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Date: 31st October 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the **Bargoed Town Centre Management Group** will be held in the **Ebbw Room - Penallta House, Tredomen, Ystrad Mynach** on **Wednesday, 7th November, 2018** at **4.00 pm** to consider the matters contained in the following agenda. You are welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, a minimum notice period of 3 working days is required should you wish to do so. A simultaneous translation will be provided if requested.

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CHARRY'.

Christina HARRY
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A G E N D A

Pages

- 1 To appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.
- 2 To receive apologies for absence.

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3 Declarations of Interest.

Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest (s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Officers.

To receive and note the following minutes: -

- 4 Minutes of previous meeting 14th March 2018. 1 - 4

To receive and note the following updates: -

- 5 Updates on matters relating to Bargoed Town. 5 - 50
- 6 Audit. 51 - 60

Circulation:

Councillors C. Andrews, A. Collis, D.T. Davies, L. Harding, A.G. Higgs, Mrs D. Price, S. Morgan and Mrs C. Forehead

Town Councillors

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BARGOED TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH
ON TUESDAY 14TH MARCH 2018 AT 4:00PM

PRESENT:

Councillors:

C. Andrews, A. Collis, D.T. Davies, L. Harding, D. Price, S. Morgan

Together with:

Town Councillor V. Stephens, H. Llewellyn

Also:

A. Highway (Town Centre Development Manager), A. Dallimore (Team Leader – Urban Renewal), S. Wilcox (Assistant Town Centre Manager)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A. Higgs, S. Horton and A. Jones (Clerk)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the beginning or during the course of the meeting.

4. MINUTES – 11TH OCTOBER 2017

The minutes were taken as read.

5. UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO BARGOEDTOWN

Mr Highway introduced the report which provided an update on matters relating to Bargoed town centre.

Members were referred to update 1 in the report relating to a Business Report for 2017. Mr. Highway noted that Poundworld will be changing to a multi-point price retailer, which is becoming common in the value sector.

Consumers are now looking for “experiential shopping”, which is where there are activities to partake in along with being able to make purchases. The High Street is likely to change over coming years in light of this.

The Bargoed North footfall camera was removed when the footfall counters were changed over to a new provider – PFM Footfall. The cameras were offline for eleven weeks during the transition period.

Members were referred to update 2 in the report on 'Choose the High Street' Christmas Voucher Booklet. Mr. Highway reported that a feedback survey was sent to all participating businesses in January 2018. 96% of respondents feel that schemes such as this highlight the importance of shopping locally and 83% would consider taking part in this (or a similar discount scheme) in the future.

Advertising of the scheme was cut extensively in 2017 in order to make MTFP savings. The feedback suggests that this needs to be looked at if the scheme is run again as respondents felt that the scheme was not publicised well enough. The format of the booklet and overall promotion in the future will need to be considered in light of MTFP saving requirements.

Members were referred to update 3 in the report on Civil Parking Enforcement. Mr. Highway informed the group that the Regeneration & Environment Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet have received the "stage 1" report. It has been agreed that the Authority will take on Civil Parking Enforcement and it will be done in-house as opposed to being contracted out.

Gwent Police will continue to enforce parking until December 2018, but will continue to work with Local Authorities after this date where Civil Parking Enforcement hasn't been fully implemented by this date. Council Officers are currently reviewing all of the Traffic Regulation Orders in force across the County Borough, along with all lines and signs denoting parking restrictions. Formal agreement from Welsh Government is required to fully and formally adopt Civil Parking Enforcement and it is anticipated that this will be obtained in January 2019 based on current timescales.

Cllr. D.T. Davies expressed his concern over the proposed 5.5 post being created as he does not feel that this will provide adequate resources to enforce parking across the whole County Borough.

Cllr. S. Morgan explained that priority will be given to town centres initially, followed by the smaller villages and side streets in the County Borough. Community Safety Wardens may also be given the power to enforce parking, but their primary role will remain as Community Safety Wardens and the duties they currently carry out. The "stage 2" report will contain further details on practicalities with implementation and operational plans.

Town Cllr. H. Llewellyn asked if standards will be set for the new enforcement staff so that there is a consistent approach, namely that they will start with a softer educational approach before enforcing.

Mr. Highway noted that discussions have been ongoing with Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT) Council who have been carrying out Civil Parking Enforcement for several years and had to implement it far more quickly than Caerphilly. Part of this includes information on how staff started with a softer approach before routine enforcement.

RCT and Cardiff Councils have cars fitted with cameras and equipment that can detect a car's number plate electronically and are used to enforce areas such as outside schools and bus lanes/bays. The benefits of the cars include being more efficient at large-scale enforcement and avoiding confrontational situations for enforcement officers.

Cllr. S. Morgan informed the group that there are active discussions with RCT and Cardiff in relation to whether Caerphilly can trial the cars and looking at the possibility of the lease/purchase being shared between Authorities.

Members were referred to update 4 in the report – Cardiff Capital Region update. Mr. Highway informed the group that City Deal will involve a total investment in the region of £1.2bn. The

Metro scheme will benefit Bargoed as the Rhymney Valley train line is seen as a priority upgrade. A new Regeneration Strategy is currently being developed in order to facilitate bidding for projects.

Members were referred to update 5 in the report on channel blocks. Mr. Dallimore explained that the granite channel blocks are failing throughout the town centre and investigative works need to be carried out. If the blocks have been installed correctly, a claim could be made against the company that designed the scheme. If the installation is found to be incorrect, a claim may be made with the contractors. The investigative works will be carried out before the end of the financial year and are likely to be carried out over a weekend as road closures will be required. When budget allows, the channel blocks will be removed and the area tarmacked.

Members were referred to update 6 in the report on the letting of units 3&4, Lowry Plaza. Mr. Dallimore informed the group that the lease with DWP has now been signed, so the use as a new Job Centre Plus can be publicised. Planning permission has been granted for the shop frontage and signage and the fit out is out to tenders, with contractors currently visiting the site to cost up the scheme. The Council's marketing agents will now be going back out to the market with unit 6a in light of DWP's occupation.

The former Head Landlord – Rockspring – has sold their interest in Lowry Plaza. The new owner is Bargoed Estates Ltd. based in Manchester.

