

## RISCA TOWN CENTRE AUDIT – OCTOBER 2014

DATE	ISSUE	DEPARTMENT	PROGRESS UPDATE
01/04/11	<p><b><u>Artwork</u></b>  <b><u>Tredegar Grounds, Tredegar Street</u></b>                      The possibility of some artwork within Tredegar Grounds Park will be investigated to enhance the appearance of the park.</p> <p><b><u>Park Interpretation</u></b>                      The history of the park is to be researched and interpretation facilities installed. A floorscape or plaque will be installed and local schools will be involved in the project to provide community involvement and ownership.</p>	<p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>18/2 An update was provided to the TCMG.                      14/4 This is a long-term project and work with an internal landscape architect is ongoing.                      2/6 Officers continue to source external funding.                      4/8 Work has started on the toilet block mural.</p>
28/11/11	<p><b><u>New Footbridge</u></b>  <b><u>Rear of Lidl</u></b>                      It was agreed to use Section 106 monies from the Tesco superstore development in order to build a footbridge across the river linking the store with the existing town centre.</p>	<p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>14/4 This is currently with Tesco's legal team. Although CCBC has received £400k in lieu of the bridge, Tesco and CCBC are still keen to progress the development.                      2/6 Legal agreements are still ongoing.                      4/8 Officers continue discussions, but £400k has been received from Tesco in lieu of the footbridge.</p>

27/03/13	<p><b><u>Smoking and Cigarette Ends</u></b>  <b><u>O/S Palace Cinema, Tredegar Street</u></b>  At the TCMG, it was noted that a lot of people are smoking outside the Palace Cinema and dropping their cigarette ends on the pavement, causing a large amount of detritus to accumulate. Cllrs asked Officers to consider an enforcement campaign and possibility of a new bin.</p>	<p><b>Environmental Health</b>  <i>Lyndon Ross</i></p> <p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>14/4 The “No Ifs, No Butts” campaign will be returning to all of the town centres in the summer.  2/6 Officers continue to monitor and enforce.  4/8 An improvement has been seen.  <b>Issue Closed 4/8</b></p>
27/03/13	<p><b><u>Seating Area</u></b>  <b><u>O/S Risca Pine Centre, Tredegar Street</u></b>  At the TCMG, Cllrs noted that the seating area at the northern end of Tredegar Street is in need of some attention. The planters are overgrown and the paved area beneath the benches requires grubbing out and power washing.</p>	<p><b>Cleansing</b>  <i>Tony White</i></p> <p><b>Parks services</b>  <i>Derek Price</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>18/2 An update was provided to the TCMG.  14/4 The area will be sprayed with weed killer and grubbed out in the summer.  2/6 Works are ongoing.  4/8 The weeds have been treated.</p>
19/08/13	<p><b><u>Drug Use</u></b>  <b><u>Commercial Lane</u></b>  Reports have been received of drug use on a parcel of land in Commercial Lane. The land runs alongside LIDL and backs onto the river.</p>	<p><b>Police</b>  <i>Ins Thompson</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>18/2 An update was provided to the TCMG.  14/4 Officers are continuing to monitor and respond to complaints.  2/6 The area is a high priority on the patrol plan and is walked daily.  4/8 No further reports have been received.  <b>Issue Closed 4/8</b></p>

