trowbridge In Bloom – The regional South West in Bloom Spring Seminar is at the Civic Centre on 21st February 2013.

6. TOWN DEVELOPMENT – next Committee meetings are; 22nd January, 12th February and 5th and 26th March.

6.1 Transforming Trowbridge – www.transformingtrowbridge.org.uk

St Stephens Place – ODEON and Premier Inn, work progressing on site.

Cradle Bridge – For Sale.

Bowyers – Appeal submitted, alternative application registered.

County Hall Remodelling. The refurbishment of Old County Hall continues.

6.1.1 Masterplan – Arup are progressing this work, jointly funded by WC and the Homes and Communities Agency the baseline post consultation report is available.

6.2 Housing – The following major sites all have planning permission.

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

H11 Castle Mead off Green Lane, Persimmon and Charles Church 650 houses for sale.

H8d Brook Meadow, Paxcroft, Barratt and Taylor Wimpey 150 houses for sale.

H8c The Pastures off Parsonage Way, Abbey New Homes 180 starting soon.

St James' Gardens off Union Street, Newland Homes 75 houses for sale.

Broad Street PFI site for social housing now commenced.

York Buildings PFI site for social housing now commenced.

6.3 Wiltshire Core Strategy – Examination in Public is expected to take place early in 2013 at the Civic Centre.

7. PARTNERSHIP

7.1 Wiltshire Council

7.1.2 Stallard Recreation Ground

a. Changing Rooms – Permission was granted for a facility on Innox Rd. This is now being progressed, with a contribution from the Town Council.

b. Lighting and fencing – Planning permission to provide lighting at the skatepark and extension of the fencing has been received, lighting will be allowed between 16:00 and 21:00. We have applied for S106 funding.

7.2 Police and Community Safety – The Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner Angus Macpherson is due to attend the March meeting of Council.

7.3 Markets – Ellie Preston-Gill has completed the establishment of a Community Interest Company to run the market on a 50/50 basis with Wiltshire Council. Wednesday has been chosen as the most suitable day. This will be combined with special offers through the new Tik Tap loyalty scheme and Orange Wednesday offers at the ODEON when open next Autumn. Following the successful food fest run as part of the Arts Festival, they will be running Saturday themed markets on the fifth Saturdays in 2013: Easter Saturday 30th March, Armed Forces Day Saturday 29th June, Saturday 31st August and Saturday 30th November. Wiltshire Farmers Market has changed each month to two Fridays.

7.4 NHS – No planning application has yet been received for the new Bradcroft surgery.

8. CIVIC & DEMOCRATIC ACTIVITIES

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

Tuesday 15 th January	FULL COUNCIL
Tuesday 22 nd January	Town Development
Thursday 24 th January	Civic Centre Management Board (3pm)
Tuesday 29 th January	NO MEETING
Tuesday 5 th February	Direct Services
Tuesday 12 th February	Town Development
Tuesday 19 th February	NO MEETING
Tuesday 26 th February	Museum & Tourism (6:30pm)
Tuesday 26 th February	Leisure Services
Tuesday 5 th March	Town Development
Tuesday 12 th March	Policy & Resources

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