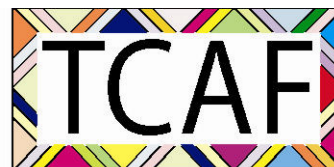


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Report to the Trowbridge Area Board Meeting 5th November 2009.

1. Steering Group.

- The Steering Group welcomes the move to set up a new Executive Board for Transforming Trowbridge and that it will have a place on the Board supported by the Project Officer.
- **However it considers that it is important that there is a separate Vision Director for Chippenham and for Trowbridge and it has written to Alistair Cunningham, Service Director Economy & Enterprise.**
- The Core Strategy for Wiltshire will include a “vision of Trowbridge” and consultation will involve a Public Exhibition on 16/11/2009 from 1pm to 7pm at the Civic Hall with a Workshop on 2/12/2009 from 6.30pm to 9.00pm also at the Civic Hall for invited participants. TCAF steering groups supports the proposed level of house building over the next 20 years, as envisaged by the RSS, as this will encourage developers to provide more of the leisure and recreational facilities and services and an improved retail offer. It will also require improvements to the infrastructure and medical and education facilities and services for the town. **The Steering Group will hold an extraordinary meeting with the Core Strategy as the single item on the Agenda on 30th November 2009 from 4pm to 6pm at Clarendon College to discuss what is in the Wiltshire Core Strategy documents, for the Trowbridge Community Area, considered by Cabinet this week. Representatives from the Parishes will be welcome to attend**
- A Working Party comprised of Lance Allan TTC; Rachel Efemey WC and Doug Ross TCAF is to update TCAF Partnership's Terms of Reference prior to our next Steering Group meeting, working with Laura Pictor, Wiltshire Forum of Community Area Partnerships' Development Officer.
- Concern was voiced that Board Meetings are too long and have not yet engaged the public as well as the original publicity had implied would be possible. More interaction with the public is required
- It was agreed that TCAF Partnership endorses Wiltshire Council's objectives to meet the commitments stated in the Nottingham Declaration and will assist with their planning and programmes where possible
- It was also agreed to write to all our partners requesting that they review their own Environmental Policies following WC's decision to support the Nottingham Declaration, in particular to review how they can promote Carbon Reduction as a core part of their Policies and operations.

2. BA14 Culture Group.

- Tracy Williams, our Project Worker, has been appointed to deliver the Awards for All project for which we have received £10,000 of funding.
- The Group has submitted a bid, in the sum of £4,900, to the Area Board to expand the project to be more inclusive and in particular to enable the “hard to reach” in our community to be fully included in the project.

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3. Environment Theme

- Peter Barnet, our Environment Theme Champion, working with the support of Wiltshire World Changers, has managed to get his environmental competition, which is open to all schools and community groups in Wiltshire, off the ground with funding from his employer npower an RWE company. There are prizes involved. For details of the competition see www.wiltshireworldchangers.org.
- Further environmental projects are being considered.

4. Health and Social Care Group.

- NHS Wiltshire is holding its second Stakeholder Event – Medium-term Financial Strategy & Efficiency @ the Neeld Hall Chippenham on Thursday 26th November 2009 from 10.00am until 4.00pm.
- NHS Wiltshire's Performance ratings are: -

	2008/2009	2007/2008
○ Overall quality score	Fair	Weak
○ Financial Management	Fair	Fair

The improved performance is welcomed though NHSW is striving to improve further.
- NHS Wiltshire publishes a Monthly Performance report, as part of its Board Papers, for the Board to be made aware of targets not being met and the action plans to reach their targets.
- The new Devizes NHS Treatment Centre is due to open on Monday 2nd November 2009 and there is an open day on Saturday 24th October 2009 from 10.00am to 4.00pm.
- WC has reorganised its Adult Care Services for Bradford on Avon, Melksham, Trowbridge, Warminster and Westbury with effect from 1st October 2009 with the team operating out of the former WWDC offices.

5. Community Safety Group.

- The Bluez n' Zuz Disco evenings restarted after more than a year with the venue the premises of the new Town Centre Youth Cafe, Home Mills. This ASB initiative previously proved popular and it is hoped that it will be run monthly in future if funding and staffing can be arranged. Some youngsters from the Parishes attended the most recent event.
- The Touch2id – Biometric Point-of-Sale initiative is due to be launched in Trowbridge in November with Inspector David Cullop having had significant input into this initiative. TCAF has put £15,000 of the Tesco Funding into this project. It is hoped subsequently to roll out the new ID system throughout Wiltshire and then further afield.
- The Group is soon to adopt its own Constitution and open its own Bank Account so that it can seek funding for new initiatives.

6. Parish Councils Liaison Group.

- The Group has adopted some minor amendments to its constitution to allow the Parishes which were transferred to the Bradford on Avon or the Melksham Community Areas to remain members if they so wish.
- The Group is to open its own Bank Account to enable it to seek its own funding.
- The Group was concerned that it had not been aware that Grant applications needed to be submitted 6 weeks in advance of the Board Meeting. It felt that Trowbridge Town Council and/or related bodies including TCAF who had submitted grant applications had the advantage of professional staff and that they had "missed the

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boat". However the Group was reassured that the money will be allocated fairly and not just according to the number of applications submitted.

7. Trowbridge Neighbourhoods Partnership.

- The Partnership was pleased that the Grant application for funding for dropped kerbs in the sum of £5,000 to be matched by £5,000 from the Town Council, was granted. This will enable 12 sets of dropped kerbs to be installed. The locations were prioritised by the Partnership and agreed with the Town and Wiltshire Councils and installation should start early in the New Year.
- The Partnership is reviewing its Constitution with the intention of widening its role and being more proactive.
- The Partnership has concerns about NPT Tasking Groups, the setting of priorities, the lack of involvement of Wiltshire Council, where previously the District Council had officer involvement and the chairing of their meetings. Time is to be spent resolving these concerns some of which also cause the Police concerns.