

Town Council Report to Area Board 15th March 2012

1. POLICY

- 1.1 **Localism Act** – The Town Council will work with Wiltshire Council to introduce a new code of conduct when the new regulations come into force.
- 1.2 **Proposed ban on HGVs Cleveland Bridge, Bath** – We await further consultation.
- 1.3 **Rail Franchise** - <http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/dft-2011-36> The council has responded in full to the consultation on respecification of the Great Western Franchise.
- 1.4 **Repeal of S150 (5) of the LGA 1972** – This will allow town and parish councils to utilise internet banking. No further progress to report from DCLG.

2. MARKETING & EVENTS

- 2.1 **Newsletter** – The February issue is out. The April edition is due on 26th March.
- 2.2 **Calendar of Events:**
 - Sunday 25th March - Comic Relief Mile** - 11am Trowbridge Park.
 - Saturday 5th May - May Fayre**, Fore Street with Heritage activities in the town.
 - Tuesday 22nd May - OLYMPIC Torch**, travelling through the town.
 - Saturday 26th May – OLYMPIC Celebration Day**, Town Park.
 - Monday 4th June Queen’s Diamond Jubilee**, Fifties party in the Park.
 - Sat 30th June/Sun 1st July - Wiltshire Armed Forces & Vets Weekend** Trowbridge Park.
 - South West in Bloom Judging Day** – early July
 - Sunday 15th July** – Civic Service, St James’ Parish Church at 6.30pm
 - Tuesday 25th September - Trowbridge in Bloom Awards Evening**, The Civic Centre.
 - September 2012 - Trowbridge Arts Festival 2012.**
 - Saturday 24th November - Christmas Lights Switch On** - Fore Street at 6pm. To be followed by Shoppers Carol Service in St James’ Church at 6.30pm.
- 2.3 **Jubilee Event, 1st May, Salisbury.** The Council has applied for £300 from the Area Board and if successful will arrange with TCAF and others to represent the community area, subject to the tent being funded by WC. If anyone wishes to attend, could they advise the Council Secretary.

3. Museum & Tourism - The next committee meeting is 24th April.

3.1 **Exhibitions – Trowbridge Sporting Heroes & a History of the Olympics** – now open.

3.2 **Events –**

Saturday 17th March from 10am, card making for Mothering Sunday.

Saturday 24th March from 10:30 Kings & Queens family history day.

Monday 26th March from 10:30 Trowbridge Tots.

Tuesday 3rd April from 10am Easter card making. FREE.

Wednesday 4th April from 10am Easter Baskets. FREE.

Thursday 12th April from 10am Sports Star T shirts.

Friday 13th April from 10:30 Festivals Family History Day

Monday 30th April from 10:30 Trowbridge Tots.

Wednesday 16th May, playwright and poet Josephine Coran, National Flash Fiction session.

4. Leisure Services - The next committee meeting is 24th April.

4.1 **Youth Services** – The TIC is hoping that the discount rail tickets for young people to go to Bath, funded by Wiltshire Council will be repeated at Easter.

4.2 **CAYPIG** – Next meeting is Tuesday 8th May.

4.3 **Sports Pitches** – The Council is working with WC and sports clubs to progress this proposal.

5 Direct Services – The next committee meeting is 3rd April.

5.1 Sunday Club The next Sunday Club is on 8th April 2012.

5.2 Trowbridge In Bloom – Activities throughout the year.

5.3 Stallards Rec. – the Council is installing a Street Snooker set.

5.4 Civic Centre Events:

Dancing - Ginger Jive Every Monday and **Ceroc** Every Wednesday

Blood Donors - Wednesdays 21st March, 11th April and 2nd May

Fairtrade Art Competition - Saturday 10th March

Morphew School of Dance Annual Show - Wednesday 28th March to Sunday 1st April

Comedy Night - Saturday 14th April

Big Band Dance - Saturday 21st April

Age Awareness Day - Friday 27th April

Medieval Banquet - Saturday 2nd June

6. TOWN DEVELOPMENT – next Committee meetings are 27th March and 17th April.

6.1 Transforming Trowbridge – www.transformingtrowbridge.org.uk

St Stephens Place – Work has commenced on site for cinema, hotel and restaurants.

Cradle Bridge - The site is being marketed and interest shown.

Bowyers – Morrisons application for a supermarket, cinema, petrol filling station and restaurants not yet determined by WC.

County Hall Remodelling. Work ongoing for completion this year, including new library.

6.1.1 Masterplan – WC have appointed consultants, Arup, to undertake this work, which is jointly funded with the Homes and Communities Agency.

6.2 Housing - H9 Southview Fm 300 in progress. H11 Green Ln (S); 650 commenced. H8d N of Paxcroft Way; approval for 152. H8c Green Lane (NE); approval for 186.

6.3 Wiltshire Core Strategy – Final consultation on the draft plan is now ongoing.

7. PARTNERSHIP

7.1 Wiltshire Council -

7.1.1 Transfer of assets and services – Following discussion with leading members and officers the provision of cost information regarding the Park and other WC assets is progressing.

7.1.2 Collaborative Schools Ltd - Following approval by WC of the establishment of a not for profit company for schools in the area the Council approved signing of a partnership agreement.

7.1.3 The Halve Social Centre – following recent break-ins, the centre has been repaired and re-opened on 30th January. The committee have agreed a withdrawal plan with users which will see the centre close in line with the sale of the Clinic next door.

8. CIVIC & DEMOCRATIC ACTIVITIES

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

Tuesday 20 th March	Full Council	Civic Centre 19:00
Tuesday 27 th March	Town Development	Civic Centre 19:00
Tuesday 3 rd April	Direct Services	Civic Centre 19:00
Tuesday 17 th April	Town Development	Civic Centre 19:00
Tuesday 24 th April	Museum & Tourism	Civic Centre 18:30
Tuesday 24 th April	Leisure Services	Civic Centre 19:00
Wednesday 25 th April	Annual Town Meeting & Gathering	Civic Centre 19:00
Tuesday 1 st May	Policy & Resources	Civic Centre 19:00
Tuesday 8 th May	Town Development	Civic Centre 19:00
Tuesday 15 th May	Annual Council meeting	Civic Centre 19:00

8.2 Mayor's Civic Dinner 2012 – is being held on Saturday 24th March at the Civic Centre.

9. Budget 2012/13

The Town Council increased the Band D charge by 4.55% to £119.93 which is less than inflation. The majority of parish and town councils in Wiltshire have increased their Band D charge, with an average 2.33% increase. The 22 largest councils by band D charge, which represent over 50% of the population, have an average band D charge of £114.36 and the 11 largest, which represent over one third of the population, have an average charge of £127.53

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