

Ideas and Vision Group Notes of the meeting on Monday 14th October 2013

Present: Adrian Brown, Alan Thompson, Chris Hallam, Derek Bodey, Freda Willis, Geoffrey Willis, Ian Howarth, Janet Miller, Janine Morris, Jean Todd, John Phillips, Kathryn Barton, Liz Mackenzie, Philip Barton, Rachel Clarke, Rachel Hoodith, Richard Lower, Richard Silson, Roddie MacLean, Sally Potter, Tina Heathcote

Apologies: Carlton Stewart, Carol Bowns, Caroline Small, Charles Jolly, Emma Downes, Ian Bowns, Jane Barson, Jean Ball, Julian Cohen, Linda Baldry, Margaret Charlton, Mike Bryant, Miranda Midlane, Neil Scowcroft, Nichola Sargeant, Pat Chapman, Sarah Hawtin, Sarah Porru, Sarah Rawlinson, Suzanne Pearson, Tony Kemp, Terry Naylor

Chairman: Roddie MacLean chaired the meeting.

Introductions: The meeting started with a round of introductions.

1 NOTES OF THE MEETING ON 16TH SEPTEMBER

The notes were approved as a true record. There were no matters arising.

2 IDEAS & VISION GROUP

Roddie reported that Mike's condition was improving, but that it would be some time before he would be back with us. The meeting expressed their best wishes. In the meantime, the group does need to find alternative ways to cover Mike's role as convener of the meetings, and of maintaining and updating the Schedule of Ideas. Members were asked to consider whether they might be able to help with this.

3. PROJECTS

3.1 Spring Fair 2014

A draft project proposal had been circulated. Janet advised that the details would be very similar to last year, but that costs have been revised in the light of experience, and increased footfall in the shops added to the success criteria. There were no requests for amendments, the proposal will be presented to the Directors for signing off.

3.2 Christmas Crawl 2013

Rachel H reported that the national scheme had moved towards involving more retailers but not requiring participants to visit all of them, but that because of the split geography in Buxton the team preferred to repeat last year's format. They hope to start recruiting retailers next week, with last year's list being given first refusal. A project proposal is on its way and will be circulated for comment when received.

3.3 British Legion Building (aka Hardwick Hall aka Hydro Hotel)

Roddie reported that Trevor Osborne's offer to purchase the building had now been accepted and that the proposal to register it as a Community Asset was therefore no longer necessary. He explained that this opened up a range of possibilities, for instance community and performance space in the building itself, additional museum space, the opening up of the top floors of this building and those above the museum and Magistrates' Court as HPBC offices, reclaiming of the Town Hall for functions, indoor market space and community use, the relocation of the library into the town centre. All these ideas will of course be the subject of consultation within the Town Team and the wider community.

4. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Ideas & Vision Group meetings will be on Monday November 18th and Monday December 16th at 7:30pm in the Buckingham Hotel.

On the evening of 12th November there will be a special meeting on HPBC Local Plan, to be run by Richard Silson. Start time and venue to be confirmed. Note this replaces the Neighbourhood Planning workshop previously proposed for this date, this will be rescheduled.

5. MARKET REGENERATION

The rest of the meeting was devoted to a workshop on market regeneration led by Tina. Notes of these discussions are appended.