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Report to Trowbridge Area Board 11th July 2013.

Steering Group Update:

TCAF have received approval from the Area Board for funding for this financial year.

The Core Strategy is available for public consultation again until 27th June.

Our next Steering Group meeting is to be held on Monday 1st July 2013, 4-6pm in the Pitman room, Civic Centre.

Neighbourhood Partnership

1. The next Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting is on Monday 8th July, 7pm at the Civic Centre.
2. The Tasking Group which meet directly before the Neighbourhood partnership group at 6pm will identify and key areas of work that will be taken on as the need arises in place of the Safer Trowbridge group.
3. Notes for both of these meetings are available on request via email or by post

Environment

1. TCAF are now members of Trowbridge in Bloom and were recently involved in the Young Bloomers Public Speaking competition in which 6 local schools participated in a superb event at the Town Hall.
2. TCAF will be participating in the Trowbridge in Bloom Awards Evening on 24th September 2013 as a support officer.

BA14 Culture

1. Trowbridge Arts are busy scheduling professional arts events across the town and are heavily involved in the organisation of the Arts Festival.
2. TCAF are represented on the Trowbridge Arts Festival group and plans for this year's festival are well underway, this years' festival will take place between October 18 and November 2nd.
3. The group's next meeting will be in September, date tbc, where we will appoint a new chair to lead the group for the next 12 months.
4. Notes for this meeting are available on request via email or by post

Economy and Transport

1. Trowbridge County Town Initiative meetings are attended and the group are looking at developing a Trowbridge Communication Strategy taking into consideration the recent Hidden Britain Report as well as the Action for Market Towns (AMT) survey.
2. TCAF have committed to carrying out research on Action for Market Towns and will conduct surveys again this year following training on this at the end of June. Findings will be shared with relevant groups across the town.

Health & Social Care

TCAF is due to meet with Rachel Efemey to plan the JSA event and to discuss holding another older persons area board after the success of last years.

Collaborative Schools

1. The next meeting for Collaborative Schools is on Friday 28th June and any updates will be shared following this meeting.
2. Trowbridge Schools Art project continues and will link in with the Trowbridge Arts Festival.
3. TCAF will be attending the Forces Forum set up by Collaborative Schools to ensure inclusion for Trowbridge Forces Families. The number of Forces families in Trowbridge is set to rise over the next few years and we want to ensure that they feel a part of the community, accessing all the services available to them.
4. TCAF are leading to secure funding to support families who have English as a second language access translators so that they can fully engage with their children's education.

TCAF continues to attend the CoB and has been involved in consultations across the town to consult about the working proposal of the CoB.

TCAF are running a project with the museum, schools and other community groups to make pom poms which will decorate the park and link in with the Arts Festival as well as the opening of the new cinema.

TCAF continues to attend Trowbridge Town Team meetings and supports the development of the town's weekly market.

TCAF is planning some First Aid Training to ensure that there are trained volunteers at community events. If anyone is interested in taking a place on this day course please get in touch.

Kind regards
Colin Kay
Chair Of TCAF