

# Buxton Town Team

## Minutes

### Ideas Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017, at Devonshire Dome

**PRESENT:** Dick Silson, Janet Miller, Matthew Nuttall, Tina Heathcote, Philip Barton, Steve Caddy, Mike Badman, Jim Lowe, John Bishop, Susan Read, Vernon McGarey, Richard Lower, John Robertson.

**APOLOGIES:** Suzanne Pearson, Roddie Maclean, Steve Bradshaw, Claire Millard, Viv Marriot, Elaine Hill, Lesley Caddy, Kathryn Barton, Andy Parker

#### 1. Minutes of Last Meeting:

It was agreed that the notes from the previous meeting were a correct record.

#### 2. Projects Updates:

Crescent Planters (Complete): Closing Report is available on the website.  
[Link to Closing Report](#)

Slopes Care Team: This project will be closed and moved into an ongoing activity. Action: Jim Lowe will complete a closing report.

Neighbourhood Plan: This project was discussed at the last Ideas Meeting and at the last Directors' Meeting; following some amendments it should be approved by the Directors shortly. Dick Silson will be Project Leader. Joe Dugdale will provide expert support. They hope to convene a public consultation meeting before Christmas. Once approved the Project Proposal will be posted on the website.

Making Spaces into Places: A project idea was presented by John Bishop to work with primary school children to get their thoughts, concerns and ideas about the future of Buxton. Getting the children involved in creating a guidebook to Buxton. The project idea met with general approval. John Bishop requested that the next step was for him to make a more detailed presentation at a future meeting to get more clarity into the project. Action: Dick Silson to plan a meeting for John to present in early 2018.

#### 3. Project Leadership:

Janet Miller and Tina Heathcote presented a spoof Project Proposal to get the meeting thinking about the importance of good management of projects. This was followed up by presenting a new Guidance for Project Leaders ([link to document](#)).

## 4. It's Your Town – Potential Projects

The meeting reviewed the comments and ideas created at our meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – when groups surveyed areas of the town centre to identify opportunities for improvement. The meeting tried to identify potential new projects that the Town Team could undertake.

- 4.1 Changes to the roads and crossings are a DCC Highways responsibility. Buxton Town Team are already working with DCC Highways following the Buxton on the Move conference, any improvements can be shared through that work.
- 4.2 Disabled toilet & viewing platform on Water Street is a good idea, but requires large investment. This is not a job for the Town Team.
- 4.3 Potential Projects:
- 4.4 Improving Station Approach – **Action: John Bishop will talk to Conway's DIY about their interest in improving the area and the potential for a mural on the side of their building.** Based on this feedback we can decide whether a project is possible.
- 4.5 Skeleton Fan Window on the second station wall – Action: Philip will investigate what could be possible.
- 4.6 Spring Gardens Shop Fronts – Signage on the front of shops makes the road look messy and detracts from the building architecture. Grants may be available to improve signage in the conservation area. Perhaps a project for 2018 is to contact CEOs of shop chains on Spring Gardens with a proposal for improvement.
- 4.7 Painting the Stone Cubes in Spring Gardens – Painting on the cubes was thought to not be in keeping with how we want the street to look.
- 4.8 Move Plaque for Children's Well – In its current location the plaque cannot be read. It would be good to move it to a more obvious position.[ liaise with Buxton Group ]
- 4.9 Springs Car Park Concrete Wall – Planting of climbing plants (e.g. virginia creeper) to grow over the unsightly walls would make the area a little better.

## 5. Any Other Business

- 5.1 John Bishop is looking for any photographs of Turners Memorial at the time of the death of Princess Diana. He would like to have photos to show how the laying of tributes grew during the days following her death.
- 5.2 Buxton tea towels are available from Philip Barton – they make great Christmas presents.
- 5.3 There will be a session planting native woodland bulbs in Ashwood Park 10:00-15:00 on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October. All help welcome. Meet at Morrisons end of Ashwood Park.

Future Meeting Dates: 15<sup>th</sup> November, 11<sup>th</sup> December