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Date: 13th March 2019

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, 20th March, 2019** 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.

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chrissy', enclosed within a large, loopy, hand-drawn oval.

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

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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.

To receive and note the following minutes: -

3 Minutes of previous meeting 7 November 2017. 1 - 6

To receive and note the following updates: -

4 Updates on matters relating to Bargoed Town. 7 - 10

5 Audit. 11 - 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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TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP

MINUTES OF THE BARGOED TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2018 AT 4:00PM

PRESENT:

Councillors:

C Andrews, A Collis, D T Davies, A Higgs, S Morgan

Together with:

Community Councillors V Stephens, H Llewellyn, Inspector O'Keefe (Gwent Police)

Also:

A Highway (Town Centre Development Manager), A. Dallimore (Team Leader – Urban Renewal), C Campbell (Transportation Engineering Manager), S Wolf-Williams (Health Challenge Wales Co-ordinator), T Evans (Policy Officer), A. Jones (Clerk)

1. TO APPOINT A CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Mr Highway opened the meeting and asked for nominations for Chair. Councillor Morgan nominated Councillor D T Davies. Councillors voted and the vote was 4 in favour 0 against. Councillor Davies accepted the position of Chair.

Councillor D T Davies asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Councillor Morgan nominated Councillor Collis, Councillors voted and the vote was 4 in favour 0 against. Councillor Collis accepted the position.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Harding, D Price, R Kyte (Head of Regeneration & Planning), P Hudson (Marketing & Events Manager).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 14TH MARCH 2018

The Chair wished to congratulate the Town Council on the excellent firework display which was well organised and a great success without any issues.

The minutes were taken as read.

5. UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO TOWN

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

The first item to be presented was Civil Parking. A paper copy of a PowerPoint Presentation by the officer was provided to members as part of the minutes pack.

Mr Campbell introduced himself to the group and presented a detailed report on Civil Parking.

The group were advised that the Council will be taking over parking enforcement from Gwent Police on the 8th April 2019.

Councillor Collis expressed concern about there being no enforcement for the months up until the Council takes up the role

Mr Campbell advised that these concerns have been raised with the Chief Constable & Police Commissioner and they will have further discussions to renegotiate possibly extending the deadline.

Mr Campbell confirmed that enforcement will be primarily focused on the town centres, schools and then other areas. The group were informed that there will be 10 Civil Parking Enforcement Officers who will cover the whole of the Borough on a rota which has not been developed yet. Therefore, there is no guarantee that an officer will be in a particular area on a daily basis as the whole Borough needs to be covered.

Councillor Morgan reiterated what Mr Campbell had advised and assured the group that the officers will enforce parking in the town centres and across the County Borough.

The group discussed dangerous parking within the town centre and clarified what the Council will be able to enforce and what the Police will still need to enforce.

Inspector O'Keefe advised that at present enforcement is difficult, particularly where lines are not complete, once the signage has been checked and upgraded where necessary enforcement will prove to be much easier for officers. The Inspector advised the group to report any offences that the Police will still have responsibility for directly to the Police.

Councillor Stephens raised the issue of charging for residents permits and highlighted how in some areas there are more houses than parking spaces available.

Mr Campbell advised that the resident's parking is on a 'first come' basis and he could not advise motorists/residents where to park. The group were told that none of the restrictions will be changed, but in the future there may be an opportunity to review the Traffic Regulation Orders after the Council begins enforcement action.

The Chair thanked Mr Campbell for his report.

The second item to be presented was Electric Vehicle Charging. A paper copy of a PowerPoint Presentation by the officer was provided to members as part of the minutes pack.

Ms Evans introduced herself to the group and presented her report.

The group discussed the introduction of Electric Vehicle Charging points within the car parks in Bargoed.

Councillor Llewellyn expressed his concerns about the introduction of electric vehicles and how this would result in job losses across the car industry.

The Chair requested that Ms Jones note the concerns raised and thanked Councillor Llewellyn for his contribution.

Mr Dallimore pointed out to that the PowerPoint contained a reference to funding and advised that the Council can submit a bid for regional funding from Welsh Government.

