

**NOTES OF THE IDEAS & ACTIONS MEETING.**

**9 FEBRUARY 2016. 7.30 PM.**

Venue: upstairs at the Old Clubhouse.

**PRESENT** Dick Silson, Claire Millard, Helen Davison, Viv Marriott, John Estruch, John Moss, Richard Lower, Kathryn Barton, Philip Barton, Charles Denton, Elaine Hill, John Robertson, Jo Holdway, Iain Hawthorn, David Carlisle, Trevor Gilman, Helen Haywood, Marc Haywood, John Atkin, Jean Todd.

**APOLOGIES** Janet Miller, Roddie MacLean, John Jansen, Sue Mellor, Mike Monaghan, Simon Fussell.

Dick Silson chaired the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves and was welcomed.

**NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 19 JANUARY 2016** were approved as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING** None.

**CLOSING REPORTS**

1. Illustrated maps. Copyright issues have been sorted satisfactorily.
2. Buxton in Bloom 2015.

Reports for both have been circulated and no questions were asked.

**NEW PROJECTS**

No new proposals have been submitted.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

1. **Open Gardens.** Jo Holdway reported that out of 20 or so approaches 12 people had expressed interest in opening their gardens. Burbage Gardening Association is actively involved. Looking for avenues of publicity.
2. **Spring Fair.** Kathryn Barton reported that the posters and flyers are now available for distribution and requested help to do this. Group is still looking for car parking spaces for traders (some suggestions will be followed up) and volunteers for marshalling etc on the day.
3. **Buxton Markets CIC.** John Estruch reported the appointment of Lindsay Fieldhouse (p/t manager) and job offer to Peter Lomas (p/t assistant manager). The market will have a low key start on the Tuesday before May Day in readiness for a full launch on Saturday 30th April. It is expected that start-up costs will be met by grants, membership fees and a members' loan scheme which has tax incentives and entry into a quarterly prize draw. Elaine Hill raised the issue of access and kerbs in the market area.
4. **Buxton in Bloom 2016.** "Painting the town red". Local competition. Buxton will be entered into East Midlands in Bloom competition. Ideas to decorate the town include repainting bikes and adding panniers of flowers; flowerpot people; adopt-a-plot; planters in Waitrose car park. Each idea needs a champion. Any offers?

**ACCESSIBLE TOWN**

Elaine Hill gave a presentation with photos which highlighted the bad condition of the disabled toilets in town. They do not meet modern standards of design or size so do not meet the needs of anyone needing assistance; anyone with sight impairment, nor anyone who needs to lay down to be assisted with continence aids. Buxton needs a "Changing Places" toilet within easy reach of all of the town. The nearest ones to Buxton currently are Matlock, Leek and Ashbourne. The Access Group is asking the Town Team for support to find a way to provide a "Changing Places" toilet for Buxton. The old site in Water Street was discussed as possibly being suitable. Elaine was invited to put together a project proposal.

## **NEW IDEAS**

**Buxton in Bloomin' Winter:** Tina Heathcote reminded everyone of the poor Christmas lights in most of the town in 2015. Lights are expensive but there are many more ways of decorating the town.

Suggestion of greenery and red bows tied to railings. Making decorations to hang on trees. Have a parade through town. Have a Winter in Bloom competition.

**Spring Clean:** Tina H asked if the is needed this year? Views were divided.

## **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR:**

Ashwood Park: gardening and painting the benches red.

Serpentine garden project

Fairfield Road park

Distributing posters and leaflets

Sourcing computer equipment for the markets CIC

## **PAVILLION GARDENS WATER FEATURE.**

This has been a longstanding wish of the Friends of Pavilion Gardens. Ideas are being sought from town groups. There will be a presentation at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 15th March in the Shrewsbury Room at the Old Hall Hotel. Representatives of town groups are welcome to attend.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

7.30 pm, Thursday 10 March 2016 at the Old Club House

The meeting closed at 9.30pm