

TOWN TEAM REPORT

Since our last report, Studio Hive have signed the contract and the work has started.

The consultants have now met the full Town Team and, at the time of writing this report, are making an analysis of the opportunities within the town which will be analysed by the Town Team with a view to deleting any which may not be achievable. In order to ensure that all sectors of the community are involved when public consultation takes place in June, Town Team is ensuring the stakeholder group is as diverse as possible and that representatives therefrom can be present at one of the three community focus events being held on 27th April. It will be based on the feedback from these events that more definitive proposals will be forthcoming for the June public consultation.

In order to maintain momentum on the main project above, Town Team meetings have now been divided into two with the Vitality Fund project being separated from other activities. As a result there was due to be a Vitality Fund and then a Town Team meeting on the 9th March but, due to the Chairman being unwell only the former took place. However, within the Town Team we have been looking at, following the installation of the Brunel Bench, a possible display board nearby which can give an abbreviated history of the Brunel bridge. Also we have been looking at the possibility of banners on lamp posts, town brochure and reinstating planters and putting trees therein. These activities are, however, progressing with less haste as the Vitality Fund work is regarded as the main item.

The town centre speaker system is being well received by the majority but integrity of the volume has had to be adjusted to allow balanced listening.

Peter Ryland
Acting Chairman