Cllr. D.T. Davies enquired as to whether there has been any interest in the former Job Centre at the northern end of the town. Mr. Highway noted that the former Blackwood Job Centre has gone on the market recently with a local agent, so the same is likely to happen when the Lowry Plaza centre is opened.

Members were referred to update 7 in the report on the Plateau Development Site. Mr. Dallimore informed the group that Cabinet approval has been obtained to investigate the sale of the site to a pub-restaurant chain. The interested party will be meeting with Development Control officers shortly to discuss their proposals for the site. They are also in dialogue with Property Services in readiness for investigatory works to commence on the site.

Following the site meetings and investigatory works, a sale price offer will be made to the Authority for consideration. Mr. Dallimore explained that there is likely to be little monetary gain on the sale of the site due to there being clawback from the Welsh Government Land Reclamation Grant that was issued to remediate the site.

Members were referred to update 8 in the report on antisocial behaviour in Morrisons' car park. Mr. Highway provided an update as there was no police representation at the meeting. The Police recently met with Mr. Highway and the Manager of Morrisons where several options were discussed, including closing certain sections of the car park in the evening, but this is likely to be very problematic operationally.

The Store Manager will approach head office to ask for a security guard for the store. Since the meeting, letters of support for a security guard have been issued from CCBC, local Police and Bargoed Town Council.

Cllr. D.T. requested that a letter be sent to the Regional Manager of Morrisons on behalf of the Town Centre Management Group expressing concern in relation to the level of antisocial behaviour in the store.

6. BARGOED TOWN CENTRE AUDIT

Mr. Highway presented the audit and the following items were raised:

Hanbury Road Steps – Mr. Dallimore informed the group that a site meeting recently took place to consider cladding the steps with a low maintenance slip-resistant surface. Unfortunately, this was not deemed a suitable option for the steps. However, NCS will shortly be cleaning the steps and carry out some repairs that are more aesthetically pleasing than previous repairs.

Installation of New Parking Bay, Lowry Plaza – Mr. Dallimore noted that a Traffic Regulation Order is required to implement the bay, which has now been advertised. As such, the lines and signs for the day will be installed within one month.

Movement of Granite Blocks – Mr. Dallimore advised that the defensive granite blocks that prevent pavement parking throughout the town have moved after being nudged by vehicles. These will all be returned to their original position during the road closure to carry out the investigative works on the channel blocks.

Missing Coping Stones at the Southern Punch-Through – Mr. Dallimore informed the group that the fixing method used to secure the stones wasn't as specified. A claim has been lodged with the installation contractor.

Daffodil Artwork – Mr. Dallimore noted that high level cleaning equipment is required to clean the trumpet. This is currently being sourced and the clean will be carried out in due course.

Damage to Miners' Heads Artwork – Mr. Dallimore informed the group that NCS has been commissioned to carry out the repair work, which has been delayed due to poor weather. The repair will be completed when weather conditions allow.

There were no further issues raised.

The meeting closed at 17:28.

CHAIR



BARGOED TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP – 7TH NOVEMBER 2018

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO BARGOED TOWN

REPORT BY: TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

1. CIVIL PARKING – PRESENTATION ATTACHED
2. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING – PRESENTATION ATTACHED
3. LOCAL TOILET STRATEGY – PRESENTATION ATTACHED
4. LOWRI PLAZA SHOPS – VERBAL UPDATE
5. STREET SCENE CHANGES – VERBAL UPDATE
6. RETAIL PLATEAU RESIDUAL LANDS – VERBAL UPDATE
7. HIGH STREET HEROES

In November the Council will be launching a new initiative called 'High Street Hero' which asks people to nominate those retailers in our town centres who provide excellent customer service, offer value for money and show great product knowledge. Retailers who receive a nomination will be featured across the Council's social media channels and also on the corporate website. In addition, each nominated businesses will be awarded a 'High Street Hero' certificate and window sticker to show that customers recognise and value the business. The aim of the scheme is to raise the profile of shops on our high streets and encourage people to invest at least some of their retail spend locally, especially in the period leading up to Christmas.

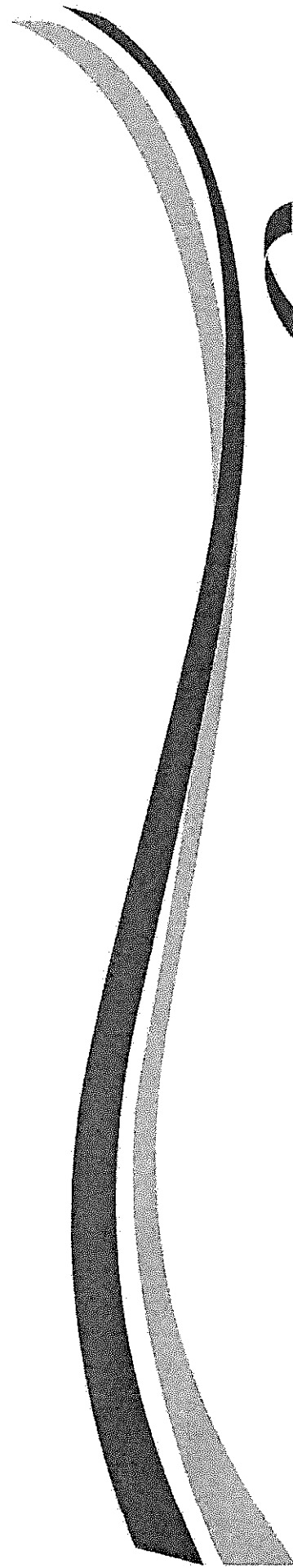
Author: Andrew Highways – Town Centre Development Manager
Allan Dallimore – Team Leader Urban Renewal
Appendix 1 – Clive Campbell Presentation on Civil Parking
Appendix 2 – Tracy Evans Presentation on CCBC Electric Vehicle Strategy
Appendix 3 – Sian Wolf-Williams Presentation on Local Toilets Strategy

