

## RISCA TOWN CENTRE AUDIT – JUNE 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>3/2 A number of design options have been presented to the TCMG. A budget has been identified for the 2014/15 financial year.            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.</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>25/11 The S.106 agreement had expired, but both parties have agreed to a 2-year extension.            26/11 Update to TCMG.            3/2 Legal agreements and processes are ongoing.            18/2 An update was provided to the TCMG.            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.</p>

18/02/13	<p><b><u>Extension of Scrap Car Storage Commercial Lane</u></b>  A complaint has been received from a Commercial Street business that vehicles are being stored on parcels of land at the rear of their premises. Delivery of the vehicles is also causing obstructions within the lane.</p>	<p><b>Regulatory Planning</b>  <i>Tim Stephens</i></p> <p><b>Police</b>  <i>Ins Muirhead</i></p>	<p><b>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</b></p> <p>3/2 A planning application to retain the scrap yard has been received. No further complaints have been received, but a large number of cars continue to be stored on various parcels of land. An update meeting will be arranged in due course.  18/2 An update was provided to the TCMG.  14/4 The planning application to retail use of the site has not been determined and officers will be making a site visit on 14/4.</p>
27/03/13	<p><b><u>Smoking and Cigarette Ends 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>25/11 The area continues to be monitored.  26/11 Update to TCMG.  3/2 Officers continue to monitor.  18/2 An update was provided to the TCMG.  14/4 The “No Ifs, No Butts” campaign will be returning to all of the town centres in the summer.</p>
27/03/13	<p><b><u>Seating Area 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>3/2 The area has been weeded, but Officers will look at an alternative base surface.  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.</p>

11/03/13	<p><b><u>Reinstatement of “The Valleys &amp; Rivers of Islwyn” Tredegar Grounds, Tredegar Street</u></b> The commemorative “Valleys &amp; Rivers of Islwyn”, which was installed in the Northeast corner of the park prior to reorganisation in 1996, has become overgrown, worn and obscured.</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>3/2 The majority of work has been undertaken, but additional touch-up works are required. 18/2 An update was provided to the TCMG. 14/4 The work has now been completed. <b>Issue Closed 14/4</b></p>
16/05/13	<p><b><u>Fly Tipping Commercial Lane</u></b> Complaints have been received from a number of businesses on Commercial Street in relation an increasing incidence of fly tipping in Commercial Lane.</p>	<p><b>Cleansing</b> <i>Tony White</i></p> <p><b>Environmental Health</b> <i>Lyndon Ross</i></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>3/2 An update meeting will be scheduled in due course. 18/2 An update was provided to the TCMG. 14/4 Officers are continuing to monitor and respond to complaints.</p>
19/08/13	<p><b><u>Drug Use 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 Muirhead</i></p>	<p>23/9 Police are patrolling the area on a regular basis. 25/11 Police continue regular patrols. 3/2 An update meeting will be scheduled in due course. 18/2 An update was provided to the TCMG. 14/4 Officers are continuing to monitor and respond to complaints.</p>
23/09/13	<p><b><u>Vehicle Arson Commercial Lane</u></b> A number of vehicles have been set alight during the evening in Commercial Lane, which has caused damage to surrounding property.</p>	<p><b>Police</b> <i>Ins Muirhead</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 is on the patrol plan and will continue to be monitored.</p>

26/11/13	<p><b><u>Advertising on the Highway</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>  Officers in Highways have developed a new policy relating to advertising on the Highway, which has been sent to all businesses within the principal town centres.</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>18/2 An update was provided to the TCMG.  14/4 The policy has been approved by Cabinet and Council and will be taken to the next round of TCMG meetings.</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>18/2 An update was provided to the TCMG.  14/4 The Head of Development Control is going to visit the site to look at the issue. Action can be taken against some signage, but not all.</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>19/2 Officers will look at relocating the slow worm refugia on the site to a less prominent position.  14/4 Some cleaning work has been carried out and cleansing officers will work with KFC to reduce litter.</p>
12/12/13	<p><b><u>Directional Signage</u></b>  <b><u>Railway Station, Park Road</u></b>  Risca Town Council has requested that signage be installed at Risca &amp; Pontymister railway station, indicating the direction of the town centre.</p>	<p><b>Town Centre Management</b>  <i>Andrew Highway</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>18/2 An update was provided to the TCMG.  14/4 The foundation has been installed and the signage is due for delivery shortly.</p>

