

BuxtonTownTeam

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IDEAS AND VISION GROUP NOTES OF THE MEETING ON MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2013

Present: Alan Thompson, Charles Jolly, Janet Miller, Janine Morris, Jean Todd, Joe Dugdale, John Estruch, Kathryn Barton, Philip Barton, Richard Lower, Roddie MacLean, Sarah Rawlinson, Tina Heathcote

Apologies: Adrian Brown, Derek Bodey, Jean Ball, Liz Mackenzie, Margaret Charlton, Mike Bryant, Miranda Midlane, Rachel Hoodith, Richard Silson, Sally Potter, Suzanne Pearson, Tom Rhodes

Chairman: Roddie MacLean chaired the meeting.

Introductions: The meeting started with a round of introductions.

1 NOTES OF THE MEETING ON 14TH OCTOBER

The notes of the meeting and of the Focus on Markets workshop were approved as a true record. There were no matters arising.

2 IDEAS & VISION GROUP

Tina reported that Mike's condition was still improving, he had been moved to Salford and was undergoing physio and speech therapy, and is issuing instructions on church and other business. In the meantime, the directors are working on ways to cover Mike's role as convener of the meetings, and of maintaining and updating the Schedule of Ideas.

3. PROJECTS

3.1 Academy of Urbanism Great Town Award

The title of Great Town 2014 went to Cork, but the judges did have a lot of good things to say about Buxton, and we have a poem about the town written by Ian MacMillan. There are considerable benefits just from being shortlisted, forging links with the Academy and other shortlisted towns and working closely with HPBC and other groups in Buxton. The lead assessor, Richard Guise, has agreed to come to speak at our General Meeting on 10th December.

3.2 Artisan Market

Alan and Tina had attended a meeting between the Artisan Market Company and Terry Crawford and Tanya Cooper (HPBC Licencing). If the artisan market is to be anywhere other than the Market Place then a charge of £25 per stall has to be made, which makes the venture financially unviable. Any changes to these rules have to go to the Retail Sub Group and then a councillors' meeting, so nothing can happen before May 2014. The option of the Market Place has not been ruled out, but the Artisan Market Company prefer Spring Gardens.

3.2 Christmas Crawl 2013

The project proposal has been circulated, and signed off by the directors. The team have negotiated to be a part of the national scheme, but to apply the same rules as last year (ie visit all of 30 shops) rather than this year's rules (visit 10 out of a larger number). They have recruited 30 participants, with a lot less effort than last year. HPBC have agreed to fund leaflet printing again, and these should be available to start distributing at the Christmas Lights Switch-on event on Friday 22nd November. The team are all retailers, spread through the town, and they intend to use the Christmas Crawl in part to make links and build relationships, with a view to launching the Totally Locally scheme in the spring.

3.4 Spring Fair 2014

The proposal has been signed off by the directors. Janet had had a very helpful meeting with Caitlin, and HPBC are willing to offer the same support as last time, not only this year but for three years. A team of students have been recruited from the University and a first planning meeting will take place soon.

3.5 Illustrated Map

The map is virtually complete, Joe had brought a full sized print to look at. There will be a meeting with the artists soon to finalise the copyright agreement, and Joe hopes to be able to get maps printed and on sale before Christmas. Additional merchandise (jigsaws, tea-towels etc) may follow next year.

3.6 British Legion aka Hydro Building

Roddie reported that there was no new information, other than that Trevor was organising a meeting of all interested parties soon, to discuss the way forward. Roddie was promoting the idea of an open day so we can get a better idea of what is in the building and the potential for new uses.

4. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Ideas & Vision Group meetings will be on:

Monday 16th December

Monday 13th January

Tuesday 11th February

Monday 10th March

all at 7:30pm in the Buckingham Hotel, unless otherwise advised.

The special meeting on Local Plans had to be rescheduled, it will now be on:

Monday 25th November, 7:30pm in the Buckingham Hotel.

There is also the first General Meeting of Buxton Town Team, this will be on:

Tuesday 10th December, 7:30pm in the Palace Hotel.

5. LINKS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Alan, Phil and various other Town Team members had been at the recent Vision Buxton marketing meeting where the new Buxton branding was discussed, and the first draft of a new short film viewed; Janet has asked Liz if we can circulate this to Town Team members for comment. It was agreed that we must continue to collaborate closely with other organisations such as Vision Buxton, to ensure that we are properly supporting each other's projects, while avoiding unnecessary duplication of effort.

6. BEAUTIFYING BUXTON

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

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