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7th November 2018

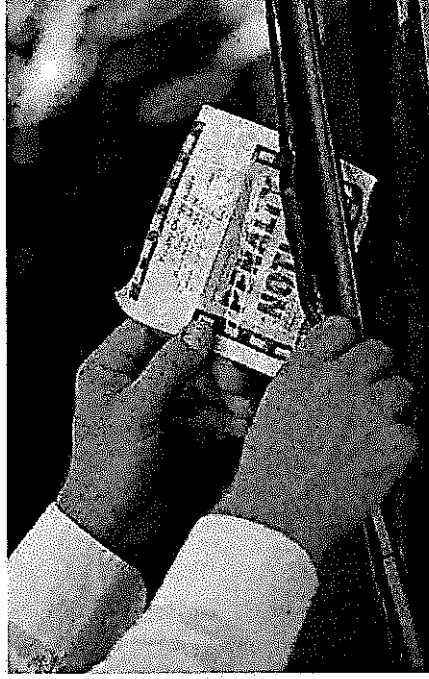
Civil Parking Enforcement Update & Proposals

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Introduction

- Background to CPE
- Purpose of CPE
- What CPE will do
- What CPE will not do
- Proposals and next steps
- Key details
- Key issues
- Public engagement
- Advice to members
- Questions



Background to CPE

- Over 280 councils across the UK already have CPE. 17 of the 22 Welsh local authorities have implemented CPE. Only Gwent has not.
- 1st April 2012: Traffic Warden role withdrawn
- December 2018: Gwent Police to withdraw from parking enforcement
- 17th December 2017: feasibility study reported to the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee
- 28th February 2018: Cabinet resolved to progress CPE
- 25th July 2018: Cabinet resolved to apply for CPE

Background to CPE

The business model is based on:

- 8 FTE Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) under direct CCBC management
- Notice processing and administration via RCT
- 11,250 Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued annually
- 3-5% of contraventions; 75% collection rate
- Annual surpluses and self funding after year 1 but not sufficient to fund the set up costs

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Purpose to CPE

- Provide a coordinated approach to enforcement of traffic regulations
- Contribute to improving road safety and the general flow of traffic
- Improve enforcement at priority locations, e.g. disabled and resident parking spaces
- Improve access for local residents to public transport and local businesses
- Improve the local environment and economic vitality

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What CPE will do

- Enforcement of off street car parks
- Enforcement of on street lines and signs
- Coordinate deployment of resources to off street car parks and on street parking
- Provide a greater profile
- Use the income received to fund the service
- Re-invest any surplus income in traffic, highway and transportation services

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What CPE will not do

- Moving traffic offences
- Pavement parking
- Obstruction

All the above remain with Gwent Police

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What CPE will not

Cure all ills...

- Reduce the number of cars
- Increase road widths
- Stop unlawful parking

But it will be a significant deterrent

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Proposals and next steps

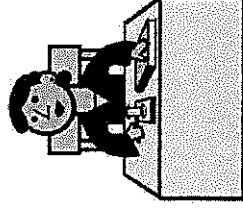
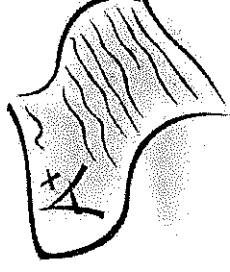
- TRO review – May to October 2018
- CPE application submitted to WG – October 2018
- Undertake remedial TRO works – September to December 2018
- Prepare TRO consolidation order – September to December 2018
- Negotiate back office and set up in house service – April 2018 to January 2019
- Undertake public engagement and manage expectations
- ‘Go live’ – April 2019

Key Details - operational

- There will be 8-10 Civil Enforcement Officers
- They will issue PCNs (Penalty Charge Notices)
- The fines are set by Welsh Government
- They are set at £70 and £50
- Reduced by 50% if paid within 14 days
- Payments online, telephone or post

Key Details – challenges/appeals

- Challenges in writing within 28 days
- If unsuccessful, an independent tribunal (Traffic Penalty Tribunal) is available to appeal to.
- Failure to pay / ignore PCN will result in a referral to the County Court (TEC) and then on to bailiffs.



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Key Issues

- There is no target for PCNs
- Uniform enforcement of Countryside and Tourism car parks
- Review parking enforcement operational policy
- Bring resident permit parking in line with current policy
- Develop dual role to include enforcement of littering and dog fouling
- Explore areas for collaboration

Public Engagement

- A communication strategy has been developed
- Widely publicise CPE in advance of Go live
- Use usual media channels via communications team
- Enforcement from day one of Go live

Advice to Members

Section 10.16 of Traffic management Act 2004 CPE – Secretary of states statutory guidance states:

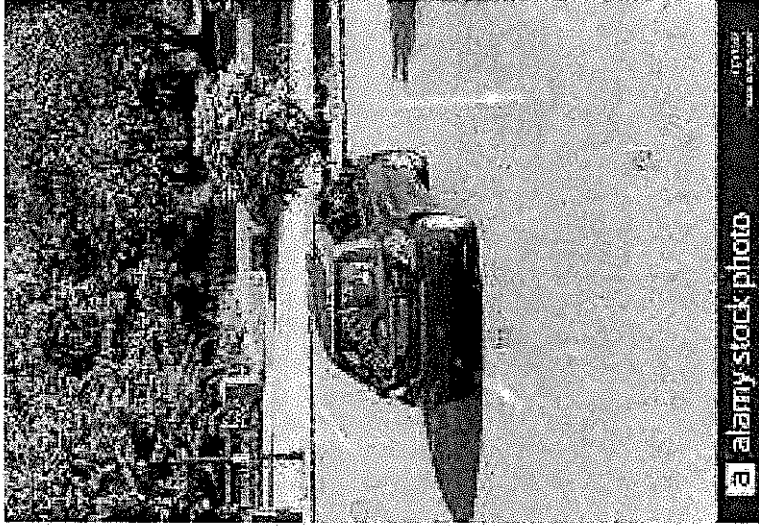
‘...elected members and unauthorised staff should not under any circumstances play a part in deciding the outcome of individual challenges or representations. This is to ensure that only fully trained staff make decisions on the facts presented.’

