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DATE	ISSUE	DEPARTMENT	PROGRESS UPDATE
23/01/08	<p><b><u>Morrisons Store Construction Bargoed</u></b>                      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><b>Strategic Planning</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>9/7 Work programme is on schedule. Old cash office has been demolished, foul sewer diverted and temporary road closure completed. All were successful.                      17/9 A lot of works ongoing onsite. Utilities work has caused some disruption, which has been resolved with retailers.                      3/10 Updates provided to the TCMG.                      12/11 Utility Diversions are now complete. Still aiming for opening in December 2013.</p>
5/03/12	<p><b><u>Cinema Development Bargoed</u></b>                      The scheme will include a cinema and new retail units.</p>	<p><b>Strategic Planning</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>9/7 Tender document has been sent to two cinema operators, which are due for return in August.                      17/9 Have been through procurement process. The operators selected don't want any press releases as yet.                      3/10 Updates provided to the TCMG.                      12/11 Terms have now been agreed and meetings are currently taking place, with planning application due before Christmas. Scheme due to open late 2014.</p>

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14/10/09	<p><b><u>Office Quarter High Street</u></b>                      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><b>Strategic Planning</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>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.                      17/9 Moving forward. In house discussions are taking place to discuss future options.                      3/10 Updates provided to the TCMG.                      12/11 Internal fit outs taking place.</p>
26/05/11	<p><b><u>Repainting of Post Box OS Post Office, Under Cardiff Road</u></b>                      The Post Box paintwork has worn and damaged paintwork, which requires attention.</p>	<p><b>Business Enterprise Support Team</b>  <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>14/5 Added to summer schedule of works.                      9/7 Still on summer schedule with Royal Mail.                      17/9 On schedule to be complete.                      12/11 Put back due to weather. Is on schedule.</p>

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15/06/11	<p><b><u>Suspension of Parking Charges Emporium &amp; St. Gwladys Car Parks</u></b>                      Local Members &amp; 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><b>Transportation</b>  <i>Clive Campbell</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>9/7 A report on the parking strategy for the town will be given to the TCMG when it reconvenes.                      17/9 Need to look into further. Will update at the new TCMG meeting.                      3/10 Parking Strategy report presented to the TCMG.                      12/11 No comments or feedback received.  <b>Issue Closed 12/11</b></p>
28/06/11	<p><b><u>Steps Hanbury Road</u></b>                      A complaint has been received regarding the condition of the repairs on Hanbury Road steps.</p>	<p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Marcus Lloyd</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>14/5 Waiting for BT diversion works to be undertaken.                      9/7 Still pending BT works.                      17/9 Waiting on completion of the BT work. Need to chase.                      12/11 With Urban Regeneration. Officers will bring a report to the next meeting.</p>

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30/06/11	<p><b><u>Steps Cardiff Road</u></b>            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><b>Police</b>  <i>Ins Jones</i></p> <p><b>Strategic Planning</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>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.            17/9 Still going ahead with the scheme and will be picked up with the Allan Griffiths contract. Further discussion to take place between appropriate officers and Cllrs.            12/11 Part of phase 3 works.</p>
21/02/12	<p><b><u>Phase 3 works Hanbury Road/High Street</u></b>            The third phase of the new public realm works will involve the laying of new pavements, drainage channels and road surface.</p>	<p><b>Strategic Planning</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>9/7 Allan Griffiths has been appointed as the contractor and work is due to start on site in late August.            17/9 The main contractor Allan Griffiths will be onsite for approximately 10 months.            3/10 Updates provided to the TCMG.            12/11 Going to programme. Will be finished by July 2013.</p>

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08/03/12	<p><b><u>Railway Station Fencing</u></b>  <b><u>Station Road</u></b>                      Concern was raised by Cllrs at the TCMG about the condition of the chain-link fencing surround Bargoed Railway Station.</p>	<p><b>Transportation</b>  <i>Clive Campbell</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>17/9 Planning application submitted for changes to train station. If planning is granted and match funding has been found it will be taken forward.                      12/11 Still waiting for an announcement from the Welsh Government and Railway on the match funding.</p>
08/03/12	<p><b><u>Street Market</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>                      Following an approach by a Market Operator, the feasibility of a Street Market operating in the Town Centre is being investigated.</p>	<p><b>Business Enterprise Support Team</b>  <i>Andrew Highway</i></p> <p><b>Strategic Planning</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p> <p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Clive Campbell</i></p> <p><b>Legal Services</b>  <i>John Rogers</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>9/7 A site meeting is taking place on 18<sup>th</sup> July with the market operator to look at St. Gwladys car park as an alternative venue.                      17/9 A report has been issued to Roger Tanner and is being discussed further with the Chief Executive.                      3/10 Updates provided to the TCMG.                      12/11 Has been agreed by CMT. Meeting to discuss Terms &amp; Conditions with market operator due to take place shortly.</p>

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19/03/12	<p><b><u>Event Site High Street</u></b> A possible event site within the Town Centre has been identified, but requires cleansing and grubbing out.</p>	<p><b>Strategic Planning</b> <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. 17/9 Currently in the process of confirming terms.</p>
26/03/12	<p><b><u>Repainting Town Centre</u></b> Following completion of the Phase 2 public realm works, several areas are to be repainted. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fence at edge of Hanbury Road Car Park;</li> <li>• Parking dividers in Hanbury Road Car Park;</li> <li>• Litter bins in Hanbury Road Car Park;</li> <li>• St. Gwladys Gardens fence and litterbins.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Highways</b> <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. 17/9 Will be complete within the next 6 weeks. 12/11 Will be complete prior to Christmas.</p>
27/03/12	<p><b><u>Vandalism of Steps O/S Police Station, Hanbury Road</u></b> The steps had been subject to vandalism, whereby emulsion paint was thrown on a large area.</p>	<p><b>Cleansing</b> <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. 17/9 Is on schedule.</p>