26/11/13	<p><b><u>Banners alongside Highway</u></b>  <b><u>Tesco Extra, Pontymister Industrial Estate</u></b>          At the TCMG, Members expressed concern about the number of advertising banners that have been attached to railings on the access road to the Tesco Extra store &amp; KFC restaurant.</p>	<p><b>Regulatory Planning</b>  <i>Tim Stephens</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>2/6 Planning Officers continue to look into legal options.          4/8 Each piece of signage is being assessed individually. Action will be taken where possible.</p>
26/11/13	<p><b><u>Condition of Land around Cuckoo Artwork</u></b>  <b><u>Pontymister Industrial Estate</u></b>          Concern was expressed by local Members at the TCMG in relation to the condition of the land surrounding the cuckoo artwork, which is in an unkempt condition.</p>	<p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p> <p><b>Cleansing</b>  <i>Tony White</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>02/06 Landowners have been contacted with regards to producing a regular maintenance plan.          24/6 An update was provided to the TCMG.          4/8 CCBC's Ecologist has advised that as slow worms are present, the area can't be trimmed back at present.</p>
15/01/14	<p><b><u>Refuse Collection</u></b>  <b><u>Commercial Lane</u></b>          A complaint has been received via the Town Council in relation to the collection of recycling and food waste for residents of the caravan park on Commercial Lane.</p>	<p><b>Cleansing</b>  <i>Tony White</i></p>	<p>3/2 A report has been completed and will be taken forward to the TCMG.          18/2 The item was deferred until the next meeting.          14/4 The matter will be going to the TCMG.          2/6 This report is on the agenda for the next TCMG meeting.          24/6 An update was provided to the TCMG.          4/8 A report explaining the situation was given to the TCMG.  <b>Issue Closed 4/8</b></p>

30/01/14	<p><b><u>Town Centre Action Plan Consultation</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>  A revised Town Centre Action Plan has been drafted by Officers, which will now go out to public consultation for comments and suggestions.</p>	<p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p> <p><b>Regulatory Planning</b>  <i>Tim Stephens</i></p>	<p>14/4 The draft plan is going through the usual consultation process and feedback to date has been positive.  2/6 Undertook an exhibition at the Library. All consultations have been presented to Cabinet and full Council has adopted the plan.  4/8 The plan has now been adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance by full Council.  <b>Issue Closed 4/8</b></p>
03/02/14	<p><b><u>Toilet Block Mural</u></b>  <b><u>Tredegar Grounds, Tredegar Street</u></b>  A new mural is being developed, which will be painted onto the toilet block situated within Tredegar Grounds.</p>	<p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>2/6 The design and price have been agreed and work is due to commence in July.  24/6 An update was provided to the TCMG.  4/8 Work has started on the mural.</p>
07/05/14	<p><b><u>Repainting of Railings</u></b>  <b><u>Tredegar Grounds, Tredegar Street</u></b>  The railings surrounding Tredegar Grounds have become worn and require repainting to improve their appearance.</p>	<p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Marcus Lloyd</i></p>	<p>2/6 This has been placed on the work schedule for NCS.  4/8 The railings are deemed to be in decent condition and the work has been deferred to the next financial year.  <b>Issue Closed 4/8</b></p>
13/05/14	<p><b><u>Removal of Signage</u></b>  <b><u>Junction of Lyne Road/Brookland Road</u></b>  A complaint has been received from the Town Council. The directional signage pointing to the former Library site is still in situ and requires removal.</p>	<p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Marcus Lloyd</i></p>	<p>2/6 The sign will be removed in due course.  4/8 The sign has been removed.  <b>Issue Closed 4/8</b></p>

19/05/14	<p><b><u>Choose the High Street Campaign</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>  Town Centre Management will be launching a summer campaign across the five managed towns, encouraging consumers to “Choose the High Street”. The scheme will run over the summer period and use several forms of media.</p>	<p><b>Town Centre Management</b>  <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>2/6 Campaign has been launched to encourage shoppers to “choose the high street” and to also encourage businesses to trade from them. Cllr Passmore suggested taking the campaign into the schools to use as a project.  24/6 An update was provided to the TCMG.  4/8 The campaign has started well and will continue over the summer period. Press releases are continuing. The next phase will be to work with property agents to try and fill vacant town centre properties.</p>
03/06/14	<p><b><u>Removal of Foliage from Pillar</u></b>  <b><u>Tredegar Grounds, Tredegar Street</u></b>  Cllr. George requested that the corner pillar of Tredegar Grounds near the Police Station be cleared of weeds and foliage.</p>	<p><b>Parks</b>  <i>Derek Price</i></p>	<p>4/8 The foliage has been removed.  <b>Issue Closed 4/8</b></p>
03/06/14	<p><b><u>Repair of Library Roof</u></b>  <b><u>Tredegar Street</u></b>  Cllr. George requested an update on the repair of the Palace Cinema Library roof following an incident of significant water ingress.</p>	<p><b>Library Services</b>  <i>Gareth Evans</i></p>	<p>4/8 The building has been repaired and is now fully operational again.  <b>Issue Closed 4/8</b></p>
10/06/14	<p><b><u>Renovation of Risca House Inn</u></b>  <b><u>Commercial Street</u></b>  A complaint has been received in relation to the renovation works on the former Risca House Inn. There is rubble in the car park area and workmen on site do not appear to be following health &amp; safety regulations.</p>	<p><b>Regulatory Planning</b>  <i>Tim Stephens</i></p>	<p>4/8 The car park area has now been cleared, but Officers will continue to monitor.</p>