Our policies will reflect the above

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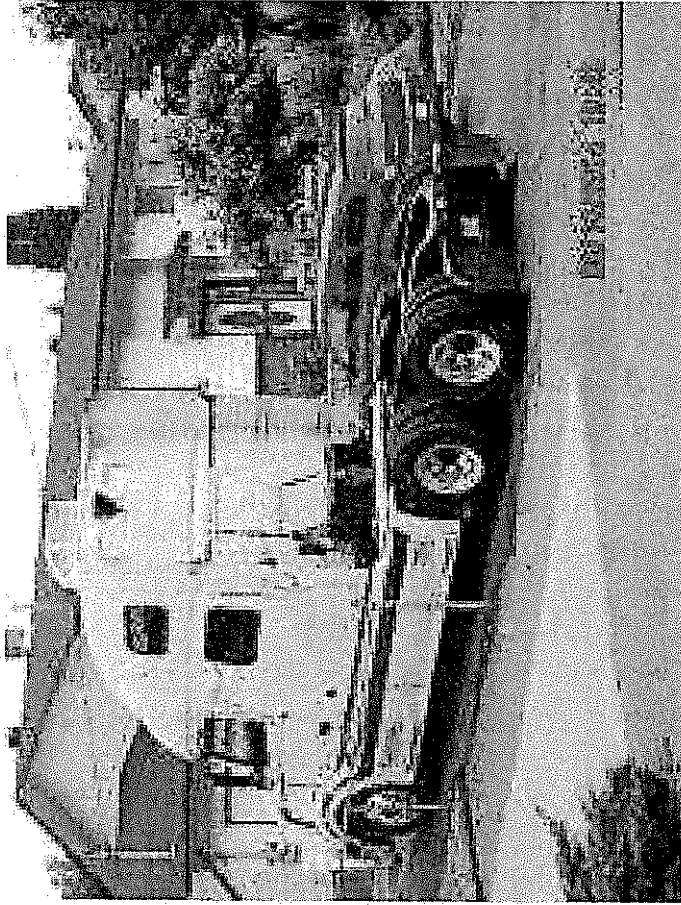
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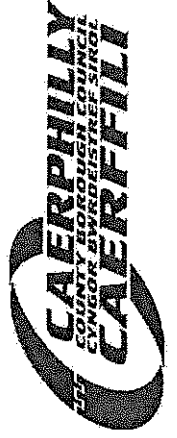
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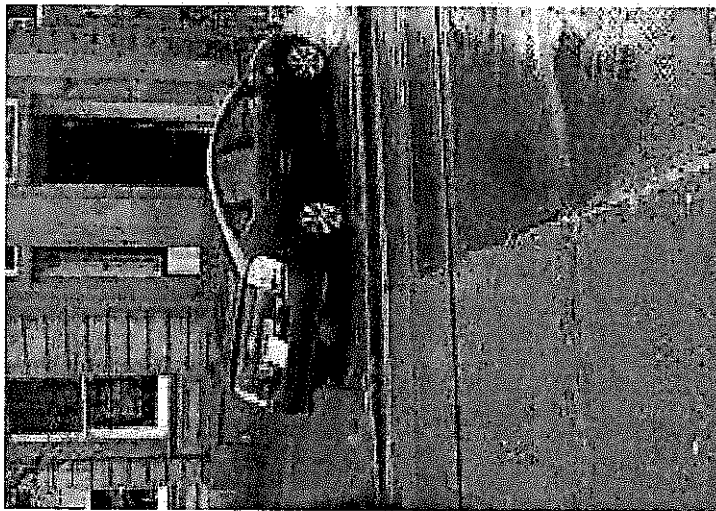
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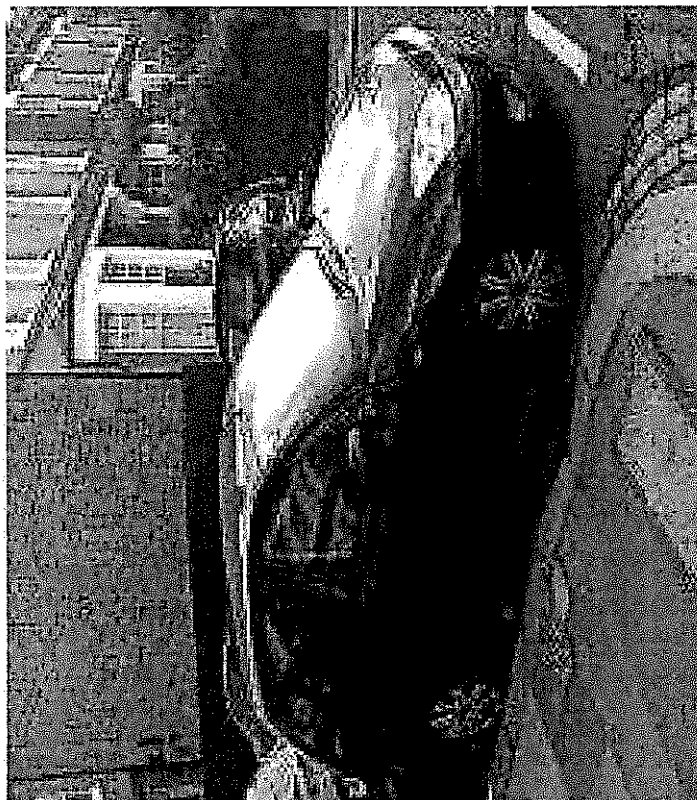
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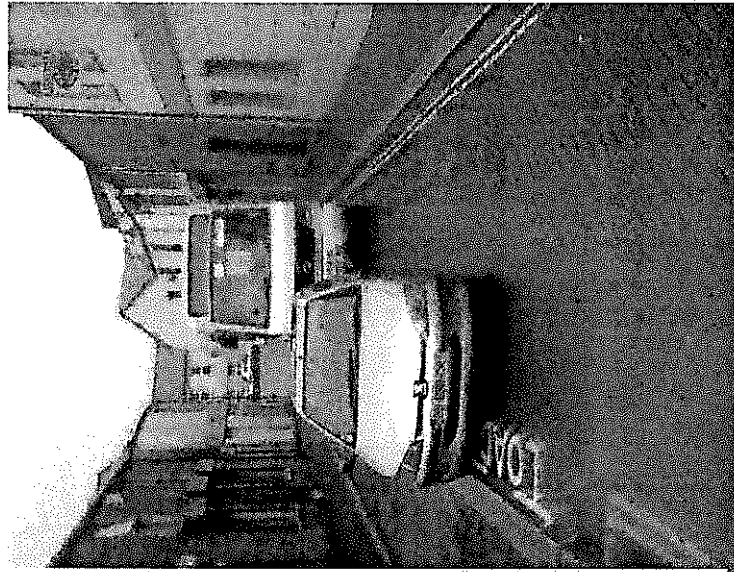
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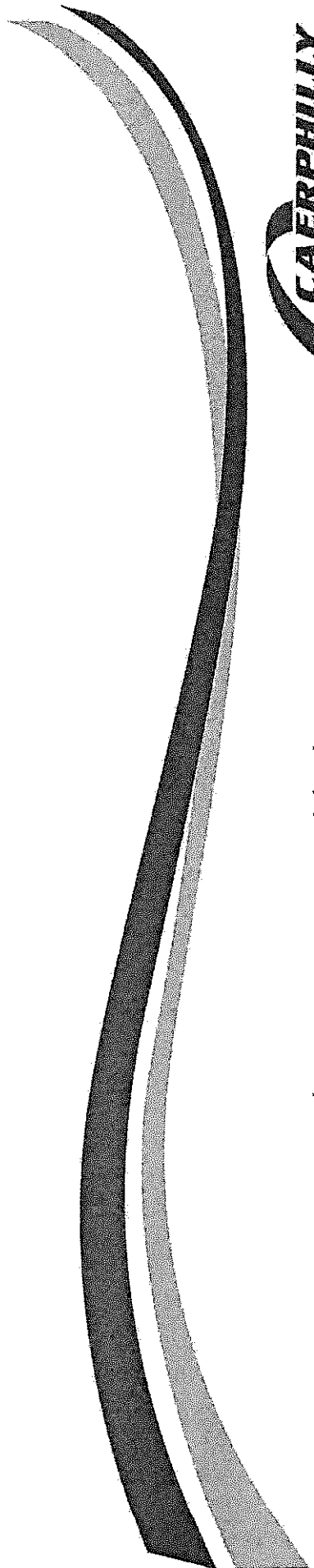


