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Date: 7th March 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the **Bargoed Town Centre Management Group** will be held in the **Ebbw Room, Penallta House, Tredomen, Ystrad Mynach** on **Wednesday, 14th March, 2018** at **4.00 pm** to consider the matters contained in the following agenda. You are welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, a minimum notice period of 3 working days is required should you wish to do so. A simultaneous translation will be provided if requested.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chrissy'.

Christina Harrhy
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

	Pages
1 To receive apologies for absence.	
2 Declarations of Interest.	

Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest (s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Officers.

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To receive and note the following minutes: -

3 Minutes of previous meeting 11th October 2017. 1 - 4

To receive and note the following updates: -

4 Updates on matters relating to Bargoed Town. 5 - 8

5 Audit. 9 - 16

Circulation:

Councillors C. Andrews, A. Collis, D.T. Davies, L. Harding, A.G. Higgs, Mrs D. Price, S. Morgan and Mrs C. Forehead

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BARGOED TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH
ON WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2017 AT 4:00PM**

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Collis, D. T. Davies, L. Harding, D. Price, S. Morgan

Together with:

Town & Community Councillor V. Stephens, Inspector O'Keefe & Mr D Collins (Bargoed Chamber of Trade)

Also:

A. Highway (Town Centre Development Manager), A. Dallimore (Team Leader – Urban Renewal), S. Wilcox (Assistant Town Centre Manager), P. Hudson (Marketing and Events Manager), & A. Jones (Clerk)

1. TO APPOINT A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Mr Highway opened the meeting and requested nominations for Chair.

Councillor Harding nominated Councillor D T Davies and was seconded by Councillor S Morgan.

Councillor Davies thanked members for nominating him and accepted the post and took over the meeting as Chair.

Councillor Davies invited members to nominate for Vice Chair.

Councillor S Morgan nominated Councillor A. Collis this was seconded by Councillor D. Price.

Councillor Collis accepted the post.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Andrews, Town Councillor S Horton.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the beginning or during the course of the meeting.

4. MINUTES – 5TH OCTOBER 2016

The minutes were taken as read.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

5. UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO BARGOED TOWN

Mr Highway introduced the report which provided an update on matters relating to Bargoed town centre

Members were referred to update 1 in the report relating to the new 'Unique Places' document.

Mr Highway provided information on the document and advised that a hard copy would be available, the document would also be included in welcome packs given to new businesses.

The Chair requested that copies be provided to the group. Mr Highway confirmed he would arrange that.

The Chair thanked Mr Highway.

Members were referred to update 2 in the report on the 'Choose the High Street' Christmas Voucher Booklet. Mr Highway informed the group that there were already 21 offers which is a good response. Booklets will be available in Morrisons and the library in Bargoed.

Mr Highway thanked Mr Wilcox for all his work. The Chair thanked Mr Highway.

Members were referred to update 3 in the report on Retail Plateau Phase 2.

Mr Dallimore advised that the first two paragraphs in the update is a background. Dialogue is ongoing. Approval for negotiations for the sale of land is taking place and heads of terms have been received. This will be referred to Cabinet as part of the process.

There is interest in the site and discussions are taking place with a pub/restaurant chain who view Bargoed as a strong site. Mr Dallimore is not able to disclose the name of the chain at present as the matter is commercially sensitive.

The group discussed the benefit of a pub/restaurant chain going on the site and saw it as positive step, rather than leaving the site as it is.

Members were referred to update 4 in the report on Lowri Plaza Lettings.

Mr Dallimore presented the update to the group. The group discussed the empty shops in High Street and commented on how footfall in the North of the town is low.

The Chair asked if there had been enquires made concerning these empty premises. Mr Collins confirmed that he had heard that there was interest in the former Greggs shop.

Members were referred to update 5 in the report on Bus Stop outside Gough Solicitors.

