

## Town Clerk's Report 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015 to Policy & Resources Committee 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

### 1. POLICY

**1.1 Nominated free-parking days 2015** - The Town Council has nominated three free-parking days in Wiltshire Council Car-parks for 2015; Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June for Armed Forces weekend and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July for Magna Carta Charter Fayre. This has been acknowledged by Wiltshire Council.

**1.2 Community Governance Review** – Wiltshire Council's Panel are expected to publish their recommendations which may include changes to the town boundary in March.

### 2. FINANCE

**2.1 Local Gov't Act S150(5), Orders For Payment** – Following the adoption of this in parliament the finance department is currently testing electronic banking. Formal changes to Financial Regulations will be drafted early in 2015 for final adoption at the annual council meeting in May.

#### **2.2 Policy & Resources – Quarterly Accounts April 14 – December 14, Quarter 3**

	<b>Actual Budget</b>		<b>Variance</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>3</b>

The budgeted net expenditure to the third quarter was £378k with the actual net expenditure at £375k which was £3k under budget.

**Democratic Services CC401** was on budget to the third quarter with savings on salaries and publicity. The share of the Civic Centre costs were (£3k) over due to the new flooring.

**Mayor CC402** net costs were on budget.

**Grants CC403** Overall grants were £850 favourable.

**Projects CC404** Projects are on budget and include BID feasibility and 42 Discover Trowbridge banners.

**Establishment CC410** net expenditure was £159k which was £1k under budget despite the shared cost of the Civic Centre being (£2k) over budget. Other savings to date include salaries and insurance.

**2.3 Finance Summary - Council, April - December 2014** – The budget net expenditure to the third quarter was £1040k with the actual at £1120k which was (£80k) over budget.

**Museum** net expenditure came in £3k under budget and included costs for the WW1 centenary events matched by income from the Friends. Project costs for the third

quarter include the consultant and own staff costs matched by income from the Arts Council.

**Leisure Services** net expenditure was (£40k) over budget which was mainly due to salaries and associated costs being (£28k) over budget. Income from coaching includes a customer credit of (£6k) relating to 2013-14.

**Direct Services** total net expenditure was 16k under budget and included savings on Recreational areas, Longfield, Allotments, TIC and General. The park was over budget.

**Civic Centre Management Board** total net expenditure was (£63k) over budget mainly due to the replacement flooring of (£21k), and facility hire being (£57k) down on budgeted levels and also down on the previous year.

**Earmarked Reserves** - The summary shows the budget and actual comparisons along with the reserves summary and details for the year. The reserves summary shows the opening balance at 1<sup>st</sup> April '14, movements in and out of earmarked reserves and the closing balance at the 31st December '14. The earmarked reserves total balance has increased from £99k to £103k which is due to the increases for the Museum expansion project. The earmarked reserves closing balances are for the Museum project £82k, contribution balance for the Stallards changing room project £6k, Historic Buildings £2k, E Trowbridge £0.4k, Sports pitches £7k, Longfield disabled amenities project £5k.

**2.4 Council Tax** – The Town Council resolved at the January meeting to approve the budget for 2015/16. The total net expenditure is £1,521,857 which is funded from a Localisation of Council Tax grant from Wiltshire Council of £93,876 and a Council Tax Precept of £1,427,981. This equates to a Band 'D' Council Tax Charge of £139.64 which is a 1.25% increase compared to 2014/15, in line with the Consumer Prices Index of inflation. The average increase in the town and parish Council Tax Charge across Wiltshire for 2015/16 is 3.28%. Six other towns in Wiltshire charge a higher Council Tax than Trowbridge and 12 towns had an increase for 2015 which is greater than Trowbridge.

### **3. PERSONNEL**

**3.1 Leavers** - Martin O'Neill – Civilian role in the Police Force; Kat Hoskins – Public Health, Wiltshire Council; Matthew Briant – Newtown School. Rebecca Gabb – moving to London.

**3.2 Starters** - Brendan O'Neill, Civic Centre Supervisor; Faye Daffurn, Civic Centre Supervisor; Alison-Nina Ward, Reception & Town Development Administrator. Abigail Cooper, Customer Services.

**3.3 Investors in People** – are launching a new Framework in 2015. The content has been updated to reflect the practices of the very best organisations, with a stronger focus on leadership, engagement and continuous improvement. All organisations coming forward will be assessed against the new Standard from early 2016.