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And finally.....

Any comments/questions?

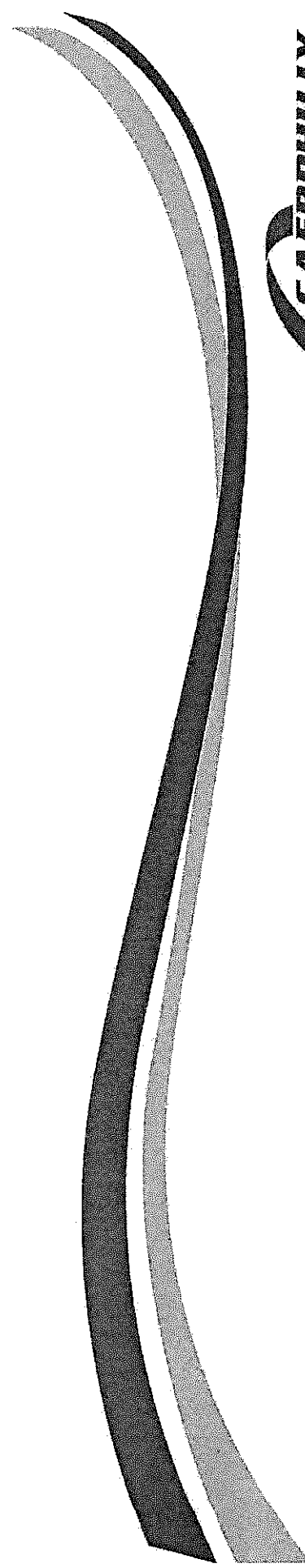


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CCBC Electric Vehicle Strategy

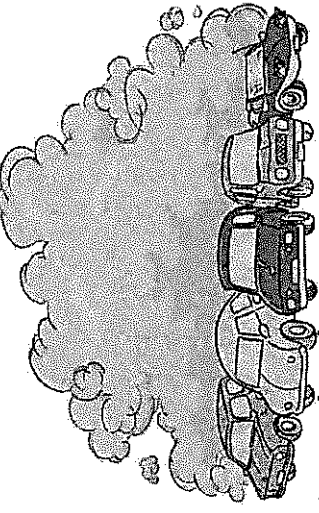
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Introduction



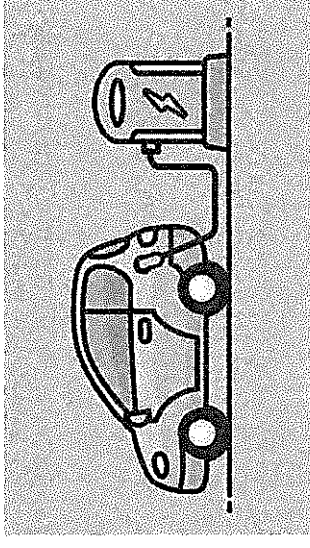
- Why an Electric Vehicles?
- Pollution issues
 - Dangerous to health
 - Contribution to climate change
 - Road transport – 90% of UK's domestic transport emissions
- The UK Government – ban new diesel and petrol vehicles from sale in the UK from 2040
- Advances in new technology & benefits of electric vehicles
- Strategic approach – EV's, Active Travel, Public Transport

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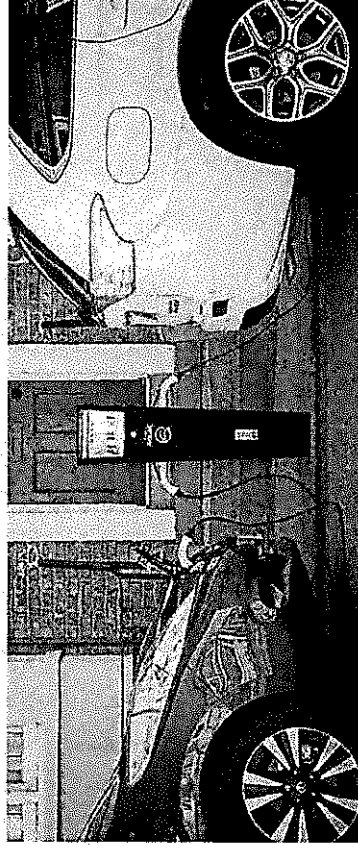
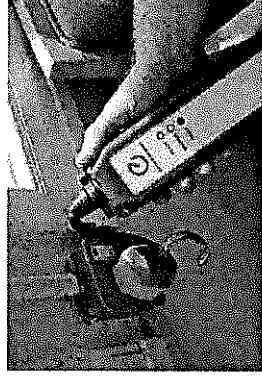
Introduction

