

Report Statement

Report Purpose:

Town Centre Recovery Working Group

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Update

The Town Centre Recovery continues to meet as do the sub groups.

The group members are:

Cllr Janet Jackson – Chair MTC and Chair of Comms Group

Cllr Fiona Wilson – Chair of Outdoor Hospitality Sub Group

Jo Wise – CEC

Laura Smith MTC

Emma Anderson – Macclesfield Museums

Cllr Nick Mannion – CEC

Cllr Liz Brathwaite – CEC

Abi Sherratt – MTC

Aoife Middlemass – CVS

Matt Tood – Scoop and Scales

Becky Thompson – Macc Hospitality Action

Frank Bailey - Peaks and Plains

We have recently said goodbye to Chris Draper of Peaks and Plains, Co – Chair of the group who has moved on to an new organisation, and we welcome Frank Bailey from Peaks and Plains.

The Communications sub group has evolved into MTC facilitating a meeting with all those involved in comms in Macclesfield to come together and share information and communication channels. This is led by Cllr Jackson and the Communications Officer.

The Outdoor Hospitality sub group is chaired by Cllr Fiona Wilson, and recent actions are:

- Disseminating information and advertising how to get pavement licenses to local businesses
- Supporting the Say Hi to the Hight Street campaign.
- Reviewing events in the town centre and footfall data
- Supporting trials of outdoor hospitality
- Exploring how the town centre can be hold more events including MTC checking on the electrics at the Town Hall for outdoor events

- Exploring opportunities for the Town Hall, markets and Park Green.

The Environmental sub group is lead by Matt Todd of Scoop and Scales who will be supported by Aoife Middlemass of CVS.

The Art and Culture forum is attended by several members of the TCRWG, and Emma Anderson, of Macclesfield Museums feeds into the group from this forum.

Aoife Middlemass of CVS feeds in on the community response, opportunities for volunteering

The group is diverse, sharing information and opportunities for Macclesfield, including:

- CEC Town Hall Feasibility Study
- CEC Macclesfield Markets Consultations
- Peaks and Plains developments including The Crossings
- The Welcome Back Fund – the Town Council have benefited from Gazeboes, deckchairs, planters and tables and chairs which the community can use. The Art and Culture forum are discussing the procurement of light boxes.
- The Town Councils Britain in Bloom Campaign

The action plan has recently been updated and can be found on the MTC here:

[Updated Macc Town Centre Recovery Plan Feb 2022 - Macclesfield Town Council \(macclesfield-tc.gov.uk\)](https://macclesfield-tc.gov.uk/updated-macc-town-centre-recovery-plan-feb-2022)