The Chair thanked Ms Evans for her update.

The third item to be presented was Local Toilet Strategy. A paper copy of a PowerPoint Presentation by the officer was provided to members as part of the minutes pack.

Ms S Wolf-Williams introduced herself to the group and presented her report. The group were advised that the Council has a statutory duty under the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 to prepare and publish a local toilet strategy.

The group discussed the report in detail and expressed their concerns over the proposed closure of the toilets in town centres under the medium term financial plan. The group were advised by Ms S Wolf-Williams that all Council owned buildings would be making their toilets accessible to the public and were told that a draft strategy report would be going out for consultation shortly (ending 8th of March 2019).

Ms Wolf-Williams urged members of the group to view the draft strategy report and to provide comments and feedback.

The Chair thanked Ms Wolf-Williams.

The fourth item to be presented was Lowry Plaza Shops. Mr Dallimore advised the group that Units 3 and 4 are now operational with the Department of Works and Pensions (DWP) taking residency. DWP now employ 30 plus staff from these offices which has led to a rise in footfall in the area around Lowry Plaza.

The DWP fit-out was carried out by Shaylor Group contractors over a 6 month period.

Units 1 and 2 - once Poundworld went into administration a frozen food retailer identified 19 former Poundworld stores as potential new stores, Bargoed being one of them.

The retailer has requested that the Poundworld lease be assigned to them and are working with the Council's solicitors to agree this and obtain senior landlords consent

The retailer has submitted their fit out drawings prior to senior landlords approval. To accommodate the retailer, additional plant machinery will need to be sited on the roof and planning consent obtained for a new shop front.

Unit 6a is still empty and the Council will be looking for the retail agents and its in-house property surveyor to market this once Units 1 & 2 are occupied.

The fifth item to be presented was street scene changes. Mr Dallimore advised that the 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 metal 'Arco' grill drain covers which now rattle in several parts of the town. In trying to establish responsibility for this failure the Council have examined design and the construction materials used. The design has been investigated by the Council's Engineering Structures (EPG) section and found to be sound. Contractors have recently taken core samples of the bedding concrete/cement mix and had it tested to establish if it is as per the specification drawings. The results indicate that the bedding material of several samples was not up to strength.

The Council's legal section have been asked to check the contract documents to establish if the Council can make a claim against the contractor who installed the channel blocks.

Mr Dallimore informed the group that following a walk through the town attended by the Cabinet member, the AM's representative, local members, the Town Council, and officers of the Council. It was agreed that the Council would explore re-introducing car parking bays.

The Council's EPG team have produced a report with a number of options for retro fitting additional car parking spaces into the street scene through the town centre. These have been costed in the report and officers and the Cabinet member are currently trying to establish funding to take these forward. In addition the costs of taking out the granite channel blocks and replacing with tarmac has been investigated and costed. Councillor Morgan confirmed plans have been drawn up and he is looking to see how this is to be funded including the issues with granite blocks.

The Chair thanked Mr Dallimore and Councillor Morgan.

The sixth item to be presented was Retail Plateau residual lands. Mr Dallimore advised that he had previously reported to the group that 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 Companies Managing Director has given approval for them to pursue the site purchase.

Heads of Terms have been presented to the Council including an initial purchase figure. 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.

As reported to the group in March, this Cabinet report was approved on 31st January and officers have been in regular dialogue with the company over the sales terms.

The pub restaurant company have spent the last few months undertaking their due diligence, site investigation and ecology surveys and have put together a detailed design. This design has been the basis of pre application discussions with the council. As the land was formed using Welsh Government (WG) Land Reclamation Grant, WG have clawback on the site. At present the pub restaurant company have reduced their original offer based on a number of adnormals they have found through their site investigations and design. WG's land surveyors have been asked to agree to this reduction.

The pub/restaurant chain has opened a dialogue with Bargoed Estates over the use of space in the Morrison's car park. Legally the council have secured the right for the developers of the land to use the car park and this legal document now needs to be used as the basis of an agreement between Bargoed Estates and the pub/restaurant chain.

Councillor Llewellyn asked how much the claw back was. Mr Dallimore confirmed that circa 80% of capital receipts will go back to WG.

