

BLACKWOOD TOWN CENTRE AUDIT – FEBRUARY 2016

DATE	ISSUE	DEPARTMENT	PROGRESS UPDATE
02/10/13	<p><u>Poundstretcher Site</u> <u>High Street</u> Officers continue to work with Poundstretchers in an attempt to rebuild the store and enable the retailer to return to the town centre.</p>	<p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>16/10 An update was provided to the TCMG. 20/10 The insurance settlement is still outstanding. 15/12 The insurance claim is still ongoing.</p>
16/05/14	<p><u>Toilet Block Enhancement</u> <u>High Street</u> At the TCMG, it was agreed that proposals would be developed to try and improve the appearance of the disused toilet block on High Street. Should the proposals be approved, the Area Forum Budget may fund the scheme.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>20/10 Japanese Knotweed on the site has been treated. 15/12 Funding continues to be unavailable.</p>
04/02/15	<p><u>Street Sign Resetting</u> <u>Gordon Road</u> A street sign on Gordon Road is damaged and one of its legs requires resetting.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>20/10 No update could be provided. 15/12 A new sign has been ordered.</p>

04/02/15	<p><u>Cleaning of Artwork</u> <u>Gordon Road</u> The artwork outside the Library has mould forming on the glass panels and the surrounding area requires cleansing.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>16/10 An update was provided to the TCMG. 20/10 A wide programme of cleaning has been agreed and will take place in due course. 15/12 The cleaning has been carried out. Issue Closed 15/12</p>
05/06/15	<p><u>Underage Drinking</u> <u>The Marketplace/Gravel Lane</u> At the TCMG, concern was expressed in relation to young people congregating on a bench at the top of Gravel Lane whilst drinking alcohol and taking part in antisocial behaviour.</p>	<p>Police <i>Ins White</i></p> <p>Community Safety <i>Kath Peters</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>16/10 An update was provided to the TCMG. 20/10 No update could be provided. 15/12 No further incidents have been reported. Issue Closed 15/12</p>
17/06/15	<p><u>Repainting of Double Yellow Lines</u> <u>Bus Station Pay & Display Car Park</u> The double yellow lines alongside the car park are worn and require repainting.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>20/10 No update could be provided. 15/12 The work is still outstanding as it is weather-dependent.</p>
24/06/15	<p><u>Antisocial Behaviour</u> <u>The Marketplace/Gravel Lane</u> A number of complaints have been received in relation to a group of males congregating on the bench at the top of Gravel Lane. The men are drinking and being intimidating to passers-by. There have also been reports of suspected drug use.</p>	<p>Police <i>Ins White</i></p> <p>Community Safety <i>Kath Peters</i></p> <p>Licensing <i>Myra McSherry</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>16/10 An update was provided to the TCMG. 20/10 The bench has now been removed. 15/12 Monitoring of the area continues.</p>

12/08/15	<p><u>Noise Complaints</u> <u>Town Centre</u> Cllr. Dix has received complaints from residents in relation to excessively loud music being played in <i>The Flour Mill</i> and <i>Preachers</i>.</p>	<p>Licensing <i>Myra McSherry</i></p> <p>Environmental Health <i>Lyndon Ross</i></p>	<p>20/10 No update could be provided. 15/12 No further complaints have been received, but the situation is still being monitored.</p>
18/08/15	<p><u>Condition of Steps</u> <u>R/O Wesley Road Car Park</u> Cllr. Dix has received complaints in relation to the steps leading from Wesley Road car park to Morrison Street. The steps require some repairs to make them easier to traverse.</p>	<p>Parks Services <i>Derek Price</i></p>	<p>16/10 An update was provided to the TCMG. 20/10 A site visit has taken place and costs have been ascertained. These were presented to the TCMG for consideration as spend from the Area Forum Budget. 15/12 This has been added to the forward works programme.</p>
23/09/15	<p><u>Siting of Waste Transfer Skip</u> <u>R/O High Street</u> Several complaints have been received in relation to the large refuse skip that has been placed at the rear of High Street by Get Connected. The skip is an obstruction to a residential dwelling and appears to be used as a waste transfer facility.</p>	<p>Regulatory Planning <i>Tim Stephens</i></p> <p>Environmental Health <i>Lyndon Ross</i></p> <p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	<p>20/10 Site visits have taken place by Environmental Health, which suggest that no enforcement can be carried out at this time. Planning Officers have requested removal of the skip, but the owner has refused. Enforcement options are being considered. 15/12 The skip has now been removed. Issue Closed 15/12</p>
02/10/15	<p><u>Temporary Grit Bins</u> <u>Town Centre</u> Temporary grit bins will be installed in various locations throughout the town centre in readiness for the winter weather.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	<p>20/10 The grit bins are in the process of being installed. 15/12 The bins have now been installed. Issue Closed 15/12</p>
05/10/15	<p><u>Christmas Event</u> <u>Town Centre</u> Planning is underway for the Christmas event,</p>	<p>Business Enterprise Support Team <i>Paul Hudson</i></p>	<p>20/10 Planning for the event continues. 15/12 The event went ahead and was well-received.</p>

	which is scheduled to take place on 5 th & 6 th December.		Issue Closed 15/12
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16/10/15	<p><u>Holocaust Memorial Day “Pop Up” Exhibition</u> <u>The Marketplace Shopping Centre</u></p> <p>To commemorate “World Holocaust Memorial Day” the Council is working with an artist to develop an exhibition in a vacant retail unit. It is hoped that the exhibition will be visited by members of the public and local schoolchildren as part of their coursework on the Holocaust. On the day itself, a civic memorial service is planned.</p>	<p>Communications <i>Stephen Pugh</i></p> <p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p> <p>Arts Development <i>David Chamberlain</i></p>	15/12 Planning for this exhibition is ongoing.
16/10/15	<p><u>Licensing Issues</u> <u>Vanilla Bar, High Street</u></p> <p>Vanilla Bar was closed following a Police visit to the premises, which disclosed a number of offences and will be subject to a Licence review by the Council.</p>	<p>Licensing <i>Myra McSherry</i></p> <p>Police <i>Ins Thomas</i></p>	15/12 The premises is currently closed.
23/10/15	<p><u>Repainting of Handrail</u> <u>High Street/Pentwyn Road</u></p> <p>The handrail that leads from High Street to Pentwyn Road requires repainting to improve its appearance.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	<p>24/10 SR704156 was raised to issue the works. 15/12 The work has been completed. Issue Closed 15/12</p>
18/12/15	<p><u>Removal of Litter</u> <u>ASDA, Cliff Road</u></p> <p>Cllr. Dix reported that there are large accumulations of litter on the perimeter of the ASDA store on Cliff Road.</p>	<p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	

04/01/16	<p><u>Installation of Event Site Demarcation Studs</u> <u>O/S Boots. High Street</u></p> <p>A new promotional/event site location has been agreed on the High Street opposite the entrance to The Market Place Shopping Centre near Boots. Studs will be installed in the pavement to indicate the boundaries of the area.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	
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