- Electric vehicles: 2016 - 2017
 - Electric vehicles in Wales rose by 35% (2,500 vehicles)
 - Electric vehicles in Caerphilly county borough rose by 28% (64 to 82 vehicles)
- Charge points
 - 439 in Wales
 - 4,476 across the UK
 - 0 public charge points in Caerphilly county borough
 - 2 charge points for fleet vehicles (Penallta House/Tir-y-Berth Depot)



Technology

- Vehicles
 - Pure Electric (EV)
 - Plug-in Hybrid Vehicles (PHEV)
 - Extended Range Plug-in Hybrid Vehicles (E-REV)
 - Hydrogen Fuel Cells
- Charge points
 - 3Kw slow (7-8 hours)
 - 7Kw Fast (3-4 hours)
 - 22Kw-50Kw Rapid (30 – 50 minutes)



Overview of Current Situation



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CCBC Electric Vehicle Strategy - Aims

- To provide electric vehicle infrastructure across the Caerphilly county borough
- Lead by example - incorporating electric vehicles into our fleet and trial new technologies as they evolve
- Work with private developers to incorporate electric vehicle infrastructure into new builds and developments
- Work with our partners and local businesses to encourage them to adopt a similar approach to electric vehicle infrastructure

Objectives

- To support an integrated network of EV charge points
- Trial new technologies
- Maximise funding opportunities
- Private developers/landowners to provide EV charge points
- Raise awareness of the EV market
- Increase EV's in our fleet
- Address air quality issues
- Encourage our employees to switch to low carbon vehicles

Action Plan



- Undertake a feasibility study – EV charge points
- Provide a network of charge points
- Identify opportunities for new technology
- Work with Welsh Government & Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) – access funding
- Requirement in planning – new developments
- Install EV charge points – fleet/employees
- Work with fleet/internal services – trial and lease EV's

Action Plan

- Encourage businesses/organisations/partners to do the same
- Raise awareness of the vehicles, charge points and benefits
- Work with PSB partners – Well-being Plan Actions
- Investigate pool vehicles
- Link to the City Deal & Local Transport Plan



Funding

- National:
 - Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) - £4.5 million
 - On Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme
 - Workplace scheme
- Regional
 - Welsh Government - £2 million (2018/19 and 2019/20)

Feasibility Study

Regional PSB Feasibility Study

- CCBC leading on Gwent-wide study
- Identify potential sites for EV charging points
- Results of study to inform funding bids

Feasibility Study

Sites identified in Bargoed:

- Bargoed Gateway (30)
- Emporium Car Park, Upper High Street (44)
- Bargoed Station Park and Ride (89)
- Hanbury Road (114)
- St Gwladys Bargoed, Bristol Terrace (24)
- Bargoed Bus Station/ Ty Bargoed Council Offices (12)

What we need from you!

- Identify potential sites for charge points
- Help with links to businesses
- Community Councils



CCBC Electric Vehicle strategy

Thank You

Tracy Evans

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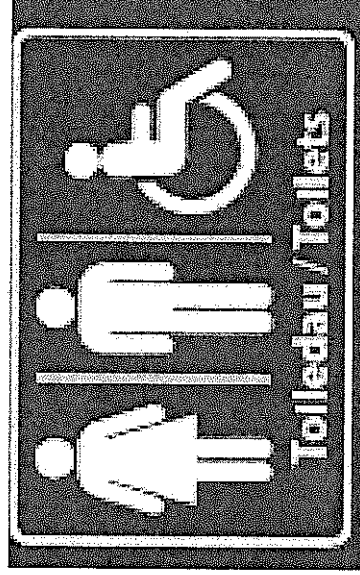
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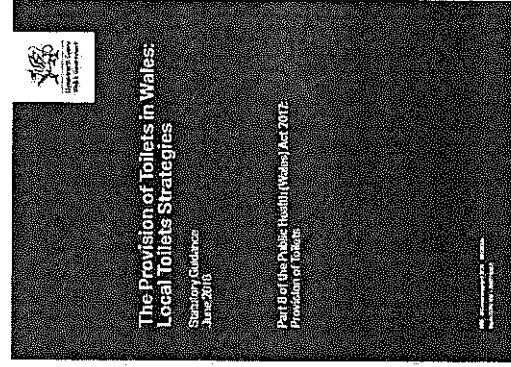
The Provision of Toilets in Wales :

Local Toilets Strategy



- Public Health (Wales) Act 2017

- Welsh Government published statutory guidance in June 2018



The Public Health (Wales) Bill proposes changes to the law in Wales to improve health and prevent avoidable health harms.

These include:

- Restrictions on smoking in:
 - school grounds
 - hospital grounds
 - public playgrounds.
- A national register of retailers of tobacco/nicotine products.
- Prohibiting handing over tobacco/nicotine products to under-18s.
- A licensing system for practitioners of special procedures in Wales:
 - acupuncture
 - body piercing
 - electrolysis
 - tattooing.
- Prohibiting the intimate piercing of a person under the age of 16.
- Requiring health impact assessments to be carried out for key decisions.
- Maximising the public health role of community pharmacies to meet the needs of communities.
- A duty on each local authority in Wales to publish a local toilets strategy.

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What does the LA have to do ?

- The Act places a duty on each Local Authority in Wales to prepare and publish a local toilet strategy for its area.
- To create a strategic and transparent approach
- To improve access to toilets available for public use

What does the LA have to do ?

- The Act does not require Local Authorities to provide and maintain public toilets themselves but take a strategic view as to how facilities can be provided and accessed by the local population
- It should encourage community involvement and involvement of private businesses and other organisations to help provide solutions

What does the LA have to do ?

- The first stage of this process is to assess the community's need for toilets, including changing facilities for babies and changing places for people with a disability

Mae angen i Gyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili ddatblygu Strategaeth Toileddau Lleol ar gyfer y ffordelstref sirol erbyn 31 Mai 2019.

Er mwyn helpu i nodi angen, mae'r cyngor yn ceisio barn bwydau a'r ymwebyddwyr ar ffordelstref sirol i gael dweud echdrowed, eich i www.caerphilly.gov.uk/consultations/localtoiletstrategy a chwblhewch yr atebwng erbyn 28 Mawrth 2019.

Am ragor o wybodaeth, ffoniwch 01443 811368 neu e-bostiwch: policyteam@caerphilly.gov.uk

Caerphilly County Borough Council needs to develop a Local Toilet Strategy for the county borough by 31 May 2019.

