

## IDEAS & VISION GROUP NOTES OF THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014

**Present:** Andy Parker, Charles Jolly, Dave Carlisle, Joe Dugdale, Linda Baldry, Mike Badman, Phillip Barton, Roddie MacLean, Richard Lower, Sue Mellor, Tina Heathcote.

**Apologies:** Janet Miller, Janine Morris, John Estruch, John Faulkner, Pat Hobby, Richard Silson, Sarah Rawlinson

**Introductions:** Roddie MacLean chaired the meeting, which started with a round of introductions.

### 1. NOTES OF THE MEETING ON 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014

The notes of the last meeting were approved, with one amendment regarding the reference to notes on the Nestle site. There were no matters arising.

### 2. PROJECT UPDATES

#### 2.1 Britain and Buxton in Bloom competitions.

Noted that there are two competitions, each with winners and prizes. The categories do not quite match.

Britain in Bloom is a national competition with a regional stage, Buxton took part in the East Midlands competition, East Midlands in Bloom, and was awarded a Silver Gilt along with other towns, with a special award for the Serpentine project (in its infancy)

Buxton in Bloom is a purely local competition, with a similar range of categories (best street, best pub, etc) all prizes have been awarded.

It was generally commented that this was a very good effort in both competitions, after a 5 year gap, and that BTT will support doing it again next year.

#### 2.2 Buxton Conference

This is not yet fully programmed, but it is aimed to run in early 2015, late January or early February.

The precise aims of the conference are still to be agreed but it is hoped that it will be forward looking.

#### 2.3 The Serpentine Project

The recent Volunteer day was a great success, 41 volunteers, and a lot of work done. The Borough Council have not yet produced the report and extended licenses that are needed to do any work on the buildings and greenhouse, but these are anticipated soon.

#### 2.4 Greening Buxton

Tina Heathcote, procured on the Slopes suggested by Helen.

#### 2.5 Merchandise

Philip has sourced a supplier for Buxton Tea Towels with the generic Buxton Logo and picture, to be sold at £5.99, and a 1000 piece Jigsaw of the Buxton Illustrated Map, (around £16) both are to be available in time for the Artisan Market in November.

The TIC could sell these but BTT will need to negotiate an arrangement with them. **Action PH**

The Illustrated Map to be marketed to Buxton hoteliers. PH to provide rolled maps with flier insert to JD **Action PH/JD**

There are proposals to produce a shopping bag.

#### 2.6 Market Revitalisation

Project proposal Transform the Market Place, submitted by Mike Badman. See document circulated previously.

The discussion on this proposal was broadly supportive, and it was agreed that people interested in supporting it should contact Mike on [mike.f.badman@gmail.com](mailto:mike.f.badman@gmail.com)

John Estruch is working on a business plan, and re BTT role, Roddie and Linda B are liaising with HPBC who are preparing a tender document to outsource management of the market trading.

#### 2.7 Meeting about the Railway Station

Dave and Sue are officially volunteering in role to enhance the station, they have had a meeting with the network manager and will produce a report shortly for BTT, ideas include the leaflet dispenser and other aesthetic improvements.

#### 2.8 Vox Pops

Tina and Andy showed us an extract of the videos of the vox pop interviews, very entertaining and illuminating. The project is still underway.

### 3. THE CRESCENT UPDATE

There was a general discussion on the reliability of the project partners plans. However Roddie urged those attending to help get the Crescent project going by emailing their support to Richard Tuffrey at HPBC.

### 4. HARDWICK HALL DEVELOPMENT

Roddie declared an interest as his company are contracted to work with Trevor Osborne Associates to develop the building. The options include transfer of the HPBC offices from the Town Hall to the new building, and a range of community uses.

### 5. NESTLE SITE

Many BTT members had attended the consultation, and comments have been circulated by email. Several people commented on the unhelpful attitude of the people presenting the plans at the Old Hall.

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Tina is looking for people to help in a workshop to create snow birds and other seasonal decorations from recycled plastic bottles for the market place. Workshop at 19 Compton Grove on 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

## **7. FUTURE I&V MEETINGS**

The next meeting will be on: **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm in the Buckingham Hotel.**

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