

Town Council Report to Area Board, 18th November 2010

1. Museum & Information Centre

Dancing Days Exhibition - opened on October 23rd.

Christmas Cards – on sale at the TIC.

Education – We will have activities before Christmas as well as regular school visits.

2. Community Services

Christmas Lights Saturday 4th December – in conjunction with the Shires.

Pancake Races Tuesday 8th March – the traditional Shrove Tuesday event is back.

May Fayre – The Lions Club will be organising this event in Fore Street with additional Tourism activities during the day.

Wiltshire British Armed Forces & Veterans weekend 25th and 26th June – The Town Council will once again be supporting this event.

Summer Show – in 2011 at the end of the Summer we will hold our event in the park. In 2012 it should be even better, with the new Civic Centre as well.

Active Trowbridge – We continue to provide over 300 sessions each week to local schools. Fun days will recommence in the February and Easter holidays.

3. Town Development

Transforming Trowbridge: Boots opened on 10th November at the Gateway with **Argos** to follow later. The **Civic Centre** is progressing to schedule with the steelwork now taking shape following demolition and ground-works. Plans for the refurbishment of **County Hall** including the library and the potential for a decentralised low carbon energy network were on display recently. No firm plans have been submitted for other town centre sites. New Housing Developments continue at **Southview Farm** and preliminary works have commenced on the **Hilperton Gap relief road**.

Core Strategy – The Town Council has recently agreed to support the principle of providing for a level of growth greater than 300 homes per year in and around Trowbridge, on condition that it can be accommodated within the Town Council's adopted strategy.

Sports Pitch Provision – The Town Council is working with WC, TCAF and sports clubs to consider the feasibility of developing an outdoor sports facility in the community area.

4. Properties

Trowbridge In Bloom – Local awards ceremonies took place recently following the award of a Silver Gilt in the South West In Bloom competition to the town's entry. The committee is now working on plans to achieve a Gold Award in 2011, with particular focus on community groups undertaking work in their own neighbourhoods.

Seymour Shop – Selwood Housing Society have confirmed their offer on a peppercorn rent, we have considered the detail with the TARA and have responded accordingly.

5. Policy

HM Courts Service Review – The Council received an acknowledgement for our objection. The responses will be on-line at: www.justice.gov.uk

Parking Strategy – A response, objecting to some recommendations was submitted.

Website – the new Town Council web-site is being launched this month.

6. Wiltshire Council

Traffic Planning – The Council has written to request that WC ensure that Highways undertake a Traffic and Transport Strategy of Trowbridge working closely with Transforming Trowbridge and the Vision Director in order that it complements the Core Strategy to deliver improvements for the Town.

Allotments – We are working with WC and neighbouring parishes to identify suitable locations for new allotments and considering taking on existing allotments in the town.

Leisure Services Review – We responded to the consultation, supporting the proposals whilst raising some concerns about the location of the new facility, how it might link with other commercial facilities and the future of the existing facility at Clarendon College.

Delegation of Services – The clerks of Salisbury, Trowbridge, Corsham and either Warminster or Bradford have been appointed by the Society of Local Council Clerks to sit on a working party with WC to consider these issues further.

Performance Reward Grant Analysis – The analysis of the information considered by WC cabinet has been shared with a number of other councils in Wiltshire.

Health Services – We have corresponded with NHS Wiltshire and now hope that; all parties fully understand the concerns of all four of the local GP practices, and that everyone will work together for the future of health services in the area, both to improve our existing surgeries and provide a better range of facilities in a new Primary Care Centre.

8. ITEMS OF NOTE

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

Tuesday 23 rd November	Town Development	TTC Office
Tuesday 30 th November	NO MEETING	
Tuesday 7 th December	Museum & Tourism (6:30pm)	TTC Office
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Tuesday 14 th December	Town Development	TTC Office
Tuesday 21 st December	NO MEETING	
Tuesday 28 th December	CHRISTMAS	
Tuesday 4 th January	Town Development	TTC Office
Tuesday 11 th January	Policy & Resources	TTC Office
Tuesday 18 th January	Town Council	Longfield

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