To help identify need, the council is seeking the views of residents and visitors to the county borough. To have your say please visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk/consultations/localtoiletstrategy and complete the survey by 28th Sept 2018.

For more information, please call on 01443 811368 or e-mail: policyteam@caerphilly.gov.uk

- This information will inform the development of a draft strategy which must include a plan to address identified needs

What does the LA have to do ?

- Produce a draft plan which will be released for formal consultation between December 2018 + February 2019
- Final strategy must be published by 31st May 2019
- Provide statement of progress after 2 years + review strategy within a year of each local election

BARGOED TOWN CENTRE AUDIT – SEPTEMBER 2018

DATE	ISSUE	DEPARTMENT	PROGRESS UPDATE
28/06/11	<p><u>Steps Hanbury Road</u> A complaint has been received regarding the condition of the repairs on Hanbury Road steps.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p> <p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p> <p>Parks <i>Mike Headington</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>13/2 Following a site meeting with a supplier, a cladding system was deemed inappropriate for the steps. As such, a general maintenance programme intended to last a few years will be implemented.</p> <p>14/3 An update was provided to the TCMG.</p> <p>6/6 The steps were cleaned and repointed, but the work was immediately vandalised. The work has now been re-done.</p>
25/04/12	<p><u>Illegal Parking Town Centre</u> A complaint was received from the Chamber of Trade regarding illegal parking in the Town Centre, which is causing problems for retailer deliveries and public transport.</p>	<p>Police <i>Ins O'Keefe</i></p> <p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>13/2 Additional parking bays will be installed throughout the town shortly. The TRO is currently out to consultation.</p> <p>14/3 An update was provided to the TCMG.</p> <p>6/6 Limited waiting bays have been installed near Lowry Plaza with all lines and signs in place. There is an ongoing problem outside <i>Blisters</i> and <i>The Square Royale</i> at night, which Police Officers are monitoring.</p>

18/03/13	<p><u>Unit Shops</u> <u>Lowry Plaza</u> The unit shops planned for the new Lowry Plaza will be actively promoted during construction to ensure that maximum occupancy is obtained in readiness for their opening.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>13/2 The lease for units 3&4 has been signed. A revised marketing campaign for unit 6a will now take place. 14/3 An update was provided to the TCMG. 6/6 DWP is currently fitting out units 3&4.</p>
11/03/15	<p><u>Channel Block Damage</u> <u>Town Centre</u> At the TCMG it was noted that several of the granite channel blocks in the town centre are cracking.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>13/2 Quotes have now been obtained for core drilling and associated traffic management. A weekend road closure will be arranged in due course. 14/3 An update was provided to the TCMG. 6/6 Samples of cement have been taken and the analysis report is currently being considered by engineers.</p>
16/06/15	<p><u>Development Plateau Phase 2</u> <u>Town Centre</u> Following Odeon's decision not to pursue a cinema development in Bargoed, Officers will look at alternative uses for the site. Committee reports will be presented in due course.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>13/2 Cabinet approval has been granted to enter negotiations with a view of selling the land to a pub-restaurant chain. 14/3 An update was provided to the TCMG. 6/6 An offer has been made for the site, which has been approved by Cabinet. Site investigations will start shortly and pre-application planning advice has been obtained.</p>

23/06/16	<p>Faded Decorative Text <u>Bus Station Link – High Street</u> The text embossed on the steps linking the bus station with High Street has faded and needs to be repainted.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal Allan Dallimore</p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>13/2 Budgets continue to be sought. 6/6 This work is still not considered to be a budgetary priority.</p>
18/10/16	<p><u>Movement of Granite Blocks</u> <u>Town Centre</u> The defensive granite blocks throughout the town are being moved by vehicles so that the spaces between them are large enough to park in.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal Allan Dallimore</p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>14/3 An update was provided to the TCMG. 6/6 The blocks will be repositioned and secured in place, but this requires a road closure, which is currently being arranged.</p>
14/02/17	<p><u>Insecure Carriageway Grills</u> <u>Town Centre</u> At the TCIG, Cllr. Davies noted that the grills in the carriageway throughout the town centre are working loose and rattling when traffic passes over them.</p>	<p>Highways Gavin Barry</p> <p>Urban Renewal Allan Dallimore</p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>13/2 The problems are linked to the channel block movement and will be addressed when further information is known on the channel block defect(s). 14/3 An update was provided to the TCMG. 6/6 This is a defect that is being addressed in conjunction with the channel block issue.</p>

30/05/17	<p><u>Tables & Chairs on Public Highway Without Consent</u> <u>Town Centre</u> Reports have been received of premises placing tables and chairs on the pavement and persons consuming alcohol whilst seated outside.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p> <p>Licensing <i>Myra McSherry</i></p> <p>Police <i>Ins O'Keefe</i></p> <p>Community Safety <i>Paul Wallen</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>13/2 Officers will continue to monitor the situation as the finer weather approaches. 6/6 Officers continue to monitor as no applications have been received to place tables and chairs on the Highway.</p>
01/08/17	<p><u>Missing Coping Stones</u> <u>Southern Punch-Through</u> Some coping stones are missing from the steps joining Cardiff Road with Bargoed Gateway.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>13/2 The stones weren't secured as per the specification, so this will be discussed with the contractor. 6/6 NCS is sourcing replacement stones from suppliers, which will be secured in place as per design specification. Compensation will be sought from the original installation contractor.</p>
21/08/17	<p><u>Condition of Daffodil Artwork</u> <u>Pocket Park, Hanbury Road Car Park</u> The daffodil artwork and surrounding area is in need of cleaning to improve its appearance.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p> <p>Cleansing <i>Rhodri Lloyd</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>13/2 Specialist equipment is needed to clean the high-level flowers and is being sourced. 6/6 Specialist equipment continues to be sourced.</p>