**3.4 Job Evaluation Exercise** – South West Employers commenced the Job Evaluation Exercise with all staff on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015. Staff are now completing their job evaluation forms for sign off on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

**3.5 Staff Training** – Seven managers and supervisors undertook a Leadership training course provided by Simon Hares on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February, with follow up one to one sessions on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. All those attending said that the training was excellent. Details of staff training was circulated to members at the last full council meeting.

## **4. SERVICES**

**4.1 MUSEUM & TOURISM** – The next committee meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 6:30pm

**4.1.1 Museum Project** – Architecton from Bristol are preparing designs for the museum refurbishment and extension in the Shires, ready for an application to the HLF in early 2015.

**4.1.2 Holiday Activities** – were held during February half term and are planned for the Easter break.

**4.1.3 Exhibition** - The Magna Carta Exhibition will be opened by the Lord Lieutenant at noon on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**4.1.4 Tourism Forum** – Officers are attending the Tourism Forum on 18<sup>th</sup> March in City Hall Salisbury.

**4.2 LEISURE SERVICES** - The next committee meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7pm.

**4.2.1 Fun Days** – Fun Days operated during the Half-Term holidays at Walwayne Court School, with football camps operating at John of Gaunt School. Both will operate again at Easter.

**4.2.2 Sports and Play Festival** – Our Festival in 2015 will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July as part of the town's Magna Carta 800th Charter Fayre celebrations, with a medieval theme.

**4.2.3 Sports Pitches Project** – We are working with clubs, Wiltshire FA, Sport England and WASP to develop plans for the land at Devizes Road which was purchased with S106 funds. The remaining S106 funding is expected by the end of 2015. The current lease at Woodmarsh with landowner Doric runs out in 2018 and we are in discussion with them via our agent (Kavanaghs) regarding options of a new lease or purchase of the land. We are awaiting a decision from Wiltshire Council regarding use of any S106 money to purchase. (See report below regarding closure of footpath). We are also aware of a proposal to build a significant new stadium at Blackball Bridge, no planning application has been made for this yet. Wiltshire Council has recently undertaken an Open Spaces Study. We have been supporting this by providing up to date knowledge of open spaces to the consultants.

**4.3 DIRECT SERVICES** – The committee meets 24<sup>th</sup> February and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

**4.3.1 Civic Centre** – The Management Board met on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Their next meeting will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

**4.3.2 Town Park**

**Friends of Trowbridge Park** – held their ‘Walk in the Park’ event on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February which was attended by over 60 people and received extensive media coverage. Work is underway by the BIG Community Grow to prepare the Community garden in front of the Civic Centre.

**Storage Facilities** – Discussions are being held with landowners adjacent to the Park to secure appropriate development to include the provision of storage capacity in the Park for the Town Council.

**Children’s Play Area** – Following approval of the scheme we have now received confirmation of £30,000 S106 funding from Wiltshire Council towards the project to replace the rocket with a range of new equipment, completing our upgrade of the Children’s Play Area. The work will be undertaken during the last week of February.

**4.3.3 Woodmarsh** – Wiltshire Council have confirmed that the public footpath closure has been approved following the public hearing by a planning inspector on 13<sup>th</sup> January.

**4.3.4 Civic Centre – Installation of SOLAR Photovoltaic Cells on the roof.** We are now working with Kennet Community Energy Limited (KCEL), to progress the technical details of an installation on the roof of the Civic Centre. Wiltshire Council have confirmed that planning permission is not required.

**4.3.5 Longfield Community Centre Toilets (AGENDA ITEM 7) - To consider** the recommendation of the Direct Services Committee at their meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That REEDEC are appointed to undertake the refurbishment of the gents toilets to provide a disabled toilet at Longfield at a cost of £13,880 funded from £5k Area Board Grant to Longmeadow Resident’s Association, £5k Earmarked Reserve and £3,880 from this year’s underspend at Longfield.

**5. MARKETING & EVENTS**

**5.1 Calendar of Events** (please see attached at the end of the report).

**5.2 Website** – The Town Council web-site [www.trowbridge.gov.uk](http://www.trowbridge.gov.uk) provides information about all council activities and services as well as links to other Trowbridge web-sites. Our other web-sites are: [www.trowbridgecivic.co.uk](http://www.trowbridgecivic.co.uk) for information about the Civic Centre, events and activities & [www.trowbridgemuseum.co.uk](http://www.trowbridgemuseum.co.uk) for the Museum.