Mr Highway referred to the update and advised the group that he and other officers had met with Mr Gough and the local members. The outcome is that there is no scope to relocate the bus stop.

Members were referred to update 6 in the report on summer and Christmas Events.

The Group were informed that the Cinema event with a broadcast from Luke Evans was very successful. Luke's dad stayed until the end and he was very grateful to see a very good turnout.

Mr Hudson advised that arrangements for the Christmas event, is on target and he is looking to accommodate attractions being mindful that some shops have requested that they do not want them outside their premises. Councillor Stephens asked how much the cost was for the stalls. Mr Hudson confirmed the charge is £40 which is the same charge as last year.

In respect of the ice rink, the store manager of Morrison's has advised that the original date is not suitable. Mr Highway has been liaising with the temporary manager to agree an alternative one. A new company has expressed an interest in providing the rink and Mr Hudson is in discussions with them.

Councillor Llewellyn advised that the Town Council contribute a significant amount to the event and will look to replicate it again.

The Town Council will look to collaborate with the Council for the Christmas market by adding a Christmas lights switch on and big screen event.

The group discussed problems with the Christmas lights and Mr Dallimore agreed to meet with Tom to resolve any issues.

The group discussed the amount of contribution the Town Council provide for the events. It was agreed that Bargoed Town Council contribute a significant amount to the events. The Chair requested figures of what each town council contributes to the events held within their towns.

Members were referred to update 7 in the report on 'Choose the High Street' Retail Property Index.

Mr Highway confirmed that this information is available as a PDF document on Caerphilly Council Website.

Mr Highway would arrange to send copies to the Town Council if requested that if anyone wanted any further information to contact either himself or Mr Wilcox.

Members were referred to update 8 in the report on Procurement of a new Footfall Counter.

Mr Wilcox confirmed that feedback on the figures generated would be available once the new system is verified and calibrated. The Chair thanked Mr Wilcox the update.

Members were referred to update 9 on Parking Enforcement.

Mr Highway advised that this is an issue that has been raised in other meetings and reassured the group that it was currently being considered by the Council and that Officers would be working alongside colleagues in neighbouring authorities and Gwent Police to explore the various options available. The matter had been placed on the forward work programme for the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee and would be considered in due course by Cabinet and full Council.

Members discussed current parking issues, the pressures on Gwent Police resources and its impact on illegal parking on the town. It was clarified that Gwent Police would still have obligations under the Road Traffic Act for some parking offences whilst others would be transferred to Civil Parking Enforcement in whichever way the council determined. It was noted that there was a statutory process to be followed which must be approved by Welsh Government.

The group discussed the issues with the Inspector who confirmed that the police will continue to work with the Council when the need arises.

Members of the group raised concerns over the double yellow lines that are not clearly visible, vehicles parking in bays and on pavements.

Mr Dallimore advised that he has met with Dean Smith from Traffic Management who will be looking at the process to deal with these issues.

Councillor Collis advised that a lot of the problems are traders who are parking in the bays and this should be stopped. The group discussed possibly having 30 minutes parking restrictions which will need to be discussed with Traffic Management.

The group were advised by Councillor Morgan that until the five authorities have decided on what will happen with enforcement nothing can be done.

The Chair thanked the Officers for the update.

6. BARGOED TOWN CENTRE AUDIT

Mr Highway presented the audit and the following items were raised.

Steps Hanbury Road. Mr Dallimore advised that he met with Highways on site who confirmed that the works to be carried out include grubbing out weeds, re-painting, cleaning. The product overlay system of vertical cladding over falling steps is being looked at, but it has not as yet been evaluated. Therefore, a short term solution will be the only option for this financial year. No timeframe for works yet but this will be brought back to future meeting.

Faded decorative text on bus station link. No budget exists at present.

Re-setting of bollard Hanbury Square. Mr Dallimore confirmed he is looking to progress this.

Vandalism Bus Station. Mr Highway has raised the issue with Transportation colleagues.

