

**Blandford Town Team
Minutes of the Action Plan meeting held on
30th June 2016 in the H & W Gardens Pavilion, Blandford**

Present: Chris Curtis, Nicci Brown and Nic Nicol (Chairman)

In attendance:

Apologies: David Rose, Hugh de Iongh, Cllr. Esme Butler, Julie Newall, Jean Longley, Julie Wigg, Cllr. Colin Stevens

Agenda Item		Action
1. Welcome, intro and apologies	As above	
2. Minutes of Last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the meeting held on 30th June were agreed. • David Rose attended the Town Teams meeting on 12th May. Teams were asked to report back on bank closures. NB observed that Barclays in the Market Place is now closed all day on Wednesdays. 	
3. Governance	No update	
4. Other TT initiatives	N/A	
5. Town Team Civic Briefing Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Civic Briefing was well attended by Council delegates, but not by the public. • The meeting brought to the fore the issue of passing the management of the markets to the Town Council (long supported by the Town Team) and delivered the outcome of the Retail Survey conducted between September 2015 and January 2016. David Rose has since briefed the Blandford Business Group (BBG) and the Town Council. • The Chairman thanked Susan Sullivan and David Rose for their commitment and hard work in compiling the Retail Survey and delivering the results, and the survey team for their perseverance in getting retailers to complete the survey. 	
6. Action Plan & Project Status Details	To be reviewed at Feb & Sep meetings, including setting of priorities for the next 12 months.	
7. Action Plan & sub-groups	a. <u>Ring Road Tourist Signs & Themed Roundabouts.</u>	

	<p>(1) <u>Brown Tourism Signs</u>. DCC Highways has started the survey needed to install and cost brown tourist signs on the ring-road. Completion expected by mid July.</p> <p>(2) <u>Themed Roundabouts</u>. Nothing new to report.</p> <p>(Update. The bad news that DVAMP funding has not made it through the selection process was received in the second week of July. Alternative funding will be sought for tourist signs on the ring-road.)</p>	
	<p>(3) <u>Heritage</u></p> <p>(1) <u>Architecture Festival 8 – 15 Sep 16</u>. See plan update.</p> <p>(2) <u>Shop Frontages</u>. See plan updates from Kevin Morris on 52 Salisbury Street and 26 East Street. Owner of 52 Salisbury Street has been served with a formal requisition notice.</p> <p>(3) <u>CAA and CAMP</u>. SHA ready to consult with David Stuart again on CAA and CAMP. Museum has made a long term commitment to the Heritage project, and will bring together related projects into a single HLF grant bid. The Chairman acknowledged SHA’s inclusive approach and commitment to the project.</p>	<p>Civic Society lead</p> <p>SHA with support from NN</p>
	<p>(4) <u>Tourism</u></p> <p>(1) <u>Town Centre Signage</u>. The Town Council has been complimented on the replacement of town maps and provision of a smaller version in the Langton Road short stay car park.</p> <p>(2) <u>Tourism App</u>. No update.</p> <p>(3) <u>Art on the Trailway and the Town</u>. Somerset and Dorset Railway Trust will fund a train mural on the Wimborne Road wall adjacent to planters. Report from BFTC’s working party on art in the town awaited.</p>	<p>NB</p>

	<p>(4) <u>Bike Racks in the Plocks</u>. Cllr. Roger Carter has been asked for an update.</p> <p>(5) <u>Markets & Commercial issues</u></p> <p>(1) <u>Better Markets</u>. Proposal to transfer management to BFTC has still to go to NDDC Cabinet – further delays BFTC’s plans but office accommodation is being created.</p> <p>(2) <u>Parking Refund Scheme</u>. BBG members presented mixed views at a recent meeting. NN and JW to make personal visits to retailers to determine support. (Update – proposal is supported the majority of large and small retailers in the town.)</p> <p>(3) <u>Retail Survey</u>. – Follow-on Actions to be agreed with NDDC and BFTC.</p> <p>(4) <u>Empty Shops poster and Support</u>. Poster provided to all estate agents who let commercial property – all cooperative. JW to provide response to enquiries in the DT11 office.</p>	<p>NN & JW</p> <p>DR & SS</p> <p>JW</p>
	<p>(6) <u>Litter & Cleanliness</u></p> <p>(1) <u>Target Litter and Cleanliness Problems & Collaborate with Local Government to Deliver Solutions</u>. NB reported good work by the Teddy Rocks team in cleaning up after the event. DR’s follow-on CUBC session found evidence of rough sleepers on the Trailway.</p> <p>(2) <u>Promote Community Pride in the Cleanliness of the Town</u>. It was noted that the owner of the empty plot in Nightingale Court has been declined planning permission.</p>	
	<p>(7) <u>Marsh & Ham Outdoor Gym</u>. Grant bid submitted to Tesco Groundworks scheme. 90 + signatures obtained from Dorset Doodlers and Wimborne AAC in support of the project, confirming they would use it and encourage others to do so. Blandford St Mary Parish Council briefed and support fully. Help with funding likely.</p>	

	(8) <u>Blandford Events planning tool</u> . CC has made progress and hopes to launch the application soon.	CC
6. Finance	Town Team current account balance is £172.	
7. Communications & Publicity	No further update	
8. Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architectural Heritage Week – Blandford events take place on 9 and 10 Sep 16. • DT11 Public meeting with Simon Hoare MP and a panel of local councillors and business representatives, takes place on Friday 25th November in the Corn Exchange. 	
9. AOB	None	
10. Summary of Actions		
11. Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Town Team meeting Thurs 28 July • Aug no meeting. • AGM – Thurs 22 Sep. Elect Chair and deputy, Chairman’s statement and objectives for the year • Civic briefings – Nov 16 and Apr 17 dates TBC. 	
12. Future Issues		