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23/01/08	<p><u>Morrisons Store Construction Bargoed</u> The construction of a new retail site as part of the Greater Bargoed Regeneration Scheme will allow a new food store to locate in the town.</p>	<p>Strategic Planning <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>14/5 Works programme on schedule. Demolition of 27 Hanbury Road taking place and people are being kept informed of all works being carried out via the Big Idea Website. 9/7 Work programme is on schedule. Old cash office has been demolished, foul sewer diverted and temporary road closure completed. All were successful.</p>
5/03/12	<p><u>Cinema Development Bargoed</u> The scheme will include a cinema and new retail units.</p>	<p>Strategic Planning <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>5/3 Parking structure needs to be looked at for short term and long term. Cllr Carter requested for the Rugby Club to be consulted prior. 8/3 Update to TCMG 14/5 Two similar cinema operators showing interest. Meetings taking place over the next two weeks through Procurement. 9/7 Tender document has been sent to two cinema operators, which are due for return in August.</p>
14/10/09	<p><u>Office Quarter High Street</u> Within the Town Centre Action Plan an area at the northern end of the town has been identified for creation of a new business quarter.</p>	<p>Strategic Planning <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>9/1 One possible tenant has dropped out, so are now dealing with two. 5/3 No progress. Chasing possible tenant. 14/5 Still trying to find potential tenants. 9/7 An architect can now be appointed to look at the exterior design of the building.</p>

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26/05/11	<p><u>Repainting of Post Box</u> <u>OS Post Office, Under Cardiff Road</u> The Post Box paintwork has worn and damaged paintwork, which requires attention.</p>	<p>Business Enterprise Support Team <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>9/1 Unable to make contact. Will hopefully gain progress by the next meeting. 5/3 Continuing to chase. 14/5 Added to summer schedule of works. 9/7 Still on summer schedule with Royal Mail.</p>
15/06/11	<p><u>Suspension of Parking Charges</u> <u>Emporium & St. Gwladys Car Parks</u> Local Members & Chamber of Trade requested at the TCMG on 15/6 a suspension of car park charges while major works are carried out in the town centre.</p>	<p>Transportation <i>Clive Campbell</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>9/1 Worked well with no complaints. A request has been placed to extend further. 5/3 An update will be provided to the TCMG. 8/3 Update to TCMG 14/5 Officers are unable to suspend parking charges and reported this to the TCMG. 9/7 A report on the parking strategy for the town will be given to the TCMG when it reconvenes.</p>
28/06/11	<p><u>Steps</u> <u>Hanbury Road</u> A complaint has been received regarding the condition of the repairs on Hanbury Road steps.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Marcus Lloyd</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>9/1 Still pending. 5/3 No change. 14/5 Waiting for BT diversion works to be undertaken. 9/7 Still pending BT works.</p>

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30/06/11	<p><u>Steps</u> <u>Cardiff Road</u> There have been reports of youth annoyance on Cardiff Road. The private steps next to the Post Office are being used to gain access to the Post Office roof, which is being damaged and used as a platform to throw things at passers-by.</p>	<p>Police <i>Ins Jones</i></p> <p>Strategic Planning <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>9/1 Should be onsite in June as part of the Phase 3 contracts. 24/2 Youth annoyance and anti-social behavior calls have now reduced to zero. 5/3 Part of Phase 3 contract works. 14/5 It has been agreed to place a gate on the steps. 9/7 Work is due to be completed in early autumn.</p>
12/12/11	<p><u>Damaged Tiles</u> <u>O/S The Original Factory Shop, High Street</u> The tiles at the entrance step of The Original Factory Shop were damaged during the public realm works and require replacement.</p>	<p>Strategic Planning <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>9/1 Contractor has assured that work will be carried out. 5/3 Works due to commence, as this issue is part of the defect list that is currently being rectified. 14/5 Waiting on a contractor to undertake works. 9/7 Work has been completed. Issue Closed 9/7</p>
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21/02/12	<p><u>Phase 3 works</u> <u>Upper High Street / Lower High Street.</u> The third phase of the new public realm works will involve the laying of new pavements, drainage channels and road surface.</p>	<p>Strategic Planning <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>5/3 Contract out to tender. An extension has been given. Hope to be on site for mid July. 8/3 Update to TCMG 14/5 Tenders have been submitted and appraised. A decision is likely at the end of July. 9/7 Allan Griffiths has been appointed as the contractor and work is due to start on site in late August.</p>
21/02/12	<p><u>Utility Works</u> <u>Adjacent to Morrison's Site, Hanbury Road</u> Utility works will be carried out to provide water, gas and electricity to the Morrison's development site.</p>	<p>Strategic Planning <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>5/3 BT works are programmed for 18th April. Foul sewer booked in for May with potential road closure of 5 days. Allan Dallimore to forward on programme, which will be circulated to Officers. Cllr. Carter asked for works to be over a weekend if possible to minimise disruption to retailers. 8/3 Update to TCMG 14/5 Transportation Officers to attend the next TCMG to give an update. 9/7 Work has been completed. Issue Closed 9/7</p>
08/03/12	<p><u>Railway Station Fencing</u> <u>Station Road</u> Concern was raised by Cllrs at the TCMG about the condition of the chain-link fencing surround Bargoed Railway Station.</p>	<p>Transportation <i>Clive Campbell</i></p>	<p>12/3 A funding application is currently being developed to enhance Bargoed Station. This will be submitted in May 2012. 14/5 No change. Planning application needs to be in place. 9/7 The work is due to be part of the National Station Improvement Programme works, but there is no match-funding at present. Advice has been sought on the planning application.</p>