**5.3 Magna Carta 800<sup>th</sup> 1215-2015** – Our Magna Carta Year commences with;



**Magna Carta Museum Exhibition 28<sup>th</sup> February**, also celebrates the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Museum. We have secured the loan of a maquette of the statue of Henry de Bohun from Canterbury – which was used to model the statue which stands in the House of Lords.

**Magna Carta Conference Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April** in the Civic Centre, sponsored by The Consortium, tickets available from the TIC for £10 including lunch. Speakers: Sean McGlynn - King John & the road to Magna Carta; Dr Ellie Woodacre - Eleanor of Aquitaine; Dr Cath Hanley - Arms & Armour; Dr Matt Bennett - William Marshal; Martyn Whittock - Life in England at the time of Magna Carta; Andy Milroy - the de Bohuns.

**Lord Mayor of London; Baron Towns Reception 12<sup>th</sup> May** – 20 people from Trowbridge will attend a lunch at the Mansion House including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

**Liberteas Big Lunch, in the Park, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**, organized by Big Community Grow.

**Magna Carta Baron Towns Bike Ride 800 miles in 800 years from 20<sup>th</sup> June**, visiting all 23 Baron Towns, starting in **Curry Mallet** and calling in at **Trowbridge** at lunch time on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>. Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> **Long Crendon**, Bucks, **London** and **Greenwich**, London; Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> **Walkern**, Herts, **Stansted Mountfitchet**, **Little Dunmow**, **Pleshey** and **Castle Hedingham** in Essex and **Clare** in Suffolk; Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> **Framlingham** and **Huntingfield** in Suffolk; Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> **Leicester** and **Belvoir**; Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> **Pontefract** and **Helmsley**, Yorkshire; Friday 26<sup>th</sup> **Thirsk**, **Topcliffe** and **Skipton**, Yorkshire and **Hornby**, Lancashire; After a trip over the Pennines on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> the finale takes in **Warkworth** and finishes in **Alnwick**, Northumberland on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. You can sponsor Lance at: [www.justgiving.com/LANCE-ALLAN2](http://www.justgiving.com/LANCE-ALLAN2) to raise money for Dorothy House Hospice or [www.justgiving.com/LANCE-ALLAN1](http://www.justgiving.com/LANCE-ALLAN1) to raise money for Re~cycle bikes for Africa.

**'Horrible Histories' live on stage at the Civic Centre** from 15<sup>th</sup> July, we are already SOLD OUT for the school days on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with tickets on sale for the public performances on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July**.

**St James' Church 'Celebration of Magna Carta' exhibition 20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> July**, including floral exhibits using Henry de Bohun colours of gold and blue, to be used by Trowbridge in Bloom through the season.

**Magna Carta Charter Fair weekend of 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> July**. All council departments are involved in organising elements of the **Magna Carta Charter Fair** as well as our partner organisations. The Chamber of Commerce and Town team is running a **Trowbridge Business Expo** in the Civic Centre on the Friday and Saturday sponsored by Apetito, Hitachi and Office Evolution. The Town Team will also be arranging **Medieval themed markets in Fore Street**, The **Active Trowbridge Magna Carta Sports & Play Festival in The Park** will be held on the Saturday, with **Jousting and**

**a Town Crier's Competition** on Sunday ending with the **Civic Service** on Sunday evening.

**5.3.1 Magna Carta Event Grant Support.** We received confirmation on 11<sup>th</sup> February that the funding application for £13,700 to the HLF 'Our Heritage' fund has been successful, this is in addition to the £10,000 we received from the Magna Carta 800<sup>th</sup> Committee.

**6. TOWN DEVELOPMENT** – Committee meets 10<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March and 21<sup>st</sup> April.

**6.1 Bus Service T1** – No further information about potential changes is available.

**6.2 Transforming Trowbridge** – [www.transformingtrowbridge.org.uk](http://www.transformingtrowbridge.org.uk) Met on 10<sup>th</sup> February, **Please refer to the separate report 'A New Trowbridge Partnership'**.

