

RISCA TOWN CENTRE AUDIT – APRIL 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>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> <p>10/2 The toilet block mural has been completed. The interpretation board text is currently being refined, but a location and supplier has been identified.</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>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> <p>10/2 There has been no formal progress. Discussions between the legal departments of Tesco and Lidl are ongoing.</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>8/12 Enforcement Officers are making contact with individual sign owners and seeking removal. 10/2 No update could be provided, but enforcement is being carried out when possible.</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>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. 10/2 The S.106 agreement has been looked at and it only contains a maintenance requirement of once per annum, which is not sufficient. Discussions between the Council's ecologist, the Community Partnership and Keep Wales Tidy are ongoing to look at maintaining the site and moving the slow worm habitat.</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>8/12 The work is nearing completion. 10/2 The mural has been completed. Issue Closed 10/2</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>8/12 Updates to the TCMG are ongoing. The project is aimed to be long-term, with more initiatives launching in 2015. 10/2 This aspect of the campaign has now finished. Issue Closed 10/2</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>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>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. 10/2 There is currently no issue with the car park. Planning consent for two storey extension is currently being considered.</p>
03/09/14	<p><u>Christmas Event</u> <u>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. 10/2 The event was successful and well-received. Issue Closed 10/2</p>

03/09/14	<p><u>“Choose The High Street @ Christmas” Campaign</u> <u>Town Centre</u></p> <p>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. 10/2 The scheme was successfully completed. Issue Closed 10/2</p>
06/10/14	<p><u>Condition of Toilet Block Mural</u> <u>Commercial Street</u></p> <p>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. 10/2 It is not possible to solve the problem due to the building being disused. Issue Closed 10/2</p>
16/10/14	<p><u>Installation of Christmas Illuminations</u> <u>Town Centre</u></p> <p>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. 10/2 Complete. Issue Closed 10/2</p>
23/01/15	<p><u>Choose the High Street – Past & Present</u> <u>Town Centre</u></p> <p>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>	<p>10/2 This is a new initiative for 2015. Archive photographs are currently being sourced and a public prize draw is being arranged.</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>	<p>10/2 The brief has been sent to the contractors and the banners are due to be in place by 26/2.</p>
10/02/15	<p><u>Parking Enforcement</u> <u>O/S Spar, Tredegar Street</u> At the TCIG, Cllr. George reported that there are a lot of instances of people parking in the bus stop outside the Spar store. This is leading the buses not being able to pull in, which is causing traffic congestion.</p>	<p>Police <i>Ins Thomas</i></p>	
31/03/15	<p><u>Tree Blown Over</u> <u>Tredegar Grounds, Tredegar Street</u> Following a particularly severe storm, a tree was uprooted and is now lying on the ground blocking the footpath.</p>	<p>Parks <i>Derek Price</i></p>	