

Report Purpose:

Town Centre Regeneration Working Group (TCRWG)

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Update

Town of Culture

The Town Council continues with its formal support of Macclesfield Culture Collective who are responsible for submitting the bid for the UK Town of Culture 2027. The application for the first stage has been submitted

Macc Means Business / BID

Postcards have been sent out by Mosaic to businesses in Macclesfield, which included a link to a set of questions with regards to the town, its current events calendar, what they want to see etc. Also included was an invitation to an information presentation by Mosaic co-hosted by MMB members at Button Warehouse. There were representatives from MTC, retail, hospitality, tourism and various local landlords. Mosaic will be conducting a number of face to face interviews with business owners over the coming months.

Macclesfield Market Hall

The mural on the inside and outside of the building by Peachzz and Tom Edwards has now been completed, and the official opening ceremony was attended by many including MTC councillors and staff.

Following the funding of the public toilets at the back of the Market Hall by MTC, the Town Centre Manager commenced talks with Market Management with regards to the opening of the public toilets on Treacle Sundays, and the potential of also opening the market itself.

Laura Ault, from CEC has now proposed a 3 month trial with MTC contributing to the funding which will pay for the toilets to be monitored/cleaned etc. Upon the completion of the trial, a report will be submitted on whether or not the opening of the facilities was considered a success, with MTC asking for specific information such as agreed measures of success, including trader participation, footfall, income generated, toilet usage, and general feedback from visitors and businesses. MTC will take this into account before agreeing on a longer term funding plan.

Park Green

Red Willow and The Fountain have both been successful in renewing their licence to occupy some of the parking spaces at Park Green. Both venues have invested in new planters/furniture and the area is looking especially busy particularly on sunny days.

New Openings

Leyla's Dolci which has previously had a stall as part of Made by Macc at many of our events is going into a recently vacated unit on Chestergate.

Peak Cycles has moved into a unit next to Age UK/B&M and we are looking to see if we can get CCTV in this area.

We have heard some good rumours about the old Fruits of the Forage unit on Great King Street but shall remain tight lipped for now!

Town Centre CCTV

The Town Clerk has been in discussion with the CCTV team at Cheshire East, and a tree is being cut back at Sparrow Park to enhance the view of the cameras in relation to the reported ASB reported to the Town Council and as mentioned the area outside B&M.