

NOTES OF THE IDEAS MEETING ON THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2015

Present: Andrea Lewis, Charles Jolly, Dave Carlisle, Derek Bodey, Elaine Hill, Frances Allen, Helen Haywood, Janet Miller, Jean Ball, Jean Todd, Jim Lowe, John Atkin, John Estruch, John Robertson, Lois McGill, Marc Haywood, Matthew Nuttall, Roddie MacLean, Sandra Worsley, Tina Heathcote, Trevor Gilman, Viv Marriott, Zena Bishop

Apologies: Alan Thompson, Ali Quas-Cohen, Claire Millard, Graham Starkey, John Jansen, Jim Marriott, Lesley Caddy, Mike Monaghan, Richard Lower, Richard Silson, Simon Fussell, Steve Caddy,

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

1. ADMINISTRATIVE THINGS

1.1 Notes of the Last Meeting

The notes of the meeting on 11th November were passed as true record.

1.2 Dates for 2016

Dates for the first six months of 2016 were suggested as follows:

Tuesday 19th January, Tuesday 9th February, Thursday 10th March, Wednesday 13th April,
Tuesday 10th May, Thursday 9th June.

No-one identified any major clashes so Dick will check these with the venue, dates to be confirmed in due course.

1.3 What's in a Name?

It was agreed that the name of the meeting will be changed to the Ideas & Action Meeting.

2. PROJECTS

2.1 Buxton Spring Fair 2016

A project proposal had been circulated. Janet explained that the format of the fair would be essentially the same as in previous years, but that we were looking to start the process of devolving organising the fair to other groups, so as to free up Town Team members to work on other things. In 2016 the performance element of the fair will be part of a University curriculum module, hopefully the students will therefore take full responsibility for it, with Town Team people just acting as mentors. It was suggested that we could advertise for volunteers via the Job Centre.

The meeting supported the proposal and recommended it should go to the directors for approval.

2.2 Buxton Markets

John advised that as we had not yet found a person to take on the Markets Manager job the application is still open, members are encouraged to pass the word around their contacts. Otherwise matters are progressing, details of how to become a member and invest in the company via a loan will be available very soon.

2.3 Ashwood Park

Tina reported that there had been another big clearing session and it was now possible to see from Fairfield Rd all the way to the tennis courts, thanks to all who helped achieve this. We also have permissions to paint the benches.

2.4 GeoTask App

As reported in the Advertiser, people sign up to have their location logged via a mobile phone app, which provides potentially useful information about shopping habits, footfall and the effect of changes in the town. It is a Vision Buxton project, but they will be asking for Town Team support in recruiting participants.

3 TOWN DEVELOPMENTS

3.1 Local Plan

The Planning Inspector has put forward some amendments which are out to consultation, from now until late January. Dick will check through and advise if there is anything in there that we need to worry about.

3.2 Buxton Station

The fan light illuminations are working, they were officially switched on last night. It was noted that the franchise has been awarded to Arriva who will take over in April, and that there will be improvements to the service as a result.

3.3 The Crescent

The Crescent Glow 'son et lumière' project is running and will do so till the year end. Work has started on the Pump House, this is a separate contract, due to finish in May. Negotiations on finalizing the main contract are ongoing. It was noted that 2016 is the 25th anniversary of the Crescent being closed.

4. A LOOK BACK AT 2015

We looked back to the resolutions we made in the January meeting, then the many projects that we have worked on in the year. Thanks to Dick for the slides which are appended. Thanks also to Charles who measured the level of enthusiasm for each of the projects using his patent Scrutiny Group Clapometer.

5. THE BUXTON QUIZ

Thanks to Ali for an absolutely brilliant Buxton based quiz, and to Sandra for presenting it.

7. FUTURE I&V MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on:

Tuesday 19th January 7:30pm in The Railway Hotel.