

RISCA TOWN CENTRE AUDIT – FEBRUARY 2015

DATE	ISSUE	DEPARTMENT	PROGRESS UPDATE
01/04/11	<p><u>Artwork</u> <u>Tredegar Grounds, Tredegar Street</u> The possibility of some artwork within Tredegar Grounds Park will be investigated to enhance the appearance of the park.</p> <p><u>Park Interpretation</u> 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>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>4/8 Work has started on the toilet block mural. 6/10 A park interpretation board has been designed, which is currently being consulted upon. 8/12 The Town Council is currently being consulted on the interpretation board text. A preferred supplier has been identified to produce the board.</p>
28/11/11	<p><u>New Footbridge</u> <u>Rear of Lidl</u> 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>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>6/10 Legal discussions are ongoing. There are also issues in relation to the location of the compound when the bridge is being built and drainage. 8/12 The S.106 agreement allowed a three-year period for completion of the bridge. Although this has now expired, Tesco has agreed to an extension. However, this agreement is informal at present.</p>

27/03/13	<p><u>Seating Area</u> <u>O/S Risca Pine Centre, Tredegar Street</u> 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>Cleansing <i>Tony White</i></p> <p>Parks services <i>Derek Price</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>4/8 The weeds have been treated. 6/10 The weeds have been sprayed, but additional chemical treatment is needed. 8/12 The works have been completed. Issue Closed 8/12</p>
26/11/13	<p><u>Banners alongside Highway</u> <u>Tesco Extra, Pontymister Industrial Estate</u> 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 & KFC restaurant.</p>	<p>Regulatory Planning <i>Tim Stephens</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>6/10 Banners continue to be erected and officers are currently determining which should have had planning permission. 8/12 Enforcement Officers are making contact with individual sign owners and seeking removal.</p>
26/11/13	<p><u>Condition of Land around Cuckoo Artwork</u> <u>Pontymister Industrial Estate</u> 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>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p> <p>Cleansing <i>Tony White</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>6/10 Details of the contractual maintenance plan are still being sought. There are also ecological issues on the site in relation to slowworms and rare orchids. 8/12 The S.106 agreement has been looked at and the minimum annual maintenance agreement is being complied with. However, more work is needed and a dialogue is ongoing.</p>

03/02/14	<p><u>Toilet Block Mural</u> <u>Tredegar Grounds, Tredegar Street</u> A new mural is being developed, which will be painted onto the toilet block situated within Tredegar Grounds.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>4/8 Work has started on the mural. 6/10 The artwork is behind schedule due to weather conditions, but work is ongoing. 8/12 The work is nearing completion.</p>
19/05/14	<p><u>Choose the High Street Campaign</u> <u>Town Centre</u> 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>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>6/10 Initial feedback to the scheme has been positive, with the Christmas campaign element of the scheme starting shortly. 8/12 Updates to the TCMG are ongoing. The project is aimed to be long-term, with more initiatives launching in 2015.</p>
10/06/14	<p><u>Renovation of Risca House Inn</u> <u>Commercial Street</u> A complaint has been received in relation to the renovation works on the former Risca House Inn. There is rubble in the car park area and workmen on site do not appear to be following health & safety regulations.</p>	<p>Regulatory Planning <i>Tim Stephens</i></p>	<p>4/8 The car park area has now been cleared, but Officers will continue to monitor. 6/10 Some improvement has been noticed, but the renovation work is ongoing. 8/12 A planning application for a two storey extension is currently being considered. The condition of the car park is deemed acceptable while renovation works are ongoing.</p>

04/08/14	<p><u>Height of Dropped Kerbs Junction of Dan-y-Graig Road</u> Cllr. George has received complaints from wheelchair users that the dropped kerbs on either side of the junction between Tredegar Street and Dan-y-Graig Road are too high, making it difficult for them to cross the road.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	<p>6/10 A works ticket has been issued to reduce the height of the transitions at this location. 8/12 The height level has been adjusted. Issue Closed 8/12</p>
03/09/14	<p><u>Christmas Event Town Centre</u> Planning is underway for a Christmas event in the town centre, which is scheduled to take place on 6th December 2014.</p>	<p>Business Enterprise Support Team <i>Paul Hudson</i></p>	<p>6/10 Planning is ongoing. 8/12 The event was well-received and a report will be given to the TCMG in due course.</p>
03/09/14	<p><u>“Choose The High Street @ Christmas” Campaign Town Centre</u> The “Choose the High Street” campaign is being extended to the Christmas period to encourage people to shop locally this Christmas. The scheme will involve a voucher scheme that all retailers will have the opportunity to sign up to.</p>	<p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>6/10 A Christmas voucher booklet is being produced for the five managed towns. Retailers are currently being invited to submit offers. 8/12 40,000 voucher booklets have been distributed across the Borough. A supporting YouTube video is launching on 8/12.</p>
06/10/14	<p><u>Condition of Toilet Block Mural Commercial Street</u> At the TCIG, Cllr. George raised concerns about the condition of the mural on the disused toilet block on Commercial Street. The paint appears to be flaking at the bottom of the building.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>8/12 The problem has been caused by damp in the brickwork. As this is a disused building, there is no long-term solution to the problem.</p>

16/10/14	<p><u>Installation of Christmas Illuminations</u> <u>Town Centre</u> The lamp post banners are due to be removed for the Christmas period to make way for the festive illuminations that will be placed on lighting columns throughout the town centre.</p>	<p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>8/12 The illuminations have been installed and no issues have been raised.</p>
23/01/15	<p><u>Choose the High Street – Past & Present</u> <u>Town Centre</u> The next phase of the Choose the High Street campaign will start in 2015. Entitled ‘Choose the High Street - Past & Present’ the campaign will aim to reconnect people with their local town centre.</p>	<p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	
23/01/15	<p><u>Banner Changeovers</u> <u>Town Centre</u> The banners on the street lighting columns will be installed during February throughout the town centre.</p>	<p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	