The Seventh item to be presented was High Street Heroes.

Mr Highway advised the group that Mr Wilcox has moved on to a new post with Business Support and would like to record thanks for his work in Town Centre Management.

Mr Highway advised that the voucher booklet will not be offered this year and introduced his presentation on High Street Heroes and explained how this will help to support retailers on the High Street.

In respect of Business Rates, Mr Highway confirmed that he has met with the retailers in Blackwood town centre together with Councillor Morgan and the local AM's representative. Following this meeting Councillor Morgan has written to the Cabinet Secretary expressing his concern over business rates on behalf of retailers

The group were also advised that the Leader of the Council has supported a reduction in business rates for small businesses and sent a letter to Welsh Government.

The Chair thanked Mr Highway.

6. BARGOED TOWN CENTRE AUDIT

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

Insecure carriageway grills. Mr Dallimore confirmed that he will take this up with the contractor to see how defects can be fixed and determine who will be responsible.

Cleansing Issues at Bargoed bus station. Mr Highway confirmed power washing has been added to the works programme.

Anti-social behaviour Morrison's. Mr Highway has met with the Police and store manager and agreed an 11 point plan on how to prevent the anti-social behaviour including closing barrier, turning the lights off, Police patrols and recruiting a security guard.

Inspector O'Keefe confirmed that the Police have offered Morrison's staff training.

The Chair thanked officers and Inspector O'Keefe.

The group discussed the damage to figurines and understood that 4 individuals have been identified and have accepted responsibility for the damage. The group expressed the anger in the town and understood that the identification of the individuals would be best kept anonymous.

The Chair thanked officers and police.

There were no further issues raised.

The meeting closed at 17:30

CHAIR

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BARGOED TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP – 20TH MARCH 2019

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO BARGOED TOWN

REPORT BY: TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

1. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

In October 2018, Welsh Government announced its provisional budget settlement; under the settlement Caerphilly County Borough Councils faced a funding reduction of 0.3%, this coupled with inescapable pressures that the Council has to fund, meant that the Council needed to find savings of over £15.6 million for the next year alone.

As part of the draft budget proposals for 2019/20, the closure of all 5 Public Conveniences was presented as a saving proposal (£74, 0000).

The draft budget which included this saving underwent a comprehensive consultation process held over a period of six weeks from the 19th November 2018 to the 11th January 2019, with the views expressed to be fed back to and considered by elected members at a Special meeting of full Council in February 2019.

The consultation included officer representation at the Community Council Liaison Committee (21st November 2018), Newslines, Council's website, Special Scrutiny Committee meetings, Town Centre Engagement and Public Drop in Centres. Drop in sessions were held in 9 venues across the county borough between the 26th November and 13th December 2018 (Rhymney Library, Bargoed Library, Caerphilly Library, New Tredegar White Rose Centre, Risca Palace, Newbridge Tabernacle, Nelson Library and Blackwood Library).

Town and Community Councils also received this information via their Community Council Liaison Officer – Caerphilly Conversation engagement email (22nd November 2018) and a copy of the final budget proposals circulated to all clerks on the 18th February 2019.

At the meeting of Special Council on the 21st February 2019, elected members approved the final budget proposals including the closure of the 5 public conveniences (recommendation 10.1.2 – Appendix 2 – page 16). Following the decision of Council, notices were placed in each of the public conveniences and the closure will come into effect on the 1st April 2019.

2. STREET SCENE IMPROVEMENT UPDATE – VERBAL UPDATE

3. UNIT SHOPS – VERBAL UPDATE

4. REDEVELOPMENT RETAIL PLATEAU PHASE 2 – VERBAL UPDATE

5. CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT

- Traffic Regulation Order remedial works have been substantially completed.
- The Traffic Regulation Order consolidation order has been advertised and will be concluded by the 8th April.
- A Service Level Agreement has been signed with Rhondda Cynnon Taf County Borough Council to provide back office support for the civil parking enforcement process within Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- All Civil Enforcement Officers have been recruited and trained. During March the officers have been undertaking an extensive exercise across the county borough to issue warning notices to drivers advising them of parking restrictions.

6. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – VERBAL UPDATE

7. BARGOED RETAIL OVERVIEW 2018

Bargoed Retail Overview 2018

The year proved to be a difficult one for Bargoed. At the northern end of the town, the relocation of the Job Centre onto Lowry Plaza resulted in a drop in footfall which was exacerbated by the closure of the *Original Factory Shop*. The retailer had entered into a CVA (Company Voluntary Arrangement) with its creditors which led to store closures including Bargoed. Other business that also closed in 2018 included: *Aubrey's Bakery* and *Thomas Cook*. Whilst each one of these closures had a different set of circumstances behind it, the cumulative affect was that the town was left with a high vacancy rate. The lettings strategy for *Lowry Plaza* suffered a set back when *Poundworld* closed in August as a result of the retailer entering into administration. Following the stores closure there was interest from a number of national retailers in taking up the lease. After a protracted negotiation period lease was successfully reassigned to *Iceland*. The relocation of the new *Job Centre (Department of Work and Pensions)* into units 3-4 means that as the end of the year only Unit 6A remains vacant.

The centre of the towns retail offer has firmly shifted to *Lowry Plaza* which has resulted in a contraction of the footfall numbers in the north and to a lesser extent the south of the town centre. Although many businesses did close in 2018, there were some openings which included: *Bourton's Music School*, *MiTan Studio*, *Paiges Piercings*, *John James Clothing* and *Little Things*.

UK Retail Overview 2018

The fabric of the UK's high streets fundamentally changed in 2018. Well established household names such as *Toys r Us*, *Maplin*, *Poundworld*, *The Original Factor Shop* and even *House of Fraser* have either disappeared or fallen into administration. This has left gaps in many prime town and city centre locations and seen nervous retailers dramatically reducing the number of stores within their property portfolio. Smaller town centres have been particularly hard hit with the likes of *Dorothy Perkins*, *New Look* and *Carpetright* all closing stores in prominent town centre locations. There is no single reason for the current downturn on the high street, rather it is a case of a number of different factors combining together. These include a squeeze on household budgets, the continued shift to experiential and online shopping, rising household overheads and an over capacity in many retail sectors. During 2018 more high street banks were lost and this is expected to continue in 2019 with banks realigning their service into a district centre model which locally means directing customers to Blackwood and Caerphilly.

Bargoed Business Comparison			
	2018	2017	LFL Comparison
Businesses Opened	9	6	3 more businesses opened
Businesses Closed	9	7	2 more businesses closed

Footfall Figures

2018

Q1	Commencing	Week Total	Year Total
Week 01	Mon 1-Jan-2018	8,344	8,344
Week 02	Mon 8-Jan-2018	9,524	17,868
Week 03	Mon 15-Jan-2018	8,780	26,648
Week 04	Mon 22-Jan-2018	9,342	35,990
Week 05	Mon 29-Jan-2018	9,678	45,668
Week 06	Mon 5-Feb-2018	9,017	54,685
Week 07	Mon 12-Feb-2018	9,985	64,670
Week 08	Mon 19-Feb-2018	11,129	75,799

Q2	Commencing	Week Total	Year Total
Week 14	Mon 2-Apr-2018	10,889	136,433
Week 15	Mon 9-Apr-2018	10,941	147,374
Week 16	Mon 16-Apr-2018	10,842	158,216
Week 17	Mon 23-Apr-2018	9,948	168,164
Week 18	Mon 30-Apr-2018	11,178	179,342
Week 19	Mon 7-May-2018	9,713	189,055
Week 20	Mon 14-May-2018	11,206	200,261
Week 21	Mon 21-May-2018	10,693	210,954

Week 09	Mon 26-Feb-2018	7,430	83,229
Week 10	Mon 5-Mar-2018	12,198	95,427
Week 11	Mon 12-Mar-2018	9,977	105,404
Week 12	Mon 19-Mar-2018	10,464	115,868
Week 13	Mon 26-Mar-2018	9,676	125,544

