

**BARGOED – FEBRUARY 2006**

DATE	ISSUE	DEPARTMENT	PROGRESS UPDATE
10/03/05	<p><b><u>Litter Issues</u></b>  <b><u>Hanbury Square</u></b>                      At the TCMG local residents raised concerns about litter in the Town Centre and the size of the litter bins. A request was made for larger enclosed litter bins and enforcement action.</p>	<p><b>Cleansing</b>  <i>Tony White / Tudor Lewis</i></p> <p><b>Environmental Health</b>  <i>Alan Brown</i></p> <p><b>Strategic Planning</b>  <i>Bryan Morgan</i></p>	<p>A contractor has been asked to look at whether the existing bins can have lids fitted onto them.                      After consultation with local residents enforcement action was undertaken by officers and resulted in two pupils from a local school being issued with fixed penalty notices for litter offences.                      Having examined the cost of fitting new lids to the existing bins, it has been decided to replace the bins at the earliest opportunity. New litterbins are on order for the remainder of the town; all bins will be fitted with lids and the size of bin governed by the width of the footway available.                      Therefore the bins will vary in size and take approximately 4 weeks to deliver.</p>
16/04/05	<p><b><u>Temporary Street Works</u></b>  <b><u>High Street</u></b>                      The new road scheme in High Street has caused a number of problems for the Police, retailers and residents.</p>	<p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Lee Evans</i></p> <p><b>Police</b>  <i>PC Williams</i>  <i>Ins Doidge</i></p> <p><b>Strategic Planning</b>  <i>Bryan Morgan</i></p>	<p>The Police are concerned that due to the temporary traffic signals OS The Spar, pedestrians are not clearly visible when using the crossing, they have requested that the crossing OS Barclays Bank be decommissioned while the lights are in place.                      NCS have agreed to place bags over the beacons and place signage on the crossings to show that they are not in use</p>

			<p>until WPD can connect the electric supply. Clarification was sought by the Police on the narrow width of the new lay-by. NCS explained that the existing BT service provision on site determined the lay-bys width.</p> <p>A site meeting took place on 25/4 with CCBC officers.</p> <p>A further meeting on 9/5 between CCBC officers and retailers, agreed to re-examine the location of the Barclays Bank crossing and the size of the lay-by by undertaking a safety audit.</p> <p>The safety audit has highlighted 36 areas requiring attention most of which will be corrected by the contractor and are of a minor nature. The main area of concern is the lack of visibility at the pelican crossing outside Barclays bank. It is proposed to shorten the lay by to correct this.</p> <p>The costings for this work been passed to NCS who will undertake the works.</p> <p>There will be a temporary reduction in length of lay by outside Spar Square then following the construction of Angel Way a one-way system will be put in place and these temporary restrictions will be lifted.</p> <p>Meeting 10/11 for CCBC officers to discuss the cost implications with the contractor.</p> <p>21/11 NCS have been instructed to commence works on site.</p>
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20/06/05	<p><b><u>New Street Furniture</u></b>  <b><u>OS Spar Hanbury Road</u></b>  Local retailers and Cllr's have asked that consideration be given to the placement of new street furniture in the heart of the Town Centre.</p>	<p><b>Strategic Planning</b>  <i>Bryan Morgan</i></p> <p><b>Econ Development</b>  <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>£2000 of funding from the Area Forum Budget was released upon request. This will be put together with Urban Renewal funding to design and fit a small improvement scheme for the area. The original bench and planter have been removed and two new benches installed Cllr Davies &amp; Cllr Price have requested 2 additional seats be installed this was agreed at the TCMG meeting 14/9. The furniture has been ordered through NCS.</p>
27/07/05	<p><b><u>Provision of Taxi Ranks</u></b>  <b><u>Bargoed</u></b>  A working group has been established to look at the location of taxi ranks within the Town Centre.</p>	<p><b>Licensing</b>  <i>Paul Hotchkiss</i></p> <p><b>Transportation</b>  <i>Justin Cooper</i></p> <p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Dave Earey</i></p> <p><b>Community Safety</b>  <i>Alun Jones</i></p> <p><b>Econ Development</b>  <i>Andrew Highway</i></p> <p><b>Police</b>  <i>Ins Doidge</i></p>	<p>The group will ensure that the council meets its statutory responsibilities regarding provision of taxi ranks in Town Centres. Following the groups first meeting on 6/5 a site visit to Bargoed Town Centre will be undertaken by CCBC officers and Police officers to identify the most appropriate locations for taxi ranks to be sited. A site meeting took place on 19/7. One provisional location have been identified: -</p> <p><b><u>OS Cleopatra – High Street</u></b>  It was agreed that this site would benefit the nighttime economy and should be pursued.  27/7 The group met to consider the options suggested, it would now work towards resolving outstanding issues and then reporting matters to the Licensing committee.</p>

