

## **May Report to Area Board**

### **1 POLICY**

**1.1 Localism Act - The General Power of Competence** came into force on 6<sup>th</sup> April and the Town Council is pursuing training to enable it to take up the power.

**Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests.** These regulations are expected to come into force in July. The Council will be required to adopt a new simple code of conduct, and may adopt the same code as Wiltshire Council and other councils in Wiltshire. In addition members will be required to make a Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. There will no longer be personal and prejudicial interests. The Council will also need to consider revisions to Standing Orders to incorporate these and consequential changes.

### **2 MARKETING/PROMOTION & EVENTS**

**2.1 Newsletter** – The June edition is due out next week.

**2.2 Website** – Please let us know of any suggestions [www.trowbridge.gov.uk](http://www.trowbridge.gov.uk)

#### **2.3 Calendar of Events:**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - OLYMPIC Torch**, travelling along Frome Rd 12:40, lunching 1pm-2pm at Clarendon continuing via County Way, Bythesea Rd, Stallard St and Bradford Rd.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May - OLYMPIC Celebration Play Day**, Park 11am-4pm FREE.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June Queen's Diamond Jubilee**, Celebration in the Park 10am-4pm FREE.

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June & Sun 1<sup>st</sup> July - Wiltshire Armed Forces & Veterans Weekend** Park.

**South West in Bloom Judging Day** – to be confirmed (during 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> week of July)

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Civic Service, St James' Parish Church at 6.30pm.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Trowbridge in Bloom Awards Evening**, Civic Centre.

**September 2012 - Trowbridge Arts Festival 2012** – Cllr Bryant is leading on this.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Lights Switch On** - Fore Street at 6pm. To be followed by Shoppers Carol Service in St James' Church at 6.30pm.

### **3 Museum & Tourism – [www.trowbridgemuseum.co.uk](http://www.trowbridgemuseum.co.uk)**

**Exhibitions - Cloth Road 2012** - Fragments opened on 5<sup>th</sup> May runs to 29<sup>th</sup>

September. The exhibition is a partnership between Cloth Road Arts Week, Trowbridge Museum, Trowbridge Arts Festival and: **Heritage Open Days 2012:** from 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September 2012 with a craft activity on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> - Funky Felt Making, ages 4+.

**Museum Expansion** – The committee approved the principle of pursuing Courtfield House as a new location. Officers will meet the HLF in Exeter on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**4 Leisure Services** – In addition to next week's Olympic celebrations there will be a full programme of **Active Trowbridge** activities in half term and the summer school holidays.

**CAYPIG** – Next meeting with young people’s reps. is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

- 5 Direct Services** – Including the Civic Centre, Longfield Community Centre.  
**Sunday Club** The next Sunday Club is on 10<sup>th</sup> June.  
**Trowbridge In Bloom** – Once again gearing up for a full programme of activities.

## **6 TOWN DEVELOPMENT**

### **6.1 Transforming Trowbridge** – [www.transformingtrowbridge.org.uk](http://www.transformingtrowbridge.org.uk)

**Adam Nardell’s** role as Vision Director has ended following reorganisation at Wiltshire Council, the council wishes him well for the future.

**St Stephens Place** – ODEON and Premier Inns have signed contracts, a ground breaking ceremony took place on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Main contract work should commence in June.

**Cradle Bridge** – For Sale.

**Bowyers** – Revised Morrisons application for a supermarket, Cinema and restaurants was considered by Wiltshire Council on 9<sup>th</sup> May.

**County Hall Remodelling.** Work ongoing with Library due to open September.

**Masterplan** – Arup are progressing this work, jointly funded by WC and the Homes and Communities Agency. Those who attended a presentation to Transforming Trowbridge were impressed with the concentration on how the plan seeks to knit various aspects of the town centre together, not just identify sites and uses.

**Portas Bid** – the Town Council, along with other partnership organisations, has recently supported the County Town Initiative’s bid to the Portas Pilot for town centre regeneration.

- 6.2 Housing** - H9 Southview Fm 300 in progress. H11 Green Ln (S); 650 commenced. H8d N of Paxcroft Way; revisions application submitted. H8c Green Lane (NE); approval for 186.

## **7. PARTNERSHIP with Wiltshire Council -**

**Stallard Recreation Ground** – Permission was granted for a Changing Room facility on Innox Road. The town council is pursuing lighting and fencing upgrades to the skatepark and a street snooker facility funded by S106.

**Sports Pitches** – Following the decision of the Rugby Club to relocate to Hilperton, Wiltshire Council have indicated that there is limited likelihood of a joint development taking place at that location. It is disappointing that a suitable solution could not be found.

**Town Hall** – Consideration is being given to setting up a community Interest Company to take over the Town Hall to develop an Arts Centre.

**Transfer of assets and services** – Following discussion with leading members and officers from the transformation project we still have not received any cost information regarding the Park and other WC assets.

**The Halve Social Centre** – Only a handful of users remain and closure plans are in place.

## **8. CIVIC & DEMOCRATIC ACTIVITIES**

**8.1 Twinning – Leer** – an official delegation arrives on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July until Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**8.2 Council Meeting Dates.** Council and committee meetings for the next 2 months are:

Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Town Development
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Direct Services
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Town Development
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Full Council extra – accounts
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Policy & Resources
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Town Development
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Full Council

**8.3 Mayor's Civic Service 2012** – will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July at St James at 6:30pm

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