Buxton Town Team

Ideas and Vision Group
NOTES of the workshop considering <u>Revitalising the Market</u> on 9th August 2012

<u>Aims</u>:
To revitalise the market
To develop street stalls that will help to revitalise the town centre in both the short and long term

<u>Discussion Points</u>:
The location of the market was discussed. There are some rumours that the market will be relocated to Spring Gardens – this has been discussed between council officers and the traders but there is no firm decision. It was felt by the group that if possible the market should continue to be based on the market place, with a possible relocation to the cattle market for the worst of the winter months.

It was also felt that some stalls in Spring Gardens would help to revitalise the town centre shops. Possibly the market place should retain more of a traditional market flavour and the Spring Gardens branch of the market could be more of a Flea Market.

Ways to revitalise the market were discussed, Paul Armstrong suggested that there be a 're-launch' of Buxton market, together with a rethink about the location and arrangement of pitches. There was some discussion about franchising the market operations; this can be discussed at a later date if the council cannot provide adequate resources. If the council is in charge of the 're-launch' and the operation of the market, it may be possible to use the database of Pavilion Gardens market traders.

Problems may be encountered because of the reduction in council staff and resources.

<u>Actions</u>:
Rachael Quinn will contact Caitlin Bisknell (Leader of the Council) to discuss the proposals. Caitlin will discuss possible actions with David Morrell (markets co-ordinator). Hopefully a 're-launch' and revitalisation of Buxton's markets will be achieved in the short term and in the longer term the market will flourish.

<u>Outcome</u>:
Rachael met with Caitlin on 14th August. She is very agreeable to a 're-launch' of the market and the aims above and will contact David Morrell and other officers to see what is achievable.