Councillors raised issue over cleanliness of daffodils. Mr Dallimore will look at the issue.

Mr Highway raised the issue of the damage to bin in the Square. Mr Dallimore will visit tomorrow and look at the bin in the bus stop. The supplier will look to see if dent can be resolved.

Mr Dallimore raised the issue of damage Lowy Plaza where stones are missing. The group were advised that an inspection revealed that a number of coping stones had been taken and Mr Dallimore is looking to have them replaced.

There were no further issues raised.

The meeting closed at 17:38pm

CHAIR



BARGOED TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP – 14TH MARCH 2018

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO BARGOED TOWN

REPORT BY: TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

1. BUSINESS REPORT

- 1.1 Over the course of the year there has been a shift in footfall patterns towards the south of the town centre. As a consequence, the northern end of Bargoed centre endured a difficult year with the loss of two key national retailers: *Spar* and *Shoe Zone*. However, the relocation of *Appliance UK* into a much larger unit was a positive step, as was the opening of *Bargoed Local* which ensures that High Street retains a convenience store offer. The year also witnessed the departure of two long standing independent businesses: *Darlington Opticians* and *Aaran Carpets* which closed their doors after many years in the town centre. Despite a challenging trading environment, Bargoed still successfully attracted a number of new businesses including: *Vape & Ease*, *Hair@13*, *Modern Man* and *The Stove Centre*.
- 1.2 *Poundworld* on Lowry Plaza enjoyed another strong years trading as the schemes anchor tenant and made the switch away from being a single price point store. The letting of Units 3&4 to Department of Work and Pensions provider is seen by the Council’s property agents as the key to successfully letting the final unit in the scheme. With the opening of *Bargoed Fish Bar* early in 2017 there now exists a very real possibility that Lowry Plaza could have been fully let in the foreseeable future.

Overview 2017

- 1.3 In the next year it is expected that the current vogue for more experiential shopping will continue to grow. In the County Borough’s town centres there remains a strong emphasis on core retail and service provision which may lessen the impact of any consumer migration towards the leisure sector. Looking ahead, there are some wider issues, such as the rise in interest rates and the implications of Brexit, which are expected to have an impact on consumer’s ability to maintain their present levels of spending in 2018. Any reduction in consumer confidence will impact directly on the retail sector both independents and multiples. The concern is that these economic factors will begin to influence the long-term commitment of some multiple retailers and banks as they reassess their need to retain a presence in smaller town centres. The other challenge which makes town centres vulnerable in 2018 is the continued growth in online shopping and its focus on low price points.

Bargoed Business Comparison			
	2017	2016	LFL Comparison
Businesses Opened	6	9	3 fewer businesses opened
Businesses Closed	7	5	2 more businesses closed

Bargoed Footfall Comparison			
	2017	2016	Difference
Highest Number	13,757 (18/12/17)	15,939 (19/12/16)	-2,182
Lowest Number	6,366 (25/12/17)	6,953 (28/12/15)	-587
Average Footfall	10,564	10,560	+4
Note:	<p>Footfall data was unavailable for 11 weeks during 2017 due to the changeover in provider and equipment.</p> <p>The Bargoed North camera was removed when the equipment was changed over, so only the Bargoed South are included above.</p>		