			15/12 The Police met with CCBC officers to consider a draft report for Scrutiny Committee recommending that the agreed site in the town be progressed.
01/08/05	<p><b><u>Pedestrian Crossing Safety Issues</u></b>  <b><u>Hanbury Road – OS The Library</u></b>  Cllr Carter has raised concerns over the safety of the crossing after an elderly gentleman was knocked over whilst using it.</p>	<p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Bob Campbell</i></p>	<p>The pedestrian crossing and bus stop are sited in close proximity. As the bus stop is now redundant it will be removed as recommended by a recent safety audit.  3/2 The zebra crossing is completed, the bus shelter will be removed once power has been cut.</p>
23/08/05	<p><b><u>Provision Of A New Litter Bin</u></b>  <b><u>OS Be Wise – High Street</u></b>  A new dog-fouling bin installed at the top of High Street and 'Chisholm's Lane ' is now being used for litter disposal.</p>	<p><b>Strategic Planning</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>The placement of a new litterbin will help ensure that the dog-fouling bin is used correctly.</p>
01/09/05	<p><b><u>Rusty Bench</u></b>  <b><u>High Street Bargood</u></b>  The bench OS The Emporium Buildings is in a poor condition and needs to be replaced or repaired.</p>	<p><b>Strategic Planning</b>  <i>Bryan Morgan</i></p>	<p>CCBC do not own the land, officers will write to the owner to ascertain if there are any objections to the replacement of the bench. If there is no objection a legal opinion will be sought in respect of any future claim against CCBC.  Should the owner be in agreement a new 'Ollerton' bench will be ordered using the funding allocated to Town Centres in the 'Core Maintenance Budget'.</p>

19/09/05	<p><b><u>Installation Of 2 New Benches</u></b>  <b><u>St Gwladys Gardens</u></b>  To maximise the public's enjoyment of the newly planted area two new benches will be installed.</p>	<p><b>Parks</b>  <i>John Ridgewell</i></p> <p><b>Econ Development</b>  <i>Andrew Highway</i></p> <p><b>Cleansing</b>  <i>Tony White</i></p>	<p>A site visit has been made, it was decided that 2 benches should be sited on the path overlooking the car park in bays cut into the grass bank.  The benches and the work to construct the bays will be funded through the town centres allocation of the 'Core Maintenance Budget'  TCIG 21/11 Cllr Carter asked for a litterbin to be placed on site within the new scheme, this was agreed.</p>
14/10/05	<p><b><u>Footfall Counters</u></b>  <b><u>Bargoed</u></b>  As part of the process of health checking Town Centres accurate statistical information on pedestrian flow levels are vital.</p>	<p><b>Econ Development</b>  <i>Andrew Highway</i></p> <p><b>Regulatory Planning</b>  Tim Stephens</p>	<p>A tender process was undertaken, from it Footfall the UK's market leader in pedestrian flow counting has been engaged. The counter will be sited outside OS Peacocks in High Street. Planning consent is not required as the monitor is regarded as 'de minimis'.  The counter will be sited outside Peacocks in High Street and installed over the winter.</p>
25/11/05	<p><b><u>Emporium Car Park</u></b>  <b><u>No gritting provision</u></b>  The Emporium Solicitors made a complaint to Cllr Davies, that the CCBC car park at the Emporium building has no gritting provision in poor weather. This causes a danger to pedestrians and drivers using the facility.</p>	<p><b>Transportation</b>  <i>Kasro Kuder</i></p>	
06/12/05	<p><b><u>Angel Way Art Competition</u></b>  <b><u>Bargoed</u></b>  Cllr Davies requested that an art competition be staged to involve the wider community in the Angel Way project.</p>	<p><b>Communication</b>  <i>Rosemary Mathews</i></p> <p><b>Econ Development</b>  <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>Over 40 entries from 5 local schools have been received for the competition to design a winning piece of artwork for display at the side of the new link road.  15/2 A meeting was held to judge the competition, the results will be used as the</p>

