

Report Statement

Report Purpose:

Town Centre Recovery Working Group

Author:

Town Clerk

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

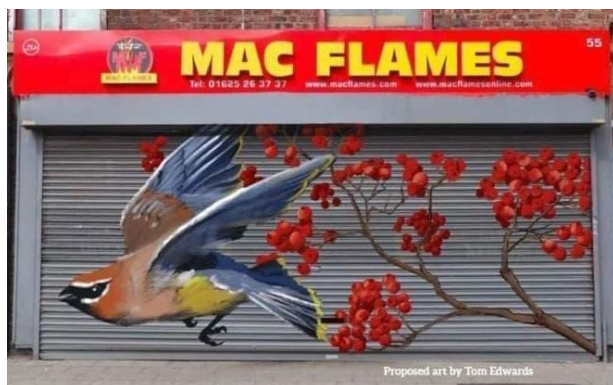
Frank Bailey - Peaks and Plains

The meetings allow the diverse group of members to share information, keep up to date with events in the town and allow for joint working.

Key highlights from the group over the past quarter:

- The Clerk and Communications Officer attended a training course funded by the Local Enterprise Partnership on 'Developing Place Leaders' delivered by the High Street Task Force. It is pleasing to report we are ahead of the curve, by organising a group to come together, such as the TCRWG, with regular meetings and creating initiatives such as increasing hospitality areas. The other big takeaway was to organise events in the town to increase the footfall.
- The toilets for public plans are in place for facilities at the back of the indoor market, one of the aims of this group.
- CEC have started a shutter project on Sunderland Street funded by Avanti. This will involve local artists painting on the shutters of the shops.

Examples:



- Working with CEC Regeneration team and group members to put in for funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund.

Events in the town centre are resulting in increased footfall and the Town Council aims to hold many events in the town this year. The Town Council also runs an events managers meeting, to bring together all of the people involved in town events. This has proved extremely useful as a way to share and disseminate information, ideas and skills.

The recent lantern parade brought together Christ Church, the Silk Museum, Artspace and the Town Council, the Grosvenor Centre and various shops to hold a stunning event, that has received nothing but positive feedback.