2. CHOOSE THE HIGH STREET CHRISTMAS VOUCHER BOOKLET

- 2.1 The 2017 “Choose the High Street Christmas Voucher Booklet” saw a total of 105 offers being presented from retailers across the five managed town centres and beyond. An initial print run of 25,000 was distributed across the County Borough with the generous aid of the Council’s Community Safety Wardens. Following the positive reception of the booklet and a larger number of Caerphilly retailers wishing to distribute the booklets during the Pwll-y-Pant roundabout works, an additional 5,000 booklets were printed.
- 2.2 A feedback survey was sent to all participating businesses in January 2018. 96% of respondents feel that schemes such as this highlight the importance of shopping locally and 83% would consider taking part in this (or a similar discount scheme) in the future. One new business added “As a struggling new business, we found the booklet brought customers to us didn’t know we were here”.
- 2.3 During previous years, a variety of publicity methods have been utilised to promote the scheme. These have included bus advertising, billboard posters, adverts in local press and posters for participating retailers. In light of budgetary pressures across the Authority and the departments MTFP savings, publicity of the scheme was done primarily by social media, some online advertising and the Council’s Newsline publication during 2017. As a result, 52% of businesses didn’t feel the scheme was well-publicised, with six businesses specifically commenting that they didn’t see any publicity this year and feel the scheme needs better promotion.
- 2.4 Should the scheme be run again in 2018, a balance between budgetary constraints and the need for publicity and promotion of the scheme will need to be carefully balanced in order to address the concerns of last year’s participants. In general, the scheme is growing year-on-year and continues to be positively received by businesses and residents of the County Borough alike.

3. CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT

- 3.1 A Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) ‘Stage 1’ report was presented to Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on the 12th December. Members provided recommendations to be reported to Cabinet that they were in favour of adopting CPE and that the authority should retain in-house enforcement and collaborate with one or more other local authorities (LA’s) to provide the back office support. The report and recommendations are being presented to Cabinet on 28th February.
- 3.2 A meeting took place with Gwent Police prior to Christmas to discuss the current situation with regard to parking enforcement. Gwent Police confirmed that they would continue to provide the service until December 2018 and that they hoped LA’s would be in a position to transfer powers at that point in time. They also stated that they would work with any LA’s who could not meet this date.

- 3.3 If Cabinet grant approval to proceed with transfer of powers, officers will undertake the relevant procurement exercises needed to try and meet the January 2019 deadline. There are many aspects that need to be taken forward but the two main requirements will be a full review of the existing Traffic Regulation Orders along with putting together an application to the Welsh Government to request a transfer of the relevant powers to the authority.

4. CAPITAL REGION UPDATE

- 4.1 There are a number of separate regeneration initiatives that the Council is playing an active role in progressing. The highest profile of which is the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal which involves £1.2 billion worth of investment. The City Deal aims to deliver up to 25,000 new jobs and secure £4 billion of private sector investment. Whilst not every town or village may benefit directly, the region itself will benefit from more jobs, better transport, increased skill levels and more assistance towards businesses growth.
- 4.2 Central to the Cardiff Capital Region is the METRO scheme led by City Region Transport Authority. METRO will bring a more efficient rail service to the South Wales valleys with trains running at fifteen minute intervals and linking with an improved bus service as ticketing and timetables are integrated.
- 4.3 The 'Our Valleys Our Future' project, led by a Welsh Government Ministerial Taskforce, aims to empower people in communities throughout the South Wales Valleys.
- 4.4 Finally, a Foundation for Success, currently in draft form, is the Council's new regeneration strategy (2018-2023) setting out how the County Borough can economically transform over the next five years.

5. CHANNEL BLOCKS

- 5.1 Failure of the channel blocks is evident throughout the town centre. NCS are reacting to failures when they occur but this has led to a patchwork of tarmacadam infills. These failures have also affected the 'arco' grill drain covers
- 5.2 In trying to establish responsibility for this failure, the Council wish to examine the construction materials used to bed these blocks into situ. Contractors have recently been commissioned to take core samples of the bedding concrete/cement mix and to get it tested to establish if it is as per the specification drawings. This work was held off until after Christmas as there will be an element of disruption in the town centre. It is expected that this work can be carried out on a Sunday before the end of March.

6. LETTING OF UNITS 3 & 4

Letting of Units 3 & 4 –

- 6.1 Units 3 and 4 have been the focus of discussions with a Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) for some time now. Previous reports to the Town Centre Management Group have outlined how this tenant has appointed property agents to act on their behalf and that through negotiations with the Council, Heads of Terms have been agreed for a 10 year lease.
- 6.2 The DWP fit-out proposals have been approved by the senior landlord Rockspring and CCBC's solicitors (Morgan La Roche) have worked closely with those appointed by DWP and the lease has now been signed.

