

NOTES OF THE IDEAS MEETING ON THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2016

Present: Charles Denton, Dave Carlisle, Iain Hawthorn, Janet Miller, Jean Todd, John Estruch, John Robertson, Kathryn Barton, Mike Badman, Philip Barton, Richard Lower, Roddie MacLean, Steve Bradshaw, Tina Heathcote, Veronica Hawthorn

Apologies: Carole Rogers, Charles Jolly, Claire Millard, Elaine Hill, Helen Haywood, Jo Holdway, Marc Haywood, Mike Monaghan, Richard Silson, Rosemary Wood, Sue Mellor

Introductions: John Estruch chaired the meeting, which started with a round of introductions.

1. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The notes of the meeting on 10th November were passed as true record.

2. PROJECTS - UPDATES & PROPOSALS

2.1 Buxton Spring Fair 2017

A project proposal had been circulated. Richard Lower has offered to lead the project, but only if other people can be found who will commit to take on other aspects of the project. Some offers of help have already been made but there are two main areas needing someone to take them on: administration of stallholder recruitment; organising and leading the logistics on the day. It is possible the first could be done on our behalf by the Buxton Markets Company, but they would have to cover the costs of employing someone to do this. This would probably be on the basis of a per stall commission, but be equivalent to £1,000 to £1,500, to be negotiated. All four Spring Fairs have made a surplus, so it could be possible to do this and still break even, if we cut back on other costs eg publicity.

After some discussion it was agreed that:

- we do want the Spring Fair to go ahead in 2017
- ideally the work would be done on an entirely voluntary basis
- but if the only way for the Fair to go ahead is by using Buxton Markets, there were no strong objections to this

Agreed that if the team members can be found, the proposal should go to the directors for approval.

2.2 Buxton in Bloomin' Winter

A lot of decorations have been put up, all over town, by a large number of organisations, and they are still being added to. The parade on Saturday was brilliant.

3. A LOOK BACK AT 2016

3.1 That was 2016!

A look back at what was new in 2016 - Dick's Derivations! - then at all the projects that were active during the year, with their popularity measured by the Scrutineer's Clapometer, wielded in Charles's absence by John Estruch. The presentation slides are included in the Appendix.

3.2 Project Pictionary

Buxton Town Team's latest addition to the games cupboard. Some of the projects listed were very obscure!

4. ANY IDEAS?

4.1 Hoardings Promotion

Suggestion that we could take up some space on the Crescent hoardings to advertise Town Team activities. Generally agreed this would be a good idea, if someone wanted to take it on.

4.2 DCC Budget Consultation

Noted that DCC are consulting on how to spend their budget, the link is <https://youchoose.esd.org.uk/Derbyshire>

5. FUTURE I&V MEETINGS

Meetings for the first part of 2017 agreed as:

Wednesday 18th January 7:30pm - The University Dome, Room N^o tbc - Provisional Topic 'Townkeeping'

Wednesday 15th February 7:30pm - Venue tbc - Provisional Topic 'Disability Access'

Tuesday 14th March - Venue and topic tbc

Tuesday 11th April - Buxton Town Team General Meeting, venue tbc