**6.3 Town Centre Developments**

**St Stephen's Place** – There is one remaining unit following the opening of [Valeroso Lounge](http://Valeroso Lounge) on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February and one currently being fitted-out for Wagamama. [//ststephensplacetrowbridge.co.uk/](http://ststephensplacetrowbridge.co.uk/)

**Cradle Bridge** – MRMU recently submitted a planning application for a 16,000<sup>2</sup>ft Marks & Spencer Simply Food, 6,550<sup>2</sup>ft Toby Carvery, 150 parking spaces and two retail units. [www.mrmultd.co.uk/index.php/projects/cradle-bridge-retail-and-leisure-development](http://www.mrmultd.co.uk/index.php/projects/cradle-bridge-retail-and-leisure-development)

**Bowyers** – Demolition works were completed in December, a revised planning application to include a Petrol Filling Station as well as the consented Morrisons supermarket, multi-screen cinema and restaurant units is expected shortly. [www.innoxriverside.com/](http://www.innoxriverside.com/)

**Court Street** – a mixed use office/residential scheme on the former Treman's site is near completion by Ashford Homes. Monahans Accountants are the tenant for the offices.

**6.4 Housing** – The following major sites are under development, totalling over 1,200 houses.

**H9 Southview Farm**, Wain Homes, 300 houses for sale.

[www.wainhomes.net/southwest/development-details.php?itemID=47](http://www.wainhomes.net/southwest/development-details.php?itemID=47)

**H11 Castle Mead**, Persimmon & Charles Church 650 houses for sale, the link to West Ashton Rd and the Hilperton Gap Relief Rd from Leap Gate to Canal Rd which commenced in September, are due to open Spring 2015. [www.persimmonhomes.com/castle-mead-2206](http://www.persimmonhomes.com/castle-mead-2206)

**H8d Brook Meadow**, Barratt & Taylor Wimpey 150 houses all now SOLD.

**H8c The Pastures** off Parsonage Way, Abbey New Homes 180 houses for sale.

[www.abbeynewhomes.co.uk/PASTURES%20Trowbridge/home.html](http://www.abbeynewhomes.co.uk/PASTURES%20Trowbridge/home.html)

**Baron's Park, Green Lane** – Green Square, 90 houses now commenced.

<http://www.greensquarehomes.com/baronspark/index.htm>

**Ashton Park** – Mainly in West Ashton and North Bradley parishes, 2,600 houses and improvements to the A350 at West Ashton and Yarnbrook, application is expected soon.

[consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/spatial\\_planning/wcs/pre-subconsult2012?pointId=1329404303932](http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/spatial_planning/wcs/pre-subconsult2012?pointId=1329404303932)

## 6.5 Wiltshire Local Development Framework

**6.5.1 Core Strategy** - Wiltshire Council adopted the Core Strategy on 20<sup>th</sup> January.

[cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/documents/g8132/Printed%20minutes%2016th-Dec-2014%2010.30%20Cabinet.pdf?T=1](http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/documents/g8132/Printed%20minutes%2016th-Dec-2014%2010.30%20Cabinet.pdf?T=1)

**6.5.2 Housing Site Allocations Plan** - Wiltshire Council is developing a plan to support the Core Strategy and the delivery of new housing to 2026 to ensure that a 5 year land supply can be maintained. It has identified smaller sites to provide at least 1,649 houses in addition to strategic allocation at Ashton Park which provides around 2,600 houses. A workshop for parish and town councils in the north and west was held at Chippenham on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. [Trowbridge Housing Site Allocations options map is available via this link](#). An informal consultation with Town and Parish Councils ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### **RECOMMENDATION: That Trowbridge Town Council;**

- a). Supports growth including in the current Council Strategy and recognises the need to provide new housing and has supported Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy, including significant allocations at Ashton Park;
- b). Remains of the view that the land adjacent to the Hilperton Relief Road associated with sites 263, 293 and 297 would be better suited to the provision of a secondary school site and associated playing fields, providing for additional housing capacity to be delivered at the Ashton Park site;
- c). Does not support any further housing allocations beyond the Western Boundary of Green Lane Woods, Biss Woods and the River Biss associated with sites 740, 261 and 262;
- d). Does not support development between White Horse Business Park and North Bradley village associated with site 298;
- e). Does not support housing development of; the former Innox Hall associated with site 203, the cricket club practise pitch associated with site 246 or the St James' Hall & Rectory associated with site 244.
- f). Supports sites: 206, 247, 248, 256, 292, 425, 613, 1018, 1021 and 3260.

