

Item 3j Partner Updates

Organisation	Totnes Town Council
Date	8 March 2010
Summary of Progress	<p>1] DPD/EbD – PFBE: Town Council has had meetings with Community Groups and Town Councillors are formulating their response to be included into a joint Community response to the proposals.</p> <p>2] Business: the issues related to the increase in the business rate are still ongoing. The Christmas Festival was very successful and real boost to the economy of the Town. Lessons are still being learnt and the Festival committee are evaluating last years in preparation for this years festival.</p> <p>3] Open Space: We have had meetings with SHDC about Borough Park and the planned enhancements, which should be completed by April. Following the meeting on devolved services we are waiting to meet SHDC and clarify the implications for the Town. The play areas developments are being reviewed to see if it is more appropriate to invest in Bridgetown rather than Borough park.</p>
Current / Shared Issues	<p>1] DECC – Transition Streets LCC bid: Transition Town totnes was successful in its bid to the low Carbon Challenge Fund for £650,000. £50,000 is allocated to the Civic Hall to place a 14.5Kw PV system on the roof. TTC are at present working with the SHDC development Control and Conservation officers to ensure the project proceeds as quickly as possible. This successful bid has initiated a further review on how to proceed with any development etc on the Civic hall.</p> <p>2] Traffic: The ongoing, a debate re: traffic in the town and how to achieve a strategic and coherent, overarching policy for Totnes which involves the Town Council, the Community, the District and the Highways authority [DCC] has now been moved forward by exhibitions by DCC-Highways in the Civic hall and planned meetings with TTC – Traffic and Transport forum and the Chamber of commerce.</p> <p>3] Burke and Wills Commemoration: Planning ongoing and Civic Functions arranged. Community involvement is part of a project plan, which is nearly completed, and series of meetings will be arranged in March and April. The Educational aspects have to be rearranged as the Australian and English school years do not match!!</p> <p>4] Developments in the Town: The TC and Community representatives have offered to be involved in making suggestions for the future use of Baltic Wharf. SHDC have welcomed receiving any views from your proposed working group and working with development Control and Forward planning.</p>
SHSP Action Recommended	<p>1] Take up the offer of SHDC staff engaging with the TC and Community on the Baltic Wharf schemes.</p> <p>2] Support in furthering the Transition streets project in Totnes.</p>