- 6.3 DWP's embargo on publicity has now been lifted and a general press release has been announced in the local press and a more focused press release has been developed for the property investment /retail sector.
- 6.4 Planning approval has also been granted for the frontages and signage of the two properties.
- 6.5 DWP have now appointed a new specialist team to implement the detailed fit-out plans for the units. This team is reviewing the detailed plans submitted and there may be some time lag before they appoint contractors to start work on the units.
- 6.6 The Council's retail agents are now active and have gone back out to the market with a concerted campaign to attract a tenant to Unit 6A. There is real optimism that the letting of Units 3 and 4 will give some real momentum behind this campaign.
- 6.7 Agents have reported at the start of February that there has already been some interest expressed for the empty unit.
- 6.8 Other news pertinent to the retail units is that Rockspring have sold their interest in the wider development to Bargoed Estates Ltd. This basically means that the Council now have a new head landlord.

7. PLATEAU DEVELOPMENT SITE

- 7.1 Members of the TCMG will be aware that CCBC have been unable to secure ODEON as tenant on the largest of the undeveloped sites on the plateau. Although works have been undertaken to improve the visual amenity of this site, it is still the Council's intentions to develop the site out for a use which benefits the community of Bargoed.
- 7.2 As reported previously to this group, officers from the Council have entered into a dialogue with a pub/restaurant chain that are looking at opportunities to expand their business interest at suitable locations. The company's Managing Director has given approval for them to pursue the site purchase
- 7.3 Heads of Terms have been presented to the Council - These have formed the basis of a Cabinet Report seeking approval to negotiate solely with this company over the sale of the site to them.
- 7.4 This Cabinet report was approved on 31st January and officers are now in a dialogue with the company over the sales terms. In addition officers are working with the company to allow them to better understand the constraints of the site.

8. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR MORRISONS CAR PARK – VERBAL UPDATE

Author: Andrew Highway – Town Centre Development Manager
Steve Wilcox – Assistant Town centre Manager
Allan Dallimore – Team Leader Urban Renewal
Councillor S Morgan – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability

BARGOED TOWN CENTRE AUDIT – FEBRUARY 2018

DATE	ISSUE	DEPARTMENT	PROGRESS UPDATE
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>Gavin Barry</i></p> <p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p> <p>Parks <i>Mike Headington</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>26/9 Funding is still being sought. 11/10 An update was provided to the TCMG. 21/11 A site meeting was recently held and a minor repair scheme has been agreed to improve the appearance of the steps. A replacement surface for the steps is also being considered, but the manufacturer of the product needs to visit site.</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 O'Keefe</i></p> <p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>26/9 Education and enforcement continues. 11/10 An update was provided to the TCMG. 21/11 A site meeting took place and options for additional bays throughout the town centre will be considered.</p>
18/03/13	<p><u>Unit Shops</u> <u>Lowry Plaza</u> The unit shops planned for the new Lowry Plaza will be actively promoted during construction to ensure that maximum occupancy is obtained in readiness for their opening.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>26/9 The lease for units 3&4 will be completed shortly. 11/10 An update was provided to the TCMG. 21/11 The lease for units 3&4 is due to be signed shortly.</p>