**g). Believes that the following sites should be considered further, which have otherwise been discounted: 192, 195, 200, 205, 609, 617, 1020 and 3247.**

**6.5.3 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** – The Inquiry In Public was held at the Civic Centre on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January. The CIL will generally replace S106 agreements, providing a contribution from each house built based upon a charge per m<sup>2</sup>. A proportion of the CIL when implemented will be paid automatically to the local town or parish council. [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityinfrastructurelevy](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityinfrastructurelevy)

**6.5.4 Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)** – Items in the IDP will be funded by CIL. The Town Council will need to ensure that items required by the community are included, such as those in the Masterplan as well as; allotments, cemetery, play areas, highways, cycle routes and sports pitches, for which some Section 106 contributions from developers is available. The IDP should be reviewed by Wiltshire Council on an annual basis.

**A350 West Ashton and Yarnbrook** – One of the road improvements identified in the IDP is the improvements to the A350 around Yarnbrook and West Ashton. The IDP identifies part funding (presumably from the developers of Ashton Park) for this and the government recently announced that through the City Deal scheme the Swindon and Wiltshire LEP have been awarded the remaining funding required to fund the scheme.

## 6.6 Rail Services

**6.6.1 Trowbridge Railway Station** - Improvements to the Forecourts are due to be completed in March.

**6.6.2 Electrification** – Further details of alterations to rail services in the Summer have now been confirmed:

**July 18<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>**; work will be undertaken between Chippenham and Bathampton, with the main line closed through Box Tunnel. Some mainline services will run between Chippenham and Bath via a reversal at Staverton. All services via Trowbridge will operate as normal except some of the Melksham line services which will be replaced with buses. This means there will be a near normal service for people visiting the town for our Magna Carta Charter Fayre weekend.

**August 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>**; in addition the line between Staverton and Bathampton will also be closed. There will be an hourly Portsmouth Service through Trowbridge which will travel to and from Swindon via Chippenham, with some services calling at Melksham. Passengers for Bristol and beyond are advised to use this service changing at Swindon. Passengers for Bradford on Avon, Avoncliff, Freshford, Bath, Oldfield Park and Keynsham will have a replacement bus service from Trowbridge. There may also be replacement bus services direct to Filton Abbey Wood. Arrangements for special



Saturday trains to Weymouth are still to be confirmed. [www.networkrail.co.uk/great-western-route-modernisation/wiltshire/](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/great-western-route-modernisation/wiltshire/)

## 7. **OUR PLACE**

The Final Operational Plan was submitted to Locality and DCLG on 18<sup>th</sup> February. A full report on Our Place is provided under separate cover which considers how the project is taken forward, linking to a new partnership which combines aspects of TCAF, the Campus and Transforming Trowbridge. This is considered under **AGENDA ITEM X**.

## 8. **PARTNERSHIP**

**8.1 Wiltshire Council** - The parish newsletter is now published weekly and is circulated to members. [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/parishnewsletterhome.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/parishnewsletterhome.htm)

**8.1.1 Area Board** – The next meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> March at County Hall. The Community Area Web Site is at [www.trowbridge.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk](http://www.trowbridge.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk)

**8.1.2 Community Area Transport Group (CATG)** – Next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30 am in the DS Meeting Room in the Civic Centre.

**8.1.3 Local Youth Network (AGENDA ITEM X)** – Sarah Holland has now commenced as the Youth Network Officer for Trowbridge Community Area. The LYN Management Group will now be established to work with young people on local priorities for youth service provision and to make recommendations to the area board for grants to support youth activities. The inaugural meeting of the LYN Management Group will take place at the Civic Centre on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 16:00. The LYN will need a responsible financial organisation for the young people to work with, to deliver projects and activities. The Town Council is able to act as the responsible financial organisation.

**RECOMMENDATION: That the Town Council acts as the responsible financial organisation to allow young people to deliver projects and activities supported by the Trowbridge Local Youth Network and Area Board grant funding.**

**8.1.5 Stallard Rec. Changing Rooms** – This facility on Innox Rd will be implemented by Wiltshire Council, with contributions from the Town Council and Section 106 funding.

**8.1.4 Market Towns Network** – The last meeting was held in Wilton on 29<sup>th</sup> January at which we made a presentation about our Magna Carta events.

**8.1.6 Highways and Streetscene** – despite numerous issues being raised, complaints and meetings the service provided by contractor BBLP to Wiltshire Council in the town remains unsatisfactory. All issues should be reported via the Wiltshire Council website.