			inspiration for a new logo for the link road, which will feature on site notice boards and promotional materials once the project commences.
06/12/05	<p><b><u>Broken Wall</u></b>  <b><u>OS Emporium – High Street</u></b>  The section of wall and steps outside the Emporium buildings is closed off with fencing, after been damaged by a vehicle.</p>	<p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Steve Hodges</i></p>	SR214267 has been raised, Marton Civil engineering will meet on site to discuss the works required to include wall repairs and replacement railings to match the existing ones. In view of the busy nature of this area on a road junction, it is likely works will be carried out on a Sunday in January to minimize disruption to traffic.
11/01/06	<p><b><u>Repair Works</u></b>  <b><u>Road Closure A496 Station Road</u></b>  On 9<sup>th</sup> January subsidence occurred to the road surface of the A496 at Station Road. A traffic order was issued for the road to be closed to vehicles for a period of 21 days from the 9/1.</p>	<p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Lee Evans</i></p> <p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Bob Campbell</i></p>	<p>10/1 The utility companies will inspect their services on site to check for damage.  16/1 Having inspected the site the utility companies have found no additional damage to their services.  17/1 Engineers will commence works to make the site safe and clear debris. At this stage it is hoped to reopen a one-way traffic flow from the north in 2-3 weeks.  27/1 After extensive work to reconstruct the embankment the road was reopened for all traffic.  <b>Issue Closed 27/1</b></p>
11/01/06	<p><b><u>Town Centre Signage</u></b>  <b><u>Road Closure A496 Station Road</u></b>  After the closure of the road the footfall in the town is very low. Retailers have expressed concern that signage at Pengham lights and in Gilfach does not state that the town is still open for shoppers and deliveries.</p>	<p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Bob Campbell</i></p> <p><b>Econ Development</b>  <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>11/1 Engineers will inspect the signage and assess if there is a need for the additional signs requested.  11/1 It was agreed that signs would be placed at Pengham Lights and in Hanbury Rd with the text 'Access only for town and shops'.</p>

			<p>11/1 Bargoed Police have asked for an additional diversion along Church Place and Bristol Terrace to be considered.</p> <p>16/1 Traffic diverted along Church Place &amp; Bristol Terrace.</p> <p>16/1 Local members have requested additional signage for Aberbargoed Hill this was agreed.</p> <p><b>Issue Closed 27/1</b></p>
12/01/06	<p><b><u>Possible Breach Of Planning Regulations</u></b>  <b><u>Road Closure A496 Station Road</u></b>  Cllr Carter is concerned that the work surrounding the incident in Station Road was in connection with the building of a structure. He has requested that an officer could investigate if there has been a breach in planning regulations at the site.</p>	<p><b>Regulatory Planning</b>  <i>Tim Stevens</i></p>	<p>A planning enforcement officer will investigate the matter.</p>
16/01/06	<p><b><u>Bus Services</u></b>  <b><u>Road Closure A496 Station Road</u></b>  Due to the road closure bus services will be affected and provision for timetable alterations needs to be made.</p>	<p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Huw Morgan</i></p>	<p>The bus operators have been notified and will issue revised timetables.</p> <p>At the request of local members a shuttle service will run between Hanbury Square and Station Road by the petrol station.</p> <p>16/1 The Chamber Of Trade requested a leaflet drop to the towns of the upper Rhumney Valley to inform people of revised bus services.</p> <p>17/1 It was confirmed that 'Stagecoach' had printed 3000 leaflets by Friday 12/1, these were put onto their buses, in addition a quantity will be delivered Libraries &amp; Post Offices in the area.</p> <p><b>Issue Closed 27/1</b></p>