11/03/15	<p><u>Channel Block Damage Town Centre</u> At the TCMG it was noted that several of the granite channel blocks in the town centre are cracking.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>26/9 Preparatory work to carry out the core drilling is ongoing. 21/11 A road closure is required to carry out the core drilling to obtain cement samples. This will not be done in the run up to Christmas, so will be arranged in the New Year.</p>
16/06/15	<p><u>Development Plateau Phase 2 Town Centre</u> Following Odeon's decision not to pursue a cinema development in Bargoed, Officers will look at alternative uses for the site. Committee reports will be presented in due course.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>26/9 Officers are working with a pub-restaurant chain that has shown interest in the site. 11/10 An update was provided to the TCMG. 21/11 The interested pub-restaurant chain has sent senior executives to site and continue to explore the opportunity. Officers are working on a Cabinet report, which will be considered in due course.</p>
23/06/16	<p><u>Faded Decorative Text Bus Station Link – High Street</u> The text embossed on the steps linking the bus station with High Street has faded and needs to be repainted.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>26/9 The work will be carried out when a budget has been identified. 21/11 This work will be completed when budgets allow.</p>

21/07/16	<p><u>Edging Stone</u> <u>Bus Station Link – High Street</u> One of the edging stones on the steps leading to the bus station from High Street has broken.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>26/9 Delivery is imminent and the stone will be installed in due course. 21/11 NCS has carried out a temporary repair while the replacement stone is awaited.</p>
18/10/16	<p><u>Movement of Granite Blocks</u> <u>Town Centre</u> The defensive granite blocks throughout the town are being moved by vehicles so that the spaces between them are large enough to park in.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>26/9 The blocks will be repositioned and possibly secured this financial year. 21/11 The granite blocks will be repositioned and secured when new bollards are installed in the town centre. The work will be completed via a Sunday road closure.</p>
14/02/17	<p><u>Insecure Carriageway Grills</u> <u>Town Centre</u> At the TCIG, Cllr. Davies noted that the grills in the carriageway throughout the town centre are working loose and rattling when traffic passes over them.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p> <p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>26/9 NCS staff have tightened as many grills as possible. The issue of a latent defect in the design will be looked at. 11/10 An update was provided to the TCMG. 21/11 The grills have been re-secured wherever possible. A latent defect claim against the installation contractor is being considered.</p>

30/05/17	<p><u>Report by Gough Thorne Solicitors Reference Bus Stop Location Hanbury Road O/S Gough Thorne</u></p> <p>The Council has received a report by Gough Thorne Solicitors outlining a number of issues of concern in relation to the position and usage of the bus stop outside their property.</p>	<p>Transportation <i>Dean Smith</i></p> <p>Police <i>Ins O'Keefe</i></p> <p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p> <p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>11/10 An update was provided to the TCMG. 21/11 The report was considered and no further correspondence has been received. Issue Closed 21/11</p>
30/05/17	<p><u>Tables & Chairs on Public Highway With Consent Town Centre</u></p> <p>Reports have been received of premises placing tables and chairs on the pavement and persons consuming alcohol whilst seated outside.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p> <p>Licensing <i>Myra McSherry</i></p> <p>Police <i>Ins O'Keefe</i></p> <p>Community Safety <i>Paul Wallen</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>26/9 Both premises have been advised that they do not have a permit for alcohol to be consumed on the Highway. The tables and chairs licence only relates to the consumption of food and non-alcoholic beverages. 21/11 Both premises have been given the appropriate licence applications, but these have not yet been submitted.</p>
01/08/17	<p><u>Missing Coping Stones Southern Punch-Through</u></p> <p>Some coping stones are missing from the steps joining Cardiff Road with Bargoed Gateway.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>26/9 Replacement stones will be ordered. 21/11 This is possibly a latent defect as the stones should have been pinned in place. Officers are investigating.</p>
01/08/2017	<p><u>Damaged Render Northern Punch-Through</u></p> <p>Some render alongside the link between the bus station and Lower High Street is damaged and coming away from the building.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>26/9 This has been passed back to the original contractor as a latent defect. 21/11 The contractor has re-rendered the area. Issue Closed 21/11</p>