24/06/14	<p><b><u>Hoe Down &amp; Show Down Event</u></b>  <b><u>Tredegar Grounds, Tredegar Street</u></b>  The summer event for Risca is planned for 12<sup>th</sup> July and will have a Wild West theme. Activities will include line dancing, funfair rides and food and drink.</p>	<p><b>Business Enterprise Support Team</b>  <i>Paul Hudon</i></p>	<p>4/8 The event was highly successful.  <b>Issue Closed 4/8</b></p>
24/06/14	<p><b><u>Directional Signage to Risca RFC</u></b>  <b><u>Tredegar Street</u></b>  A request has been received from Risca Town Council for the installation of an additional finger post on the signage at Risca/Pontymister railway station. The additional sign will be for Risca Rugby Club in readiness for the new season.</p>	<p><b>Urban Renewal</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>4/8 Officers are currently looking at the possibility of the additional signage.</p>
27/06/14	<p><b><u>Clearance of Foliage &amp; Jet Washing</u></b>  <b><u>O/S Brooklands Centre, Commercial Street</u></b>  The area outside the Brooklands Centre on Commercial Street is in need of jet washing and the foliage along the wall needs trimming back.</p>	<p><b>Cleansing</b>  <i>Tony White</i></p>	<p>4/8 The hedge has been trimmed back and the rest of the work will be carried out in due course.</p>
30/06/14	<p><b><u>Removal of Weeds &amp; Grubbing Out</u></b>  <b><u>Tredegar Grounds, Tredegar Street</u></b>  The area around the central circle in Tredegar Grounds requires weeding and grubbing out to improve its appearance.</p>	<p><b>Parks Services</b>  <i>Derek Price</i></p>	<p>4/8 The area has been cleaned.  <b>Issue Closed 4/8</b></p>
04/08/14	<p><b><u>Height of Dropped Kerbs</u></b>  <b><u>Junction of Dan-y-Graig Road</u></b>  Cllr. George has received complaints from wheelchair users that the dropped kerbs on either side of the junction between Tredegar Street and Dan-y-Graig Road are too high, making it difficult for them to cross the road.</p>	<p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Marcus Lloyd</i></p>	

21/08/14	<p><b><u>Exposed Electrical Wiring</u></b>  <b><u>Tredegar Grounds, Tredegar Street</u></b>  Some grass and its underlying soil have been ripped up near the event space in Tredegar Grounds. The hole has left an area of the cabling underneath exposed.</p>	<p><b>Parks Services</b>  <i>Derek Price</i></p>	
03/09/14	<p><b><u>Christmas Event</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>  Planning is underway for a Christmas event in the town centre, which is scheduled to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014.</p>	<p><b>Business Enterprise Support Team</b>  <i>Paul Hudson</i></p>	
03/09/14	<p><b><u>“Choose The High Street @ Christmas”</u></b>  <b><u>Campaign</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>  The “Choose the High Street” campaign is being extended to the Christmas period to encourage people to shop locally this Christmas. The scheme will involve a voucher scheme that all retailers will have the opportunity to sign up to.</p>	<p><b>Town Centre Management</b>  <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	