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadhighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshireregister.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadhighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshireregister.htm)

## 8.2 Trowbridge Community Area Future (TCAF) <http://tcafuture.wordpress.com/>

**Future of TCAF (AGENDA ITEM 8)** – A separate report is provided dealing with funding for TCAF, Our Place and creating a new partnership for Trowbridge, which includes a series of recommendations.

TCAF Steering Group Centre	9 <sup>th</sup> March	4.00pm	Civic
TCAF Neighbourhood Partnership Centre	9 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00pm	Civic

## 8.3 Police and Community Safety – Inspector Chammings reports to Full Council.

**8.3.1 The Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner** - issued a press release on 26<sup>th</sup> January: Neighbouring forces agree strategic alliance to hit savings targets – [http://collateral.vuelio.uk.com/RemoteStorage/WiltshirePolice/Releases/2103/Strategic Alliance 260115.pdf](http://collateral.vuelio.uk.com/RemoteStorage/WiltshirePolice/Releases/2103/Strategic%20Alliance%20260115.pdf)

Discussions have begun which will see specialist police resources and support functions in the Avon & Somerset and Wiltshire forces being shared under a new strategic alliance, as both forces seek to secure significant savings over the next five years.

**8.3.2 Street Drinking (AGENDA ITEM 9)** – A meeting of police, Councils, and others on 16<sup>th</sup> December, followed the recent perceptions survey where a number of actions were considered including the potential for a ‘reduce the strength’ campaign and the need for the replacement of the Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) with a new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) which can be much more locality specific, for example restricting the consumption of alcohol in the Park to particular times of year and times of day. The notes of the meeting and other relevant documents have been circulated to councillors.

**RECOMMENDATION that the Town Council supports in principle the replacement of the Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) with a new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)**

## 8.4 Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service – Further information about Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Services is available on their web-site and in their QM magazine. [www.wiltshirefire.gov.uk/qm](http://www.wiltshirefire.gov.uk/qm)

- 8.5 Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC)** – Newsletters are regularly circulated or available on their website [www.wiltshire-alc.org.uk](http://www.wiltshire-alc.org.uk)
- 8.6 Swindon/Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership** – Details of the City Deal funding awarded by government have recently been circulated. Concern has been expressed by local members that the western Wiltshire area appears not to have benefitted from this funding. A contribution towards West Ashton and Yarnbrook relief road is expected in future phases once development has progressed through the planning system.
- 8.7 Ladydown Solar Farm Community Fund.** - Work has commenced at the site and we are in discussion with the owners and the Community Foundation regarding the distribution of the community contribution.

## 9. **CIVIC & DEMOCRATIC ACTIVITIES**

### 9.1 **Council Meeting Dates.** Council and committee meetings for the next few months are:

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Policy & Resources
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Town Development
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Full Council
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Museum & Tourism
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Leisure Services
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Town Development
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	NO MEETING
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Town Development
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Annual Town Meeting & Gathering
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Policy & Resources

### 9.2 **Twinning**

**9.2.1 Leer/Germany** - Councillor Ulf Heinrichsdorf, Mr Dirk Schenzer and his wife Margret, will be attending the Civic Dinner. The Mayor, Cllr Glyn Bridges, has extended an invitation to the newly elected Burgermeisterin, Mrs Beatrix Kuhl, and her fellow councillors, to visit Trowbridge for the Magna Carta celebrations in July 2015. A response is awaited.

**9.2.2 Charenton/France** – the Deputy Mayor and his wife will be joining the Trowbridge French Twinning Association on their official visit to Charenton from 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June.

**9.2.3 Oujda/Morocco** – four councillors will be travelling from Morocco to attend the Civic Dinner on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

**9.3 Commonwealth Day** – We will be raising the flag of the Commonwealth on 9<sup>th</sup> March at 10am at the Civic Centre, all staff and councillors are invited to attend. A press release was issued on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

**9.4 Civic Dinner** –The event will be held on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>. Attendance approx. 285.