21/08/17	<p><u>Condition of Daffodil Artwork</u> <u>Pocket Park, Hanbury Road Car Park</u> The daffodil artwork and surrounding area is in need of cleaning to improve its appearance.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p> <p>Cleansing <i>Tony White</i></p>	<p>26/9 The area has been cleaned and the artist has been contacted to discuss the best way to safely clean the sculpture. 21/11 The work to the artwork is part of a wider artwork maintenance scheme that will be ongoing for several months.</p>
22/09/17	<p><u>Broken Bin</u> <u>Entrance to Emporium Car Park</u> Bargoed Town Council has reported a damaged bin at the entrance to the Emporium Car Park, which needs repair or replacement.</p>	<p>Cleansing <i>Tony White</i></p>	<p>21/11 A new bin has now been installed. Issue Closed 21/11</p>
06/10/17	<p><u>Damaged Street Scene</u> <u>Lowry Plaza</u> A recent audit of the area has revealed a number of items that have become broken or subject to damage and are in need of repair:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broken circular stainless steel bench; 2. Broken paving slab; 3. Dislodged coping stone. 	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>21/11 The issues are being remedied by officers in consultation with the surveyor.</p>
12/10/17	<p><u>Cleansing Issues</u> <u>Bargoed Bus Station</u> At the TCMG on 11/10, members expressed concern over the condition of the bus station in terms of cleanliness and asked for it to be reviewed.</p>	<p>Transportation <i>Dean Smith</i></p>	<p>21/11 Costs are being obtained to power wash the panels.</p>

17/10/17	<p><u>Civil Parking Enforcement Town Centre</u></p> <p>Following the decision by Gwent Police to transfer on-street parking enforcement duties to the local authorities across the Gwent area, Council officers are working alongside colleagues in neighbouring authorities and Gwent Police to explore the various options available. Any proposals will be subject to a wider consultation with Members prior to seeking Cabinet confirmation and Council approval.</p>	<p>Transportation <i>Dean Smith</i></p>	<p>11/10 An update was provided to the TCMG. 21/11 A briefing note will be going to Cabinet and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee in December.</p>
23/10/17	<p><u>Cleansing Issues Town Centre</u></p> <p>Cllr. Price has asked if some areas of the town could be cleaned, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Square – there is a lot of algae growth on the paving slabs; • Emporium Snooker Club – there are a large number of cigarette ends accumulating in the area; • Some fridges have been dumped in the town. 	<p>Cleansing <i>Tony White</i></p> <p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	<p>21/11 All work has been completed. Issue Closed 21/11</p>
23/10/17	<p><u>Gully Cleansing Town Centre</u></p> <p>Cllr. Price has requested that the drainage gullies throughout the town are cleaned as they have some significant vegetation growth within.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	<p>21/11 The work is being carried out over the last two weeks of November.</p>
23/10/17	<p><u>Damage to Miners' Heads Artwork Hanbury Square</u></p> <p>Cllr. Price has reported that the Miners' Heads artwork has been damaged and has a hole in it.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>21/11 This forms part of the ongoing wider artwork maintenance programme.</p>

10/01/18	<p><u>Antisocial Behaviour</u> <u>Morrisons, Bargoed Gateway</u> The Manager of Morrisons has reported an increase in antisocial behaviour in and around the store, particularly in the lower level of the car park.</p>	<p>Police <i>Ins O'Keefe</i></p> <p>Community Safety <i>Paul Wallen</i></p>	
15/01/18	<p><u>Broken Channel Block</u> <u>O/S Gus Jones, Hanbury Road</u> One of the channel blocks on Hanbury Road has been badly damaged, leaving a large hole in the carriageway surface.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	
31/01/18	<p><u>Broken Bin</u> <u>O/S Decofore, Hanbury Road</u> A litter bin outside <i>Decofore</i> on Hanbury Road has been damaged and requires repair or replacement.</p>	<p>Cleansing <i>Tony White</i></p>	
31/01/18	<p><u>Channel Block Damage</u> <u>O/S Decofore, Hanbury Road</u> Some of the channel blocks along Hanbury Road have become damaged and require repair.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	

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