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08/03/12	<p><u>Street Market Town Centre</u> Following an approach by a Market Operator, the feasibility of a Street Market operating in the Town Centre is being investigated.</p>	<p>Business Enterprise Support Team <i>Andrew Highway</i></p> <p>Strategic Planning <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p> <p>Highways <i>Clive Campbell</i></p> <p>Legal Services <i>John Rogers</i></p>	<p>8/3 Members of the TCMG unanimously voted in support of a market trial period. 14/5 Officers will provide an update at the TCMG. 9/7 A site meeting is taking place on 18th July with the market operator to look at St. Gwladys car park as an alternative venue.</p>
19/03/12	<p><u>Event Site High Street</u> A possible event site within the Town Centre has been identified, but requires cleansing and grubbing out.</p>	<p>Strategic Planning <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>14/5 Looking at having a small promotional area. 9/7 Site visit pending to assess level of works to make proposed site fit for purpose.</p>
26/03/12	<p><u>Repainting Town Centre</u> Following completion of the Phase 2 public realm works, several areas are to be repainted. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fence at edge of Hanbury Road Car Park; • Parking dividers in Hanbury Road Car Park; • Litter bins in Hanbury Road Car Park; • St. Gwladys Gardens fence and litter bins. 	<p>Highways <i>Marcus Lloyd</i></p>	<p>27/3 Request has been added to schedule of works. 14/5 Work will be carried out in June, but is weather dependent. 9/7 Behind schedule due to weather.</p>
27/03/12	<p><u>Vandalism of Steps O/S Police Station, Hanbury Road</u> The steps had been subject to vandalism, whereby emulsion paint was thrown on a large area.</p>	<p>Cleansing <i>Tony White</i></p>	<p>27/3 A cleansing team was due to be onsite. 14/5 Pending BT diversion work, but will be scheduled in when possible by cleansing. 9/7 Still awaiting BT works.</p>

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27/03/12	<p><u>Temporary Grit Bin Removal</u> <u>Town Centre</u> The temporary grit bins that were placed in the town centres for the winter season are to be removed.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Marcus Lloyd</i></p>	<p>14/5 Bins have all been removed. Bargoed Library remains.</p>
23/04/12	<p><u>Broken Drain Covers</u> <u>Bus Station</u> Ten plastic drain covers were vandalised and broken in the bus station, exposing the drains.</p>	<p>Transportation <i>Clive Campbell</i></p>	<p>2/5 Police were informed of the incident and NCS made the site safe. Replacement covers have been ordered. 14/5 Covers have been replaced. Area being monitored. 22/5 Further vandalism has occurred. Metal covers have been ordered by Urban Renewal to replace the plastic ones. 9/7 Work has been completed. Issue Closed 9/7</p>
25/04/12	<p><u>Illegal Parking</u> <u>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. Jones</i></p> <p>Strategic Planning <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>4/5 Police continue to monitor the situation and 7 fixed penalty notices have been issued to date. 14/5 A site visit is to be arranged. Will look into further enforcements. 29/6 Parking enforcement continues. 9/7 Parking enforcement continues. Additional granite blocks will be installed to prevent vehicles parking on the pavement. 01/9 Continues to be a PACT priority. 38 tickets issued in August and work is ongoing to provide a permanent solution.</p>

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02/05/12	<p><u>Angel Artwork</u> <u>St. Gwladys Car Park, High Street</u> A six metre high sculpture of an angel will be installed at the Northern approach to the town, situated at the entrance of St. Gwladys car park.</p>	<p>Strategic Planning <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>14/5 Artwork will be installed as part of Phase 3 contract. 9/7 Installation is expected to be in late August.</p>
17/05/12	<p><u>Bins on Highway</u> <u>Town Centre</u> A complaint has been received from the Chamber of Trade in relation to bins being left of the Highway by residents of flats above shops in the town centre. The bins are being knocked over/set alight during the night.</p>	<p>Cleansing <i>Tony White</i></p>	<p>25/7 A site visit identified that the majority of residents are now storing their bins correctly. One bin on the Highway was reported to Cleansing for necessary enforcement.</p>