

## IDEAS & VISION GROUP NOTES OF THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2014

**Present:** Adrian Brown, Derek Bodey, Jane McGrother, Janine Morris, Joe Dugdale, John Faulkner, Rachel Hoodith, Richard Silson, Roddie MacLean, Tina Heathcote

**Apologies:** Janet Miller, Jean Ball, John Estruch, Kathryn Barton, Linda Baldry, Mike Badman, Philip Barton, Rachel Hoodith, Richard Lower

**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 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

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

### 2. PROJECTS

#### Ongoing Project Updates

##### 2.1 Buxton in Bloom

Janine reported steady progress. Funding has been secured from Tony Kemp and Linda Baldry. Other local councillors may also have money still. 75% money needed is secured.

Janine tabled the leaflet /entry form . very well done.

##### 2.3 Big Buxton Spring Clean

Tina reported great success that afternoon with about 100 students / children having great fun in the park cleaning railings. Good PR for the Town Team. Plans for the BIG spring clean all in place with equipment, materials and Publicity all arranged. The Chair thanked Tina and team for their efforts.

##### 2.4 Buxton Spring Fair

Over 130 applications with 150 anticipated. Bunting (plastic bottles!) being made on 24<sup>th</sup> April at the Methodist Church . Tina again. Should survive to the Festival.

##### 2.5 Illustrated Map

Joe reported maps were in print and will be on sale for the Spring Fair. Packaging / pricing discussed and agreed.

##### 2.6 Artisan Market

Good progress, dates / sites to be finalized, traders yet to be convinced but the organizers are aware and are working hard on it.

#### Completed Project Reports

##### 2.7 Academy of Urbanism Great Town Award

Great success, all objectives met (bar one obviously) maximum publicity value being extracted anyway. Worth all the hard work for the effect on Town Team credibility alone. Discussion of the use of the Poem at the Fair led to a suggestion that we keep a list of Town Team assets - Janet (in her absence) to draw up.

##### 2.8 Green Man Gallery

Positive report, Vardells are continuing to be generous and flexible landlords. Hoped that festival season will increase income levels.

#### New Projects

##### 2.9 Street Art Phase 1

Street Art project proposed, to paint the hoardings at the rear of the crescent. Students would be involved, paint hopefully for free from local suppliers. Very much in the spirit of the big clean up. Welcomed by I&V and recommended to the Directors for approval.

#### General on Projects

Derek B suggested that Learning Points be recorded from projects for future reference - agreed.

### 3. PROJECTS LIST

John E has converted the paper list into a spread sheet with additional categories enabling analysis and sorting by a number of perspectives. John was unable to attend so a paper version was presented by Richard S. The purpose of the exercise is:

- ~ to facilitate update and monitoring of projects
- ~ to focus attention on those regarded as of the highest importance
- ~ to flag up other bodies responsible for the areas of concern addressed in the project as potential partners / lead operators in it
- ~ to identify projects that had been considered but rejected - with reasons attached
- ~ to help focus the reporting / updating of projects to I&V to essential issues.

#### **4. FORMAT OF I&V MEETINGS**

The remainder of the meeting was a discussion led by the Chair re the role and format and make up of future I&V meetings.

Two areas were discussed:

- “ Degree of satisfaction with attendance . levels and diversity ?
- “ Degree of satisfaction with how ideas are translated into projects plus suggested actions for either of these if the group felt dissatisfied.

1. Attendance was rated at an average of 6/10 with broad agreement around that figure. A figure of 12 is regarded as enough to stimulate good debate. The 12 are seldom the same people, which was welcomed. To encourage attendance it was agreed that all members of Buxton Town Team be informed (with no papers) of the topics for discussion at the next meeting. This to be by email or via the Newsletter. Communications Group to be approached to action.

2. Ideas into action was rated at 7/10 overall, but with a wider spread of views. The high score reflected a number of current high profile activities which are attracting recognition / praise. Low scores reflected the fact that some projects had been on the stocks for a while with no progress. It was agreed that members of the I&V (Janet's email list) should suggest specific members of the wider Town Team not currently attending meetings be approached to engage in appropriate projects to which they could contribute.

The Chair concluded the meeting by thanking all those who were contributing to Town Team project delivery. It was a very impressive performance and widely acknowledged as such.

#### **5. FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

- Monday 12th May
- Tuesday 10th June
- Wednesday 9th July
- Monday 11th August
- Tuesday 9th September
- Wednesday 8th October
- Monday 10th November
- Tuesday 9th December

Richard Silson 01/05/14