

Town Council Report to Area Board 26/01/2012

1. POLICY

Proposed ban on HGVs Cleveland Bridge, Bath –We await formal consultation.

Rail Franchise - <http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/dft-2011-36> The Council will be responding to this consultation on the specification for the next Great Western franchise, due to commence in April 2013. The Town Council has asked that;

- Cardiff Portsmouth stays as part of the franchise with extra carriages.
- A service frequency of 2 per hour or more between Westbury and Bristol.
- A regular and frequent (hourly) service between Salisbury and Swindon.
- Hourly Paddington to Westbury Services and retention and enhancement of Paddington to Trowbridge & Bradford on Avon service.

2. EVENTS

February Monday 13th - Friday 17th– Half Term Fun Days at Walwayne Ct School

February Tuesday 14th - Saturday 18th– Half Term activities at the Museum.

February Tuesday 21st - Pancake Race, Fore Street.

February Thursday 16th - Trowbridge in Bloom launch event, The Civic Centre.

May Saturday 5th - May Fayre, Fore Street with Heritage activities in the town.

May Tuesday 22nd - OLYMPIC Torch Relay, travelling through the town.

May Saturday 26th - OLYMPIC Celebration Day, Town Park.

June Monday 4th - Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Fifties party in the Park.

June Saturday 30th & Sunday 1st July - Wiltshire Armed Forces & Veterans Weekend
Trowbridge Park.

September Saturday 8th – Carnival Country Fayre, Trowbridge Park.

September Tuesday 25th - Trowbridge in Bloom Awards Evening, The Civic Centre.

September 2012 - Trowbridge Arts Festival 2012 .

3. Museum <http://trowbridgemuseum.co.uk/>

Exhibitions – *Going for Gold-A history of the Olympics & Trowbridge's sporting heroes* opens on Saturday 11th February until 24th April.

4. Leisure Services

Youth Services – Discount rail tickets sold at the TIC for young people funded by Wiltshire Council have been a great success, it is hoped to repeat the scheme.

CAYPIG – Next meeting is 7th February.

Sports Pitches – WC & TTC have committed to engaging with the sports clubs to seek approval to develop a multi-sports hub, with funding, supported by S106 contributions.

5. Direct Services

Sunday Club - Next one on 12th February at Longfield.

Seymour Shop – opened on 7th January 2012.

Driver Standards Agency – Commenced operations at Longfield in December.

Civic Centre – Café Culture is open daily 9-5, teas coffees lunches and cakes. Bookings now being taken for weddings, parties, events and conferences. Discounts available for residents and community groups. <http://www.trowbridge.gov.uk/venues-for-hire.php>

6. TOWN DEVELOPMENT

Transforming Trowbridge – www.transformingtrowbridge.org.uk

St Stephens Place - Legal & General application for a 1200 seat ODEON cinema, restaurants and 80-bed PREMIER INN hotel. Committee generally supported, with some reservations regarding design and materials and parking management.

Bowyers – application for supermarket, 1400 seat CINEWORLD Cinema, petrol station and restaurants. Committee supported the principle of this site for a supermarket but considered the leisure elements were more suited to a site better connected to the town centre. Issues raised about listed buildings, design and transport.

Wiltshire Core Strategy – WC cabinet and a special meeting of Council in February will consider. Further consultation on the draft plan is then expected.

Local Transport Sustainability Fund – Mouchel have undertaken a consultation for WC for improvements to stations on the Swindon – Salisbury rail corridor in conjunction with the proposed improvement to service frequency. The council supported the bid and, given that over 50% of people using the station travel there on foot have suggested improvements to routes to the station for pedestrians and improvements to make the footbridge fully accessible. Daily boarding at the station has increased between 2001 and 2010 by 76%.

7. PARTNERSHIP

Wiltshire Council - Stallard Recreation Ground – WC have submitted a planning application for a modular changing room facility on Innox Road. The Town Council is considering lighting the skatepark and other improvements using S106 funding.

8. CIVIC & DEMOCRATIC ACTIVITIES

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

Tuesday 17 th January	Full Council	19:00 Civic Centre
Tuesday 24 th January	Town Development	19:00 Civic Centre
Tuesday 31 st January	Museum & Tourism	18:30 Civic Centre
Tuesday 31 st January	Leisure Services	19:00 Civic Centre
Tuesday 7 th February	Direct Services	19:00 Civic Centre
Tuesday 14 th February	Town Development	19:00 Civic Centre
Tuesday 28 th February	Policy and Resources	19:00 Civic Centre

Mayor's Civic Dinner 2012 – will be held on Saturday 24th March at the Civic Centre.

Trowbridge Town Council
The Civic Centre
St Stephen's Place
TROWBRIDGE
Wilts
BA14 8AH

01225 765072

info@trowbridge.gov.uk

www.trowbridge.gov.uk