08/01/14	<p><b><u>Medal Presentation Ceremony</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>  Planning is underway for a military parade and medal presentation ceremony to members of the 203 (Welsh) Field Hospital Unit. In readiness for the event, works are required in the town centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A deep clean of the town centre shortly before the event;</li> <li>• Planting of the planters within the town centre;</li> <li>• General tidying of Tredegar Grounds;</li> <li>• Cleaning of the cenotaph and memorial garden.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Town Centre Management</b>  <i>Andrew Highway</i></p> <p><b>Communications</b>  <i>Steve Pugh</i></p> <p><b>Transportation</b>  <i>Clive Campbell</i></p> <p><b>Parks Services</b>  <i>Derek Price</i></p> <p><b>Cleansing</b>  <i>Tony White</i></p>	<p>3/2 Cleansing team, parks services and the response team will be making sure the area is cleansed and maintained in readiness for the event on 1/3.  18/2 An update was provided to the TCMG.  14/4 The ceremony took place and was well-received by the community.  <b>Issue Closed 14/4</b></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.</p>
27/01/14	<p><b><u>Drainage Problems</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>  A complaint has been received from Risca Town Council in relation to drainage problems throughout the town centre. The drains are struggling to cope with the current volume of water, which is causing accumulations of water across the town.</p>	<p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Marcus Lloyd</i></p>	<p>27/1 SR1032707 and SR1032712 have been raised.  3/2 The system is on a bi-annual cleansing programme, but has suffered capacity issues due to recent volume of water.  18/2 An update was provided to the TCMG.  14/4 No update could be provided.</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>	14/4 The draft plan is going through the usual consultation process and feedback to date has been positive.
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>	14/4 Meetings have taken place with the artist and the preferred design chosen by the TCMG. The work will be commission in the 2014/15 financial year.
18/02/14	<p><b><u>Condition of Paving</u></b>  <b><u>Commercial Street</u></b>  At the TCMG, members expressed concern about the condition of the pavements throughout Commercial Street. Some paviors appear to have become raised following recent heavy rain, which presents a tripping hazard.</p>	<p><b>Highways</b>  <i>Marcus Lloyd</i></p>	14/4 An inspection took place and any defects were noted and will be repaired in due course.
03/03/14	<p><b><u>Cleansing of Steps &amp; Pavement</u></b>  <b><u>O/S Palace Cinema Library, Tredegar Street</u></b>  A complaint has been received from the Town Council in relation to the condition of steps and pavement outside the Library. The area is dirty and has a large amount of chewing gum residue on it.</p>	<p><b>Cleansing</b>  <i>Tony White</i></p>	14/4 The area has now been cleaned. <b>Issue Closed 14/4</b>
05/03/14	<p><b><u>Chewing Gum Residue</u></b>  <b><u>O/S Spar, Tredegar Street</u></b>  A complaint has been received from the Town Council in relation to the amount of chewing gum residue on the pavement outside the Spar stop and bus stop.</p>	<p><b>Cleansing</b>  <i>Tony White</i></p>	14/4 The area has been cleaned, but is part of ongoing monitoring.

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>	
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>	
19/05/14	<p><b><u>Banner Changeover</u></b>  <b><u>Town Centre</u></b>  The lamp post banners throughout the town centre will be changed in readiness for the summer period. This work is due to take place in early June.</p>	<p><b>Town Centre Management</b>  <i>Andrew Highway</i></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>	