16/01/06	<p><b><u>Taxi Fare Increases</u></b>  <b><u>Road Closure A496 Station Road</u></b>  Cllr Carter has received reports of taxi firms overcharging members of the public for journeys in the Bargoed area since the road closure.</p>	<p><b>Licensing</b>  <i>Paul Hotchkiss</i></p>	<p>A condition of the Private Hire operator's license is that firms must provide details of the maximum fares they propose charging, giving at least one month's notice of any changes. This would normally relate to a permanent increase and not a limited one to cover unusual circumstances, including longer journey times, more fuel etc, which applies in this instance. After consideration of the legislation it would appear that operators can charge what they consider appropriate until this situation has been resolved, therefore residents would be best advised to ask the price for each journey before making the booking.  <b>Issue Closed 20/1</b></p>
16/01/06	<p><b><u>Communication Of Change Process</u></b>  <b><u>Road Closure A496 Station Road</u></b>  Effective communication of issues surrounding the road closure and the impact it's having on Bargoed town centre is vital to support local businesses.</p>	<p><b>Communication</b>  <i>Rosemary Mathews</i></p> <p><b>Econ Development</b>  <i>Andrew Highway</i></p> <p><b>Police</b>  <i>PC Williams</i></p>	<p>13/1 A meeting was held for CCBC officers to discuss the communication of the road closure and update local members.  14/1 A leaflet setting out the current position has been distributed to town centre businesses by local members.  18/1 It was agreed that a written update on the current situation regarding the road closure would be issued each Friday. The Police have offered to deliver the leaflets to all traders in the town. This leaflet will be displayed in the library, the Post Office and the Police Station for public information.  <b>Issue Closed 27/1</b></p>



24/01/06	<p><b><u>Installation Of 'Flower' Banners</u></b>  <b><u>High Street Bargoed</u></b>          To add to the town centres visitor appeal, banner displays on 30 lampposts will be installed adding colour and vibrancy to the street scene.</p>	<p><b>Econ Development</b>  <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>Installed.  <b>Issue Closed 26/1</b></p>
30/01/06	<p><b><u>Dog Fouling</u></b>  <b><u>Bargoed Town Centre</u></b>          Complaints have been received about dog fouling in High Street near Chisholm's Lane and in Hanbury Road car park.</p>	<p><b>Environmental Health</b>  <i>Lyndon Ross</i></p> <p><b>Community Safety</b>  <i>Graham Thomas</i></p>	<p>Enforcement Officers will investigate the report and check the CCTV footage.</p>
30/01/06	<p><b><u>Black Bags For Collection</u></b>  <b><u>High Street – OS Lloyds TSB</u></b>          A member of the public has complained that there are a number of bags at the location which appear to have been dumped.</p>	<p><b>Cleansing</b>          Tony White</p>	<p>Removal will be arranged.  <b>Issue Closed 3/2</b></p>
30/01/01	<p><b><u>Web Marketing Of Family History Resources</u></b>  <b><u>Bargoed Library</u></b>          The library is the main centre for family history research in the County Borough. Work is underway on a new section for inclusion into the CCBC web site, called 'Chronicle', focusing on the areas unique and diverse history. The inclusion of information about the library and its resources will encourage more visitors to the town.</p>	<p><b>Communications</b>  <i>Nick Rutter</i></p>	<p>It is hoped that the section will be available on the CCBC website by April.</p>