

Update for Trowbridge Area Board

Update from	Trowbridge Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	Thursday 17 November 2011
Headlines	

- The new Civic Centre will be officially opened on Saturday 10th December by the Mayor at 10am. Doors open to the public for tours of the building and a Christmas Craft Fayre at 11am, everyone welcome. There will also be a preview day on Friday 9th December for Businesses and potential customers.
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- The Town Council offices and the Trowbridge Information Centre will move into the Civic Centre on Monday 3rd December. Our new contact details will be:
Trowbridge Town Council, The Civic Centre, St Stephen's Place, Trowbridge, Wilts, BA14 8AH
01225 765072.
info@trowbridge.gov.uk
www.trowbridge.gov.uk
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- The Town Council continues to have concerns about the way in which the new Wiltshire Council Street Trading Policy will be implemented.
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- The Town Council agrees with the concerns expressed by the Scrutiny Task Group that the development of Youth Advisory Groups could duplicate the excellent work already done by CAYPIGS.
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- The Council notes the information on car parking income which shows that despite increases in April of up to 175% and the introduction of charges in some spaces which were previously free, the income from car-parking to Wiltshire Council has fallen in the period May to Sept incl. in Trowbridge by over 11%
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- Neighbourhood Planning and the Community Infrastructure Levy. The Town Council has welcomed the introduction of these measures by the government, which will give local communities much greater opportunities to influence the way in which their areas develop and services are provided. The Town Council is concerned though, that Community Governance reviews need to be undertaken before Neighbourhood plans and the distribution of the CIL to ensure that the appropriate parish and town council takes responsibility for the plan or delivery of services to the area.

Projects

- No consultation has been received from B&NES regarding their proposed HGV ban on Cleveland Bridge.
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- The Town Council has expressed its overwhelming support for the suggestion that the new parliamentary constituency should be named Trowbridge.

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- The Town Council has agreed to increase their grant to TCAF for this year and 2012/13.
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- The Town Council has received a copy of the planning application for the Innox Riverside site and is hoping to receive a copy of the application for the proposed St Stephens place leisure development by the end of the month so that consideration can be given by the Town Development Committee.

Future Events/Dates for the diary

- The Christmas Lights Switch on takes place on Saturday 26th November, followed by a Shopper's Carol Service in St James at 18:30.
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- The Museum's Dickensian Christmas runs from Saturday 3rd December.
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