**Lance Allan**

**Town Clerk**

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## 2015

### FEBRUARY

27	<a href="#">Farmers' Market</a>	Fore Street
27	<a href="#">Showaddywaddy</a>	Civic Centre
<b>28</b>	<b>'Magna Carta – Game of Barons' exhibition</b>	<b>Museum</b>

### MARCH

4	Weekly Market	Fore Street
4	<a href="#">Blood Donor Sessions</a>	Civic Centre
7	<a href="#">Pro-Evo Wrestling</a>	Civic Centre
8	<a href="#">Sunday Club</a>	Civic Centre
11	Weekly Market	Fore Street
11	<a href="#">Blood Donor Sessions</a>	Civic Centre
13	<a href="#">Farmers' Market</a>	Fore Street
18	Weekly Market	Fore Street
21/22	<a href="#">Sci-Fi Southwest</a>	Civic Centre
25	Weekly Market	Fore Street
27	<a href="#">Farmers' Market</a>	Fore Street
28	Mayor's Civic Dinner & Dance	Civic Centre

### APRIL

1	Weekly Market	Fore Street
4	Mixed Martial Arts Event	Civic Centre
8	Weekly Market	Fore Street
10	<a href="#">Farmers' Market</a>	Fore Street
12	<a href="#">Sunday Club</a>	Civic Centre
15	Weekly Market	Fore Street
18	<a href="#">'Back To Tac' '80s Night</a> (TBC)	Civic Centre
22	Weekly Market	Fore Street
24	<a href="#">Farmers' Market</a>	Fore Street
<b>25</b>	<b><a href="#">Magna Carta Conference</a></b>	<b>Civic Centre</b>
28	<a href="#">Annual Town Meeting &amp; Gathering</a>	Civic Centre
29	Weekly Market	Fore Street
29	<a href="#">'Dirty Dancing' Tribute Show</a>	Civic Centre



## MAY

2	Lions May Fayre	Fore Street
6	Weekly Market	Fore Street
8	<a href="#">Farmers' Market</a>	Fore Street
13	Weekly Market	Fore Street
14	<a href="#">Jethro</a>	Civic Centre
14	<b>Magna Carta LiberTeas</b>	<b>Town Park</b>
17	<a href="#">Sunday Club</a>	Civic Centre
20	Weekly Market	Fore Street
22	<a href="#">Farmers' Market</a>	Fore Street
27	Weekly Market	
29	<a href="#">Dominic Kirwan and Mary Duff In Concert</a>	Civic Centre

## JUNE

3	Weekly Market	Fore Street
10	Weekly Market	Fore Street
12	<a href="#">Farmers' Market</a>	Fore Street
14	<a href="#">Sunday Club</a>	Civic Centre
17	Weekly Market	Fore Street
20	Wiltshire Family History Day	Civic Centre
20	<b><a href="#">Magna Carta 800 Baron Towns Bike Ride</a> in aid of <a href="#">Dorothy House and Re-cycle Bikes for Africa</a></b>	
24	Weekly Market	Fore Street
26	<a href="#">Farmers' Market</a>	Fore Street
27	<a href="#">Motown Live at The Civic</a>	Civic Centre
27 & 28	Wiltshire Armed Forces and Veterans Celebrations	Town Park

## JULY

1	Weekly Market	Fore Street
8	Weekly Market	Fore Street
10	<a href="#">Farmers' Market</a>	Fore Street
12	<a href="#">Sunday Club</a>	Civic Centre
15	Weekly Market	Fore Street
18 & 19	<b><a href="#">Horrible Histories</a> (2.00 &amp; 4.00pm)</b>	<b>Civic Centre</b>
22	Weekly Market	Fore Street
19-26	<b>'Celebration of Magna Carta' Floral Exhibition</b>	<b>St. James' Church</b>
24-26	<b>MAGNA CARTA 800 CHARTER FAYRE</b>	
24-26	<b>Magna Carta Markets</b>	<b>Fore Street</b>
24 & 25	<b>Business Expo</b> <i>(sponsored by <a href="#">Apetito</a>, <a href="#">Hitachi</a> and <a href="#">Office Evolution</a>)</i>	<b>Civic Centre</b>
24	<b>Magna Carta Sports &amp; Play Festival</b>	<b>Town Park</b>
25	<b><a href="#">'Magna Carta – Game of Barons'</a> exhibition ends</b>	<b>Museum</b>
26	<b>Jousting</b>	<b>Town Park</b>

<b>26</b>	<b>Town Criers' Competition</b>	<b>Town Park</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Mayor's Civic Service</b>	<b>St. James' Church</b>
29	Weekly Market	Fore Street

## **AUGUST**

**Coming to the Civic Centre in November 2015 – [Abba Mania!](#)**

*All of the above information is correct as at 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015. All event dates, timings and locations are subject to change.*