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Week 22	Mon 28-May-2018	10,788	221,742
Week 23	Mon 4-Jun-2018	11,005	232,747
Week 24	Mon 11-Jun-2018	10,850	243,597
Week 25	Mon 18-Jun-2018	11,274	254,871
Week 26	Mon 25-Jun-2018	11,399	266,270

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Q3	Commencing	Week Total	Year Total
Week 27	Mon 2-Jul-2018	11,553	277,823
Week 28	Mon 9-Jul-2018	11,011	288,834
Week 29	Mon 16-Jul-2018	11,038	299,872
Week 30	Mon 23-Jul-2018	10,898	310,770
Week 31	Mon 30-Jul-2018	11,439	322,209
Week 32	Mon 6-Aug-2018	10,202	332,411
Week 33	Mon 13-Aug-2018	10,564	342,975
Week 34	Mon 20-Aug-2018	11,614	354,589
Week 35	Mon 27-Aug-2018	12,146	366,735
Week 36	Mon 3-Sep-2018	10,677	377,412
Week 37	Mon 10-Sep-2018	10,207	387,619
Week 38	Mon 17-Sep-2018	8,418	396,037
Week 39	Mon 24-Sep-2018	10,300	406,337

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Q4	Commencing	Week Total	Year Total
Week 40	Mon 1-Oct-2018	10,030	416,367
Week 41	Mon 8-Oct-2018	8,451	424,818
Week 42	Mon 15-Oct-2018	10,029	434,847
Week 43	Mon 21-Oct-2019	9,771	444,618
Week 44	Mon 28-Oct-2019	9,485	454,103
Week 45	Mon 4-Nov-2019	11,524	465,627
Week 46	Mon 11-Nov-2019	9,244	474,871
Week 47	Mon 18-Nov-2019	10,763	485,634
Week 48	Mon 25-Nov-2019	7,351	492,985
Week 49	Mon 2-Dec-2019	8,284	501,269
Week 50	Mon 9-Dec-2019	9,423	510,692
Week 51	Mon 16-Dec-2019	9,781	520,473
Week 52	Mon 23-Dec-2019	7,091	527,564

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Councillor S Morgan – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability

BARGOED TOWN CENTRE AUDIT – FEBRUARY 2019

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>6/6 The steps were cleaned and repointed, but the work was immediately vandalised. The work has now been re-done. 11/9 NCS reinstated the damage. 6/11 No funding available.</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>11/9 A study by Engineers has identified 14 spaces, no funding at present - the Cabinet Member will review. 6/11 No funding available.</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>14/3 An update was provided to the TCMG. 6/6 DWP is currently fitting out units 3&4. 11/9 Unit 6a still to Let, Units 1 & 2 are being remarketed. 6/11 Units 1 & 2 are under offer from a national retailer & their surveyor is looking at issues relating to the fit out. 7/11 Update at TCMG.</p>

