

## Notes of the Ideas and Action Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016 room D0/110

**Chair:** Tina Heathcote

**Attendance:** Adrian Brown, Charles Denton, Claire Millard, Dave Carlisle, David Holdway, Derek Bodey, Eileen Smith, Elaine Hill, Ellen Wooliscroft, Helen Davison, Jean Ball, Jean Rodger, Jean Todd, Jo Holdway, John Robertson, Kathryn Barton, Matthew Nutall, Roddie MacLean, Richard Lower, Sue Mellor, Viv Marriott

**Speakers:** Gary Connor, Lindsay Fieldhouse

**Apologies:** Janet Miller, John Estruch, John Jansen, Lesley Caddy, Marc Haywood, Philip Barton, Richard Silson, Steve Caddy, Tim Ball

**Minutes of previous meeting** were accepted as a true record.  
There were no matters arising.

### PROJECT UPDATES

#### **Buxton in Bloom** Claire

The closing date for entries is 22 July.

Buxton has been entered into East Midlands in Bloom, the judging for which in Buxton will be on Friday 15 July.

The yellow bikes have been painted red and the red bikes have had white stripes and polka dots added by guides and scouts. The bike tower will be constructed on St. John's roundabout and the rest placed around town. Meet on the market place at 6.30pm on Thursday 16 June.

**Ashwood Park** has been entered into the "It's Your Neighbourhood" scheme.

The next 2 clearing days will be 21<sup>st</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> July. Meet on the bridge at 7pm.

A £1,000 grant from the Bingham Trust will be used to clear and replant the central flowerbeds.

The benches have been removed, will be painted red and replaced before the EM in Bloom judging.

#### **Buxton Garden Trail** Jo H

Already sold approximately 200 maps

#### **Flowerpot people competition**

2 workshops have been organised. 11<sup>th</sup> June at Green Man Gallery and 18<sup>th</sup> June possibly on the Market. If anyone hasn't a suitable place to display a flowerpot person, there are several shops and premises around town that will take them.

#### **Talking Signposts**

2 people have offered to organise this. It is hoped to cover as many days as possible between beginning of July and late August even maybe into September. More information will be available shortly. The meeting agreed to accept last year's project proposal. It was agreed that recording information about the questions asked and visitors to town would be useful. Rachel at Minibugs has offered to store the equipment.

#### **Peak District Boundary Walk** Helen Davison

The 190 mile walk around the Peak District will start and end in Buxton. Funding is being sought to produce a bronze orientation table (approximately 8 feet long) with benches to be sited outside the Town Hall. A suggestion of trees near to it came from the floor.

#### **Buxton Markets** Lindsay Fieldhouse

Now been running just over a month. 60 traders have signed up but don't attend every market. Among market's aims is to increase footfall in Higher Buxton and increase employment opportunities. There has been some good positive feedback from public and traders which will encourage new traders to give Buxton a try. To support the market anyone on Facebook should like and share the market page. Publicising to bus companies and putting poster in bus park. Charities can now have a free stall thanks to donation from Bingham Trust.

**Coach Spotting** Tina Heathcote.

In response to a question from the floor about coach visits, Tina explained that the BTT Traffic Forum were setting up an online survey for members and others to provide information about date, time, place and website of coaches spotted round town so that any that are not booked by the Tourist Information Centre can be included in the TIC data base. This will help to ensure that all companies know how to access information about the town. The TIC currently offers a meet and greet for all booked coaches and provides copies of the Buxton Guide.

**Crescent Development** Gary Connor, Construction Manager for Vinci

Week 13 of 102 week programme. Target finish date is February 2018

The Pump room should be finished in 6 or 7 weeks.

Liz MacKenzie will be organising some decoration of the hoardings.

It's been a slow start because they are still finding out exactly what is needed. Some rooms are locked and have not yet been explored. All work must be done slowly and carefully to ensure integrity of building and water source.

Will be between 230 and 250 workers on site. Trying to use local labour wherever possible but not much take up so far.

Gary is happy to organise a site visit for a small group and perhaps repeat every 3 months. Names were taken after the meeting.

**Friends of Buxton Station** Dave Carlisle

Since inception 18 months ago the Friends have completed 12 projects to beautify the station, including hanging baskets and planters and sowing wild flowers to replace a litter strewn area. They also have 3 other projects taking shape including a signal person made out of scrap from the demolished engine sheds. The friends are also making good links with Shibuya station in Japan.

**I and A meeting venue**

Room at Dome is best so far although the drawbacks are poor acoustics and must be finished by 9pm. Consider starting earlier? More thought needed and will take any other suggestions for free Venues.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Weather station on The Slopes** Claire Millard

HPBC will no longer fund the collection of data. If volunteers can be found to do this the Met Office are offering a training session on 28<sup>th</sup> June at the Town Hall. Weather readings have been taken from Buxton for over 100 years.

**Buxton Carnival** Richard Lower

Needs judges for the floats and fancy dress. Also would like more marshals.

**Problems in Town?**

Contact BT directors and they will help where they can.

So far have got a skip moved in Concert Place which was blocking the footpath and are asking to have graffiti removed in Fairfield.

Meeting ended at 9.05pm.

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