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## Report to Trowbridge Area Board 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

### 1. The Steering Group Meeting.

- TCAF have been given 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 hosted the JSA/knowledge sharing event on 9<sup>th</sup> February and we are looking at the outcomes and how best to move forward with this.
- TCAF have recruited a Social Media and Admin employee on a 6 month contract. Further details to follow.
- Transforming Trowbridge – The L & G planning for the former Tesco site has been given permission for a 7 screen cinema complex and 80 bed hotel, 6/7 restaurants plus 110 parking spaces.
- The Morrison's/Prorsus application for the former Bowyers site for a large supermarket and 8 screen cinema is expected to go to planning committee in April.
- TCAF have advertised the Jubilee/Olympic area board grants in the March edition of the Trowbridge Magazine.

### 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.
- Following the announcement of closure of the Arc Theatre, BA14 Culture have put together a statement for those linked to the Arts in Trowbridge and the group is looking at how to ensure arts provision for the Trowbridge Community Area.
- The next BA14 Culture meeting is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm in the Pitman room at the new Civic Centre, Trowbridge. Any newcomers welcome.

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**5. Sport and Active Leisure.**

- 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 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at Civic Centre Trowbridge in the Pitman room 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.
- The group will be involved in organising an Apple Day in September in the Trowbridge Area.

**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.
- TCAF has signed a partnership agreement with Collaborative Schools Ltd.

**8. Health and Social Care.**

- This group has not met since our last report but will have by the Area Board meeting so happy to give a verbal report at the meeting.

**9. Safer Trowbridge.**

- The Safer Trowbridge have not met since our last report but will have by the Area Board meeting so happy to give a verbal report at the meeting.

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**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.**

- Approval has been given for dropped kerbs.
- Community Pay Back workers are being used for cleaning litter.
- Bluz N Zuz had the most successful ever disco with 255 taking part. More Year 10's were involved with a more organised collection system put in place.
- TTC weekly Sunday club continues at Longfield CC with a January event having been requested. A canal boat trip has been arranged which will include an ice cream trip.
- The Seymour Hub opened at the beginning of January with a lot of local interest. It will take a bit of time to build up the income required to make it self-sufficient.
- Paxcroft Mead Community Forum has acquired 2 more benches which will be fitted in due course. The Youth Forum is making progress with the plans for a skate park despite some opposition on a new site.
- Longmeadow TARA continues with the various activities, the recent family disco having attracted 90 people. Another newsletter has been sent out.

**12. Tasking Group**

- Street drinkers are impacting on Park users and action is to be taken.
- Lighting in the park needs to be improved.
- Speed-watch Partnerships are being set up and community speed watch groups have been formed who will receive the necessary training of 2 hours.