



NOTES OF THE IDEAS & ACTION MEETING ON TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2017

Present: Alan Thompson, Brian Kirman, Clare McGarey, David Carlisle, Elaine Hill, Helen Davison, Jean Todd, Jenny Nicholson, John Bishop, John Estruch, John Robertson, Lena Kirman, Liz Mackenzie, Matthew Nuttall, Phil Heathcote, Roddie MacLean, Susan Read, Susan Wolton, Tina Heathcote, Vernon McGarey

Apologies: Helen Haywood, Janet Miller, Kathryn Barton, Marc Haywood, Philip Barton, Richard Silson Sue Mellor, Suzanne Pearson

1 NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Roddie apologised that, in stepping in to chair the meeting at short notice, he had not brought the notes of the previous meeting and these would need to be agreed next time.

2 CRESCENT UPDATE

Liz Mackenzie gave a presentation about the project, its progress, the Friends organisation which had now been launched and their forthcoming programme of activities. The presentation is attached in pdf format, together with (as a separate page) the proposed programme of events.

Points of particular interest (to the note-taker at least!) were:

Liz thanked the BTT volunteers who work on The Slopes for the positive contribution this makes to the environment of The Crescent.

There had been 170 people working on the site that day.

The new hotel manager had been appointed and was coming from a role in Bath where he had been instrumental in opening their new Spa hotel.

The aspiration for the Pump Room is that it should be a hub for visitors to Buxton but also the wider Peak District.

Fundraising would be a major preoccupation of the new Crescent Trust if its full potential was to be achieved.

There is a historical link with the Wedgwood dynasty which will it is hoped will be exploited and interpreted.

The Trust already has 40 volunteers who have been involved in opening the Pump Room.

Liz thanked the BTT Talking Signposts for their assistance in signposting the Pump Room when it had been open.

We were all encouraged to take advantage of the various events planned in the Pump Room – see programme.

Liz's presentation was well received and she answered questions from the floor on various aspects of the project. Roddie thanked Liz for her talk and hoped she would return to update the meeting in around six months time, which she said she was happy to do.

Roddie also drew the meeting's attention to a series of events being arranged as part of Vinci's (the main contractor on the Crescent) 'construction skills' agenda. The first of these is a half-day session for building contractors and tradesmen (Sept 19) and there will be subsequent sessions for students on construction courses (18 October) and one for the owners of older houses in the Spring of 2018. A flier is also attached to these notes.

3 TOWN TEAM PROJECTS

Verbal updates on a number of current BTT projects were given.

Of particular note was the Buxton in Bloom Awards presentation which would take place on Sunday 3 September in the Pump Room.

There was also an open invitation to members to attend a presentation of the first draft of a holistic 'Travel Plan' for Buxton which was being drafted by Jim and Richard of DCC and would be delivered at 3pm on Tuesday 12 September at The Dome.

4 TOWN DEVELOPMENTS

It was noted that the frontage of the Grove Hotel was now being reconstructed. Also that The Railway was undergoing a major refurbishment which would increase the bar (and food) area but lead to the loss of the function room at the rear.

5 FUTURE I&A MEETINGS

Monday 11 Sept, Tuesday 10 Oct, Wednesday 15 Nov & Monday 11 Dec