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25/04/12	<p><b><u>Illegal Parking</u></b> <b><u>Town Centre</u></b></p> <p>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><b>Police</b> <i>Ins. Jones</i></p> <p><b>Strategic Planning</b> <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>1/9 Continues to be a PACT priority. 38 tickets issued in August and work is ongoing to provide a permanent solution. 17/9 Materials have been ordered. Are being delivered from China within the next few weeks. Currently have the support of the police.</p> <p>12/11 A very positive meeting took place with the Inspector. Police would like double-yellow lines to make enforcement easier, which will be linked to Phase 3 works.</p>
02/05/12	<p><b><u>Angel Artwork</u></b> <b><u>St. Gwladys Car Park, High Street</u></b></p> <p>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><b>Strategic Planning</b> <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>14/5 Artwork will be installed as part of Phase 3 contract.</p> <p>9/7 Installation is expected to be in late August.</p> <p>17/9 Have been given an installation date of the 2<sup>nd</sup> December.</p> <p>3/10 Updates provided to the TCMG.</p> <p>12/11 Will be unveiled in conjunction with Christmas Market at 10:00 on 1<sup>st</sup> December.</p>

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17/05/12	<p><b><u>Bins on Highway</u></b> <b><u>Town Centre</u></b></p> <p>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><b>Cleansing</b> <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> <p>17/9 Monitoring area.</p> <p>12/11 No space for storage units. A site visit to be arranged between Cleansing Officers and Councillors to look at options.</p>
27/09/12	<p><b><u>Temporary Bus Stops</u></b> <b><u>Hanbury Road / Square</u></b></p> <p>Due to the redevelopment of Hanbury Square the bus stops have been relocated to Hanbury Road. This has caused a number of issues with the retailers including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cigarettes being dropped</li> <li>• Increase in litter</li> <li>• Exhaust fumes from the buses</li> <li>• Pedestrian crossing safety</li> </ul>	<p><b>Strategic Planning</b> <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p> <p><b>Environmental Health</b> <i>Lyndon Ross</i></p> <p><b>Transportation</b> <i>Clive Campbell</i></p>	<p>27/9 A site meeting took place with officers and retailers to consider the issues raised.</p> <p>3/10 Updates provided to the TCMG.</p> <p>12/11 Issues have been resolved.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;"><b>Issue Closed 12/11</b></p>
03/10/12	<p><b><u>Defective Tree lights</u></b> <b><u>Town Centre</u></b></p> <p>At the TCMG Cllr Higgs raised concern that the new tree lighting in Royal Square and Lower High Street were not working</p>	<p><b>Strategic Planning</b> <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>12/11 Has been passed onto contractors as a possible defect. Cllr T. Davies would like to be complete before the 1<sup>st</sup> December.</p>



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03/10/12	<p><b><u>Removal of Weeds &amp; Grass</u></b>  <b><u>Hanbury Road Car Park</u></b>                      At the TCMG Cllr Davies asked for the car park in Hanbury Road to be given a deep clean.</p>	<p><b>Transportation</b>  <i>Clive Campbell</i></p>	<p>12/11 Work complete  <b>Issue Closed 12/11</b></p>
05/10/12	<p><b><u>Parking Issues</u></b>  <b><u>Lower High Street</u></b>                      There is a consistent problem of motorists parking on the pavement opposite the Original Factory Shop.</p>	<p><b>Police</b>  <i>Ins. Jones</i></p> <p><b>Strategic Planning</b>  <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>5/10 The Police have been asked to look at enforcement measures.                      8/10 The Neighbourhood Policing Team are proactively involved with the enforcement of parking offences on the town. In September alone in excess of 75 tickets were issued.                      26/10 This remains a PACT priority for the Police.                      12/11 Ongoing</p>
17/10/12	<p><b><u>Grit bins</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>                      The temporary grit bins throughout the town centre will need to be reinstalled in preparation for the winter period.</p>	<p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Marcus Lloyd</i></p>	<p>12/11 All back in place.  <b>Issue Closed 12/11</b></p>
12/11/12	<p><b><u>Defective Light</u></b>  <b><u>O/S Chisholm's, Hanbury Road</u></b>                      At the TCIG, a Cllr. reported a defective light in the lane outside Chisholm's that posed a danger to pedestrians during the dark evenings.</p>	<p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Marcus Lloyd</i></p>	

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12/11/12	<p><b><u>Disabled bay</u></b>  <b><u>O/S Rowlands Opticians, Hanbury Road</u></b>                      A business within the town centre has asked if a disabled bay could be located near their shop during the regeneration works to facilitate access to the practice by their less-able clients.</p>	<p><b>Transportation</b>  <i>Clive Campbell</i></p>	12/11 Being considered.
03/12/12	<p><b><u>Christmas Market</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>                      Planning is underway for the Christmas Market, which will be taking place in the town centre on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012.</p>	<p><b>Business Enterprise Support Team</b>  <i>Paul Hudson</i></p>	
03/12/12	<p><b><u>Ice Rink</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>                      Preparations are in progress for the return of the ice rink to the town centre between 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> December 2012.</p>	<p><b>Business Enterprise Support Team</b>  <i>Paul Hudson</i></p>	
17/12/12	<p><b><u>Retail Burglaries</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>                      During week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> December, two businesses were broken into, with a large amount of stock being stolen.</p>	<p><b>Police</b>  <i>Ins. Jones</i></p>	