06/10/17	<p><u>Damaged Street Scene</u> <u>Lowry Plaza</u> A recent audit of the area has revealed a number of items that have become broken or subject to damage and are in need of repair:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broken circular stainless steel bench; 2. Broken paving slab; 3. Dislodged coping stone. 	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>13/2 Officers in Facilities Management are in the process of repairing these items. 6/6 All defects have been remedied. Issue Closed 6/6</p>
12/10/17	<p><u>Cleansing Issues</u> <u>Bargoed Bus Station</u> At the TCMG on 11/10, members expressed concern over the condition of the bus station in terms of cleanliness and asked for it to be reviewed.</p>	<p>Transportation <i>Dean Smith</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>13/2 NCS has quoted for the works and they will be completed as part of a wider programme of works in the town centre. 6/6 The lower part of the shelters have been cleaned and high level cleaning will be carried out shortly.</p>
17/10/17	<p><u>Civil Parking Enforcement</u> <u>Town Centre</u> Following the decision by Gwent Police to transfer on-street parking enforcement duties to the local authorities across the Gwent area, Council officers are working alongside colleagues in neighbouring authorities and Gwent Police to explore the various options available. Any proposals will be subject to a wider consultation with Members prior to seeking Cabinet confirmation and Council approval.</p>	<p>Transportation <i>Dean Smith</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>14/3 An update was provided to the TCMG. 6/6 The back-office function will be shared with RCT and this has been agreed. The TRO is in progress, but is a significant piece of work. When TRO is complete, an application will be made to WG with a provisional start date of April 2019.</p>

23/10/17	<p><u>Damage to Miners' Heads Artwork Hanbury Square</u> Cllr. Price has reported that the Miners' Heads artwork has been damaged and has a hole in it.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>13/2 The repair work should be completed by 31st March. 6/6 The repair has been carried out. Issue Closed 6/6</p>
10/01/18	<p><u>Antisocial Behaviour Morrisons, Bargoed Gateway</u> The Manager of Morrisons has reported an increase in antisocial behaviour in and around the store, particularly in the lower level of the car park.</p>	<p>Police <i>Ins O'Keefe</i></p> <p>Community Safety <i>Paul Wallen</i></p> <p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>14/3 An update was provided to the TCMG. 6/6 A meeting led by Town Centre Management is due to take place with Morrisons on 7th June. Officers will be working with Community Regeneration colleagues to look options for diversionary activities by bidding into Morrisons charity arm.</p>
15/01/18	<p><u>Broken Channel Block O/S Gus Jones, Hanbury Road</u> One of the channel blocks on Hanbury Road has been badly damaged, leaving a large hole in the carriageway surface.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	<p>13/2 Will be carried out as part of a wider programme of NCS works for Bargoed. 14/3 An update was provided to the TCMG. 6/6 Work has been completed. Issue Closed 6/6</p>
31/01/18	<p><u>Broken Bin O/S Decofore, Hanbury Road</u> A litter bin outside Decofore on Hanbury Road has been damaged and requires repair or replacement.</p>	<p>Cleansing <i>Rhodri Lloyd</i></p>	<p>13/2 Two bins are in need of replacement. As they are a bespoke design, they are in fabrication and will be installed in due course. 6/6 The bin will be installed as soon as it is in stock.</p>

31/01/18	<p><u>Channel Block Damage</u> <u>O/S Decofore, Hanbury Road</u> Some of the channel blocks along Hanbury Road have become damaged and require repair.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	<p>13/2 Will be carried out as part of a wider programme of NCS works for Bargoed. 14/3 An update was provided to the TCMG. 6/6 The work has been completed. Issue Closed 6/6</p>
16/04/18	<p><u>Overgrown Foliage</u> <u>Hanbury Road Steps</u> The foliage at the bottom of the steps linking the town centre to Hanbury Road car park is overgrown and requires pruning.</p>	<p>Parks <i>Mike Headington</i></p>	<p>6/6 The area has been cut back. Issue Closed 6/6</p>
16/04/18	<p><u>Cleansing</u> <u>Hanbury Road Car Park</u> Some cleansing issues need to be addressed within and around Hanbury Road car park, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graffiti near the daffodil artwork; • Accumulation of litter at the bottom of Chisholm's Lane; • Litter on the banking between the bus station and Hanbury Road car park. 	<p>Cleansing <i>Rhodri Lloyd</i></p>	<p>6/6 The graffiti and litter on Chisholm's lane have been cleaned. The banking cleanse requires specialist equipment, which will be completed in due course.</p>
27/04/18	<p><u>Criminal Damage</u> <u>Hanbury Road Steps</u> Repairs had been carried out to Hanbury Road steps by NCS. Despite the area being cordoned off, a group of young people vandalised the repairs before the materials had dried.</p>	<p>Police <i>Ins O'Keefe</i></p>	<p>6/6 The investigation is ongoing and CCTV images of the perpetrators have been circulated.</p>

01/05/18	<p><u>Reinstatement of Surface Footpath linking Bargoed Gateway with Eastview Terrace</u> Another wheelie bin has been burnt out under the Angel Way flyover, which has damaged the surface of the footpath.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	<p>6/6 The footway has been repaired. Issue Closed 6/6</p>
18/05/18	<p><u>Insecure Access Angel Way Flyover</u> An access door into the bearing gallery of the Angel Way flyover is insecure and requires repair and additional security.</p>	<p>Engineering <i>Julian Higgs</i></p>	<p>6/6 The access has been secured. Issue Closed 6/6</p>
06/06/18	<p><u>Condition of Surface Hanbury Road Car Park</u> At the TCIG, Cllr. Davies asked Officers to check the condition of the tarmac surface in Hanbury Road car park, which appears to be damaged and in need of repair.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	
06/06/18	<p><u>Reinstatement of Surface Footpath linking Bargoed Gateway with Eastview Terrace</u> At the TCIG, Cllr. Davies reported that yet another bin has been burnt out under the Angel Way flyover, which has damaged the surface of the footpath.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	
10/07/18	<p><u>Edging Stone Bus Station Link – High Street</u> One of the edging stones on the steps leading to the bus station from High Street has been broken.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	

20/07/18	<p>Maintenance of Steps <u>Link between High Street & Bus Station</u> The steps are in need of cleaning and weed removal. Overgrown foliage in the area also needs cutting back.</p>	<p>Highways Gavin Barry</p> <p>Parks Mike Headington</p> <p>Cleansing Rhodri Lloyd</p>	
30/08/18	<p>Cigarette Ends <u>Bargoed Town Centre</u> There are a large number of cigarette ends in Bargoed town centre, especially around Royal Square.</p>	<p>Cleansing Rhodri Lloyd</p>	

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