

IDEAS AND VISION GROUP NOTES OF THE MEETING ON MONDAY 10TH MARCH 2014

Present: Charles Jolly, Janet Miller, Janine Morris, Jean Todd, Joe Dugdale, John Estruch, Linda Baldry, Mike Badman, Pat Hobby, Philip Barton, Rachel Hoodith, Richard Silson, Roddie MacLean, Steve Caddy, Tina Heathcote

Apologies: Adrian Brown, Jean Ball, John Faulkner, Margaret Charlton, Mike Bryant, Neil Scowcroft, Sarah Rawlinson, Richard Lower, Simon Fussell

Introductions: The meeting started with a round of introductions. Richard Silson has taken over the chairing and convening of this meeting.

1 NOTES OF THE MEETING ON 11TH FEBRUARY

The notes of the last meeting were passed as a true record and there were no matters arising.

2. PROJECT UPDATES

2.1 Totally Locally

Rachel reported that there had been several meetings of interested traders, but that time and enthusiasm for doing very much between meetings was proving limited. She suggested that the full-scale Totally Locally initiative be put on hold for the time being, in favour of a number of smaller initiatives, which she hopes will inspire people to become more pro-active.

2.2 Buxton in Bloom

Janine reported that the project team have met up and are making progress. A draft project proposal has been circulated, which, following some final amendments on likely costs, should be signed off very soon. Tony Kemp has offered up to £1,000 in funding from his Mayoral Allowance, Linda advised that she has £350 left in her Councillors' Initiative Fund, and knows that several other councillors have money unallocated. It was agreed that Janine will draft a letter to all Buxton Councillors for Janet to circulate.

2.3 Big Buxton Spring Clean

Tina reported that things were going well, with lots of new people volunteering to take part, HPBC, the Police, Fire Brigade and Waitrose as well as individuals. The University and secondary schools will be doing a railing clean on Wednesday 9th April, in advance of the main event on Saturday 12th. Hopefully we will have enough volunteers to clean some of the main approach roads into town as well as the town centre, and we are encouraging outlying areas (Burbage, Harpur Hill and Fairfield) to join in as well. There was a letter from Roddie in the Advertiser last week and more publicity is planned in the coming weeks. The team will be writing to all town team members at the end of March, as well as to other organisations and individuals, and to all Buxton councillors and Andrew Bingham, inviting them to join in on the day.

2.4 Buxton Spring Fair

Janet reported that we have over 40 applications from stallholders, including a lot of people who were not involved last year. There will be donkey rides and hopefully alpacas on the Slopes. Entertainers are also starting to sign up. More banners have been painted, fliers and posters have been distributed and are appearing in shop windows, more publicity is planned including (hopefully) a flashmob dancing event in April. The team are also looking into the possibility of hanging bunting around the market place, which could stay up through the summer.

2.5 Illustrated Map

Joe reported that David Mulholland had quoted a very competitive price for printing the maps, and subject to a test printing we would be placing an order shortly. An agreement has been reached with the artists (the copyright is ours but if we use their individual work in isolation we will pay them 10% of the profits) but not yet formally drawn up and signed, the solicitors are working on this. Joe confirmed that we would have the maps on sale for the Spring Fair.

2.6 Artisan Market

John reported that the two trials will be going ahead, on 7th June in Spring Gardens and 5th July on the Market Place (though there is a small chance the dates may swap). Buxton Traders had expressed concern about the trials, and had held a meeting earlier this evening, which John, Roddie and Linda had attended. There is a clear preference amongst the traders for the Artisan Market to be on the market place, and for the traditional market to stay there; there were concerns that the trial in Spring Gardens was part of a long term plan to have the regular market relocate. They were reassured to hear that the trials will be properly evaluated before making a decision on any future Artisan Markets, and that there will be a proper open (and separate) consultation about the long term future of the regular market. The Traders would be very supportive of a Town

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All together, better

Team led community group taking over the running of the market in the future.

The existing market traders are not enthusiastic about being part of the Artisan Market, if it does become a regular event it is hoped that they can be persuaded of the advantages.

Linda stressed that the agreement to charge the Artisan Market £250 regardless of the number of stalls was a one-off just for the trial, the Licensing Committee would insist on a higher charge for any subsequent events. It was noted that the traders in Spring Gardens are also not happy about the regular Friday Food Fair by the Turner Memorial.

3. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING WORKSHOP

There was a presentation by Joe Dugdale - the notes are appended as a separate document.

4. FUTURE MEETINGS

Dates of meetings for the rest of the year confirmed, all 7:30pm at the Buckingham Hotel:

Wednesday 9th April

Monday 12th May

Tuesday 10th June

Wednesday 9th July

Monday 11th August

Tuesday 9th September

Wednesday 8th October

Monday 10th November

Tuesday 9th December

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