11/03/15	<p><u>Channel Block Damage</u> <u>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>11/9 Evidence shows materials maybe defective issue referred to Legal. 6/11 The Council will enter a dialogue with the contractor over the quality of the materials used. 7/11 Update at TCMG.</p>
16/06/15	<p><u>Development Plateau Phase 2</u> <u>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>11/9 A3 Retailer is looking to purchase the site and are in discussions with Planning officers. 6/11 Welsh Government approval sought to proceed with the scheme. 7/11 Update at TCMG.</p>
23/06/16	<p><u>Faded Decorative Text</u> <u>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>13/2 Budgets continue to be sought. 6/6 This work is still not considered to be a budgetary priority. 11/9 This work is still not considered to be a budgetary priority. 6/11 No funding available.</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>14/3 An update was provided to the TCMG. 6/6 The blocks will be repositioned and secured in place, but this requires a road closure, which is currently being arranged. 11/9 NCS instructed to undertake. 6/11 Awaiting NCS date for the work to begin. 7/11 Update at TCMG.</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>11/9 Evidence shows materials maybe defective issue referred to Legal. 6/11 The Council will enter a dialogue with the contractor over the quality of the materials used. 7/11 Update at TCMG.</p>
01/08/17	<p><u>Missing Coping Stones</u> <u>Southern Punch-Through</u> Some coping stones are missing from the steps joining Cardiff Road with Bargoed Gateway.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>6/6 NCS is sourcing replacement stones from suppliers, which will be secured in place as per design specification. Compensation will be sought from the original installation contractor. 11/9 Evidence shows materials maybe defective issue referred to Legal. 6/11 The Council will enter a dialogue with the contractor over the quality of the materials used.</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>Ian Jones</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>13/2 Specialist equipment is needed to clean the high-level flowers and is being sourced. 6/6 Specialist equipment continues to be sourced. 11/9 Area litter picked, cleaning still depends on sourcing a 'cherry picker'. 6/11 No progress at present. 7/11 Update at TCMG.</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>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>6/6 The lower part of the shelters have been cleaned and high level cleaning will be carried out shortly. 11/9 The area of the bus bays still requires a deep clean and there is request for timetable posters to be displayed. 6/11 Work will be passed to Highways.</p>
17/10/17	<p><u>Civil Parking Enforcement</u> <u>Town Centre</u> 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>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>11/9 The Council will take over Civil Parking Enforcement from the Police on the 8th April 2019. 6/11 The Council will continue to work towards an April start date, however Gwent Police may finish enforcement duties earlier on the 31st December 2018 and are keen for all Gwent Authorities to start CPE on the same day. 7/11 Update at TCMG.</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> <p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>11/9 The working group will meet again this week to consider all the issues. 6/11 Following in the meeting with the Police and Morrisons a 11 point action plan was agreed, which has resulted in a drop in ASB. 7/11 Update at TCMG.</p>
06/06/18	<p><u>Condition of Surface</u> <u>Hanbury Road Car Park</u> At the TCIG, Cllr. Davies asked Officers to check the condition of the tarmac surface in Hanbury Road car park, which appears to be damaged and in need of repair.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p> <p>Transportation <i>Dean Smith</i></p>	<p>11/9 Site visit will be undertaken. 6/11 Highways have inspected the car park and have passed the cost of the repair to Transportation colleagues.</p>
10/07/18	<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 been broken.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	<p>11/9 Reordered stones for the steps. 6/11 No date for delivery.</p>
20/07/18	<p><u>Maintenance of Steps</u> <u>Link between High Street & Bus Station</u> The steps are in need of cleaning and weed removal. Overgrown foliage in the area also needs cutting back.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p> <p>Parks <i>Mike Headington</i></p> <p>Cleansing <i>Ian Jones</i></p>	<p>11/9 Weeding has been done and cleansing completed. Power wash to be arranged. 6/11 Power wash to be arranged, once machinery is repaired.</p>

17/09/18	<p><u>Overgrown Foliage</u> <u>Bargoed Gateway Footpath</u> The foliage forming part of the 'Plateau Wall' has become over grown and needs cutting back as it obstructs the footway.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	6/11 Site visit to be arranged.
08/10/18	<p><u>Grit Bin Provision</u> <u>Town Centre</u> Prior to the onset of winter the Highway operations team will visit the town centre and ensure that the grit bins are in place and topped up with a fresh supply of grit.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	6/11 Officers will check and replenish supplies in the next few weeks prior to the winter weather.
08/10/18	<p><u>Damage to WW1 Solider Statute</u> <u>Hanbury Square</u> The Town Council have reported that the commemorative statue of a WW1 solider has been vandalised.</p>	<p>Police <i>Ins O'Keefe</i></p> <p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	6/11 4 Youths were arrested for criminal damage. 7/11 Update at TCMG.
14/11/18	<p><u>Damage to Miners' Heads Artwork</u> <u>Hanbury Square</u> Cllr. Price has reported that the Miners' Heads artwork is in need of repair and repainting.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	
14/11/18	<p><u>Removal of Window Signage</u> <u>Former Original Factory Shop, High Street -</u> Cllr Price has asked for removal of the signage informing customers that the retailer is closed.</p>	<p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	
08/01/19	<p><u>Glass on the Floor</u> <u>Emporium Car Park</u> Retailers in Under Cardiff Road have complained that there is frequently glass on the floor of the car park.</p>	<p>Transportation <i>Dean Smith</i></p>	