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## **Report to Trowbridge Area Board 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013.**

### **1. The Steering Group**

Main points from the last steering group meeting are:

- a. The Older Persons event was reported as being successful, attended by over 60 people and will look to do it again in 2013 if the capacity of the already reduced Area Boards can accommodate it.
- It has been mooted that TCAF head up the development of a Multi Cultural Forum to ensure good representation from all of our communities in such things as consultations, ie Core Strategy, JSA, Campus and community projects such as the Arts Festival
- TCAF to ensure there is an event planned early in the new year to inform and support those affected by the changes to Universal Credits
- Doug has done a lot of work to support Trowbridge Town Team in completing and submitting benchmarking work in order that Trowbridge towns footfall and vacant shops can be compared to national figures
- The next TCAF Steering group is to be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the Civic Centre,

### **2. Economy and Transport.**

There is not currently a specific group to support this theme but there is representation from TCAF on Trowbridge Initiative and Trowbridge Town Team.

- Trowbridge has been granted £10,000 from the Portas Pilot following the submission it made to the initiative earlier in the year. This is hoped to be passed from Wiltshire Council to the Town Council in order that it can be invested in projects identified by the Trowbridge Initiative and the Town Team
- The Dickensian Market took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> December and was well supported (We have yet to have a report on how the sellers and local retailers felt it went)

### **3. Housing.**

TCAF does not have its own Housing theme group but has been developing its working relationship with Selwood Housing and keeping informed of developments in this area.

### **4. BA14 Culture.**

- The group has been successful in securing over £120,000 funding from the Arts Council (£90k), Wiltshire Council (30k) Trowbridge Town Council (2k) and in kind support from TCAF to deliver professional performance, participation and exhibitions throughout the community area for the next 2 years. Tracy Sullivan will lead on this and will host an event for anyone interested in finding out more about the project in the coming weeks, date to be confirmed.
- The group is supporting a local project being developed to celebrate traditional songs from Trowbridge's diverse communities through choir singing. Local choir leader Candy Verney is leading on this.

- The group expressed how important they think it is that culture and arts be within the thinking and questions ask re the campus development.
- Trowbridge Arts Festival dates for 2013 have been confirmed as being Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November and will be launched as part of Trowbridge Carnival in Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October.
- The next BA14 Culture meeting is on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm at The Civic Centre

**5. Sport and Active Leisure.**

- TCAF is supporting the Campus development which has a strong leisure focus as a pool and leisure facilities is central to that plan.
- Bob Brice and Jeff Osborn have also been working closely to support the development of outside sports pitches.

**6. Local Environment Awareness Forum.**

TCAF has been made aware of key priorities that could be supported and could work alongside other events happening in the community area but TCAF would very much benefit from having a volunteer lead on this theme. Please get in touch if you or someone you know would be interested to champion and support this group.

**7. Education.**

- ECM and Community Steering Group to be renamed as ECM and Community Partnership Meeting.  
Changes reflected in Governance structure – copy distributed.  
Main points raised:
  - Focus – Community liaison.
  - Compliment services not duplicate.
- Identified a need to build a body of volunteer translators TCAF will support to apply for funding for.
- Two representatives from the Youth Parliament spoke. A frustration that as the Parliament had been granted area board grants in the past they believe they are not entitled again despite representing 21 schools which TCAF will look into.
- Received £4k MOD funding to develop/support Military Families (parents & students) network in Trowbridge. Letter to be sent to schools to invite families to coffee morning on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January, The Hub.
- £5k funding has been received to support the establishing of a parent support forum for service families.
- The next meeting for the group is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January

**8. Health and Social Care.**

- This group met on December 13<sup>th</sup>
- Focused on how the group and TCAF could support the work that Collaborative schools are developing around the health, wellbeing and emotional resilience project for young people that they have secured some funding for.
- One part of this project looks to be to create a website that centralises all of the information on services available to support young people.
- An annual conference where young people can meet employers. TCAF look to support this event

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**9. Safer Trowbridge.**

- This group is now to support key themes and actions that come out of the Tasking group that meets prior to the Neighbourhood partnership groups. So as areas that need focus from the key partners a meeting will be called to act on those priorities.

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**10. Parish Councils Liaison Group**

- There has not been a mtg of this group since the last Area Board

**11. Trowbridge Neighbourhoods Partnership**

- Minutes from the last meeting of the neighbourhood partnership are not currently available but can give a verbal update in any key points at the Area Board meeting.