

Trowbridge Community Area Future
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Report to Trowbridge Area Board 15th March 2012.

1. The Steering Group Meeting.

- TCAF have agreed to undertake some of the consultation work for the Campus on behalf of the Shadow Board.
- Following on from the JSA/knowledge sharing event on 9th February TCAF have taken the priorities back to the respective theme groups to progress any actions and to ensure that the priorities are considered.
- TCAF intends to re-start the Economy and Transport Theme Group to carry on the work carried out by Transforming Trowbridge.
- TCAF continue to work with the Trowbridge Magazine to raise TCAF's profile.
- TCAF are working with the Area Board to organise an Older Persons Area Board on Thursday 11th October 2012 – further details to follow.

2. Economy and Transport.

- We submitted our response to Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy document as required.
- Legal and General held a launch event at the Civic Centre on 30th April 2012 in respect of the development of the former Tesco Site in St Stephen's Place, which will include a 7 screen Odeon cinema, 80 bed Premier In Hotel and several restaurants. TCAF supported this planning application.
- While we support the building of a Morrison supermarket on the Bowyers site the current revised application is disappointing in that there is no filling station, no proper link with the Railway Station and poorer cyclist and pedestrian access than in the original application. Now that there is an approved planning application with a cinema for the former Tesco site we would like to see the Cinema and some Restaurants replaced by housing. We would like also to have access to the river walk opened up by removing the building closest to the Town Bridge.
- We have membership of and participate in meetings of Transferring Trowbridge where the consultants are part way through the development of the Town Centre Masterplan which will be used to promote town centre redevelopment to potential developers.
- We have membership and participate in meetings of the Trowbridge County Town Initiative. We were a party to the development of the Portas Pilot bid and we have concerns with the changes to Transforming Trowbridge. We support the development of a Business Improvement District (BID) in Trowbridge but are concerned about funding for this.

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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 are waiting to hear from G4A on a grant to ensure arts provision for the Trowbridge Community Area.
- The next BA14 Culture meeting is Monday 30th April 7.30pm in the Pitman room at the new Civic Centre, Trowbridge. Any newcomers welcome.

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 23rd May 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.
- LEAF is supporting the organisation of an Apple Day with Growing Communities on 6th & 7th October. More details to follow.
- The Friends of Biss Meadows go from strength to strength and are presently working on developing the pond area having secured a significant amount of money for the project.
- LEAF will be putting together a calendar of events for the coming 12 months for those with an interest in environmental issues to get involved in.

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7. Education.

- Extended Services have now become a Social Enterprise, Collaborative Schools Ltd. TCAF is a partner of the Social Enterprise and will attend the Community Group meetings. The next meeting is Friday 1st June where the group will decide on the operational priorities of the Every Child Matters (ECM) and Community Group.
- TCAF has signed a partnership agreement with Collaborative Schools Ltd.

8. Health and Social Care.

- The group has identified key areas of need from the knowledge sharing event namely: that men not going to the Drs; Language and translation services in Drs services; support for those suffering with Alzheimer's and their carers. The group will be working with Wiltshire Council to see who it can best support these areas.
- Representatives from the group have attended a the most recent Stakeholders Assembly
- The next meeting of the group is June 14th.

9. Safer Trowbridge.

- On the retirement of Insp Dave Cullop Bill Austin has taken up the role prior to a quorate meeting where a new Chair can be voted in.
- The group has met with Siobainn Chaplin to look at how it can support the needs of the young people she works with.
- The group are following the developments and effectiveness of the CCTV systems that have been invested in across the town.
- The group heard about the continued success of the Bluez and Zuz young person's project and how it has been receiving more supervision at the end of the event.
- Touch 2 ID that was piloted in Trowbridge has been a success and is now being rolled out in Melksham.

10. Parish Councils Liaison Group.

- The PCLG still have an eye on developments regarding the closure of the Cleveland Bridge in Bath. Staverton Parish Council has asked the PCLG to share any info with them.
- The PCLG also held a special meeting to draft a response to the Core Strategy and a fairly lengthy response was sent off to the appropriate department.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9th May.

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11. Trowbridge Neighbourhoods Partnership.

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- 1.1 The Bluez 'n' Zuz Disco Events, for young people between 12 & 16, at Mou Mous, continue to be very popular with more than 250 attending the latest event.
- 1.2 The Monthly Sunday Club events continue to be well attended and the next event, a canal boat outing is fully booked. For details of future events contact Maryrose on 01225 765072. These events are open to anyone over the age of 50. They provide live entertainment, a bingo session, a raffle and a buffet all for £2.50 for Trowbridge residents or £3.50 for non residents.
- 1.3 There are concerns re the failure to have the Dropped Kerbs, jointly funded by the Board and the Town Council, installed by 31.03.2012 as previously promised.
- 1.4 Neighbourhood Groups will again be participating in the Trowbridge in Bloom's entry in the South West in Bloom competition.
- 1.5 The new Seymour Tenants and Residents Association's (STARA) Community Hub is progressing well with a Knitting & Sewing Group, an Arts Group, the Stroke Club, the Quakers and the Credit Union all now using the premises. All are welcome to drop in for a coffee or a tea etc. at reasonable prices. Contact Penny Williamson on 07772 222162 or schuee2@yahoo.co.uk .
- 1.6 Paxcroft Mead Community Forum reports that with help from a Community Payback Group the Paxcroft Brook has been cleared and is now running freely. For details of activities and contact details go to www.paxcroftmead.org.uk/forum/ .
- 1.7 The Studley Green TARA's Resource Centre in Manor Road now has an exercise session for the elderly, the Credit Union operates on Mondays from 3-4pm; CAYPIG holds meetings and a Knitting Group and a Gardening Club are based there. Contact phone number 752535 or email elizabethwragg@cavendishdrive6.freeserve.co.uk .
- 1.8 Longmeadow TARA runs a range of events for local people of all ages at the Longfield Community Centre. For full details contact Mac on 01225 765831, 07842 811554 or mcdonald2650@btinternet.com.
- 1.9 Longmeadow TARA is concerned about the Woolpack Meadows Play Park equipment and is now in touch with Colin Brown of Wiltshire Council.

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1.10 College Estate Residents Association continues to meet regularly and to help run Bingo sessions. Full details of all activities can be obtained from Derek Adams on derek06adams@googlemail.com or on 01225 764755

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.