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We're making a difference

Report to Trowbridge Area Board 26th January 2012.

1. The Steering Group Meeting.

- TCAF were present in the Shires Shopping Centre for 3 days in December to promote TCAF and its work, handing out copies of the Community Area Plan and discussing local issues. We were supported by the police and Fire Service and having had a successful few days, we will look to repeat this.
- The Steering Group have submitted an expression of interest form to the Area Board for a place on the Shadow Board for the Community Campus.
- We have advertised for new volunteers to help TCAF and we have a couple of new members.
- TCAF will be hosting the JSA/knowledge sharing event on 9th February and we look forward to facilitating the working groups.

2. Economy and Transport.

- Transforming Trowbridge continues to meet to discuss potential developments particularly in the Town Centre.
- TCAF officers have attended presentations from developers in order to keep up to date on current proposals.

3. Housing.

- TCAF will be looking to further develop its working relationship with Selwood Housing.

4. BA14 Culture.

- BA14 Culture is supporting the development of the Trowbridge Arts Festival in 2012. This is being headed by Trowbridge Town Councillor Andrew Bryant who has formed a committee and preparations are well under way.
- BA14 Culture has also submitted an expression of interest form to the Area Board for a place on the Shadow Board for the Community Campus. This is to ensure that there is a voice for The Arts, Heritage and Culture for the new campus.
- BA14 Culture has been heavily involved in the campaign to Save the Arc Theatre, and will be formally responding to the announcement of closure imminently.

5. Sport and Active Leisure.

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- We have recently formed a new Sport and Active Leisure Group, with Bob Brice as the new Group Champion. We have included a section in the Community Area Plan under this heading to deal with issues arising. Bob Brice will convene a meeting of this group as it is felt there is action required.
- Jeff Osborn chairs a Group called the Trowbridge Outdoor Sports Pitches Group which has a wide membership of outdoor sports clubs and we are presently using this group, which Bob Brice attends, to address the shortage of formal playing fields and Changing Rooms in and around Trowbridge.

6. Local Environment Awareness Forum.

- Our next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 18th April 2012 at Stallards Pub starting at 7pm where we will be discussing local environmental issues. Newcomers are welcome to attend.
- The group are working with Growing Communities to secure a piece of land for lease in Trowbridge where a community garden can be developed.

7. Education.

- Extended Services are in the final stages of becoming a Social Enterprise, Collaborative Schools Ltd. TCAF will be a partner of the Social Enterprise and will attend the Community Group meetings.
- The new Social Enterprise will be started in the Spring 2012.

8. Health and Social Care.

- The Health and Social care group have been awaiting the publication of the Joint Strategic Assessment document in order that they can respond to priority issues identified.
- Representatives of the group have attended the NHD Stakeholders Assembly
- The group is hoping to meet at Trowbridge Hospital in the future in order to make it easier for key stakeholders to attend meetings

9. Safer Trowbridge.

- Damien Bence, Station Manager at Trowbridge Fire Station will now be attending this group
- The group is continuing to support the youth development service being able to access the community centre and WiFi at Studley Green community centre

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- In response to the JSA demonstrating Trowbridge's young people need support in educational attainment, the group will look to help the youth service attain the necessary funding to support these young people
- Safer Trowbridge has commissioned some signage for empty shop windows that will raise the profile of the group and what it is doing to support the Trowbridge Community
- The last Bluz and Zuz event (disco for under 16 year olds) was attended by over 200 young people. As it is growing in popularity there has been a commitment to have a larger police presence.
- Touch 2 ID which was launched in Trowbridge has proved to be successful and is now being extended to Devizes, Chippenham and Bath.
- The group is continuing to monitor the CCTV provision in the town.

10. Parish Councils Liaison Group.

- We do not currently have any updates from the Parish Councils but could give a verbal update at the LAB meeting

11. Trowbridge Neighbourhoods Partnership.

- It has been agreed that there will be a single Tasking group (rather than each residents association having their own). This will make it more achievable to have key people at these meetings. The tasking group will meet directly before the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting and will be chaired by Dereck Adams.
- A problem with the Park Lake being very shallow has been highlighted to the group, there is to be an engineer's report published from which the group will take any further action thought necessary.
- The group was reminded of the importance of incidence being reported to the 101 number as the police need this evidence to justify increasing resources in these areas.
- It was reported that there were some rogue traders targeting vulnerable people and that some incidence have been successfully intercepted and will continue to be focused on.
- A skate park and outdoor gym in Paxcroft Mead is continuing to be championed.