

BUXTON TOWN TEAM

NOTES ON THE DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2016

Present: Claire Millard, Derek Bodey, Janet Miller, Philip Barton, Roddie MacLean, Simon Fussell, Suzanne Pearson, Tina Heathcote

Apologies: John Estruch, Richard Silson

1. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The notes of the meeting of 23rd November were approved and can be posted on the website.

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2. BOARD, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The Search Committee have been meeting and discussing. They suggested a number of people and it was agreed they should be approached. Noted also that the group have a list of people who we would want to encourage to become more involved in town team activities, who might be considered in the future.

It was confirmed that termination of Sarah Rawlinson's appointment has been registered with Companies House.

3. IDEAS & ACTION MEETING

Notes of the December meeting have been circulated. The space in the Cheshire Cheese worked well.

4. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

The group met the previous day, the notes will be circulated in due course. Website hosting was reviewed, the recommendation is we continue with Vidahost. Press coverage has been good, and Dick featured on Radio Derby again, this time mentioning the Litter Picking Group. Noted that Radio Derby have picked up that the Sainsburys Christmas ad appears to be based on a town very like Buxton, and the group is working with Matt Barlow to take advantage of this. Other planned publicity, in early January, includes Buxton in Bloomin' Winter (the Great Undressing) and the 2017 Spring Fair.

5. SCRUTINY GROUP

The group had not met since the last meeting. Noted that the (very few) negative comments about Buxton in Bloomin' Winter had been dealt with appropriately.

6. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCES

6.1 Current Position

The number of members has increased to 236. Facebook page Likes have increased to 1,198.

Philip had circulated a financial report, showing current assets at £10,870, including the £3,000 Buxton Markets loan. The TIC have just ordered another batch of tea-towels.

7. TOWN MATTERS

7.1 Pavilion Gardens

The whole of the building (including toilets) will be closed from 24th December through to 1st February, the coffee bar will stay closed until April. Surprise was expressed that these plans were not mentioned at the meeting with Dai Lerner, it was agreed it should be raised with Dai at the February meeting. It was suggested that Vision Buxton might consider writing to express disappointment at the decision, and the effect it will have on the town.

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7.2 Crescent Development

The Heritage Trust now has a chair, they are interviewing for a director next week, the rest of the board will follow.

8. PROJECT UPDATES & PROPOSALS

8.1 Project Monitoring

The revised project proposal form was approved with minor amendments, Janet will update the website and circulate the new form to all those intending submitting project proposals in the near future.

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8.2 Buxton in Bloomin' Winter

Around 40 organisations adopted and decorated spots around the town, and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The Christmas Carnival Parade attracted around 450 people and was very successful, though the Pavilion Gardens failed to arrange for food and drink stalls as anticipated. Agreed the route will be reviewed for next year.

8.3 Ashwood Park

Trees (rowan, birch, cherry) have been ordered from the Woodland Trust for the slope below the railway. The yews will be removed as soon as Tom is available to do the work. It is getting to the point where the work we can do at low cost using volunteers is coming to an end. It has been suggested that longer term, HPBC might lease the park to a suitably experienced community group to manage. Claire will send the relevant information to Simon for consideration by the Buxton Civic Association.

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8.4 Slopes Care Team

The team will assess later this week what work remains so far as edging and weeding is concerned, in addition they have been given a lot more daffodil bulbs for planting. It is hoped that cleaning and varnishing the benches can be tackled next, they will discuss with HPBC.

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8.5 Buxton Spring Fair 2017

A draft project proposal had been circulated, and was approved in principle. Richard Lower is willing to lead the project so long as sufficient commitment is made by others. Janet will liaise with him re the details.

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8.6 Future Projects

Plans for projects in 2017 may include:

- Peak District Boundary Walk Launch - provisionally 24th June - to go to January Ideas & Action Meeting
- Railings Clean - provisionally on 25th April, project proposal needed for January I&A Meeting
- Spring Clean - not including litter picking, possibly just a sign cleaning - to January I&A seeking a leader
- Open Gardens 2017 - Roddie to liaise with and oversee Jo as project leader - for January I&A Meeting
- RHS Fringe - any activities beyond the Open Gardens will be the subject of a separate project proposal
- Buxton in Bloom - local competitions only - a volunteer is needed to lead the project
- East Midlands in Bloom - to be a separate project if it is to go ahead, to discuss at the next I&A Meeting

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8.6 Project Closing Reports

A reminder regarding a number of outstanding Closing Reports, to be prepared for the January I&A Meeting:

- Merchandise
- Open Gardens 2016
- Buxton On The Move Conference
- Buxton Railings Clean
- Talking Signposts
- Tour of Britain 2015

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9. UPCOMING TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

9.1 Ideas & Action Meeting

- Wednesday 18th January - Townskeeping - Roddie is co-ordinating this, and inviting other relevant organisations.
- Wednesday 15th February - Disability Issues - Dick is co-ordinating, Janet to send him relevant contact details.
- Tuesday 14th March - suggested we invite the Buxton Crescent Heritage Trust to come and talk to us.

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10. MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Outstanding action on Roddie, John and Simon to send notes of the meeting with Dai Lerner.

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11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Policy on Vulnerable Adults

There is an outstanding action on Janet to work with Kathryn to develop a version for approval.

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11.2 DIRECTORS AWAY DAY

Notes of the Away Day had been circulated, any comments to go to Janet. The Communications Group will discuss their actions at the January meeting. Other documents to be ready to present to the general meeting in April.

11.3 2016 GENERAL MEETING

The notes had been circulated, any comments to go to Janet.

11.4 DCC CONSULTATION ON EXPENDITURE

A consultation on expenditure priorities is open until 4th January, Janet will send round the link.

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11.5 Friends of Buxton Station

Noted that the mural has been completed and the sculpture will be installed soon. Requested that FoBS pursue the issue of trees on the viaduct, which Network Rail are not inclined to prioritise; Derek will follow this up.

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12. DATES OF NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The dates of future Directors' meetings were agreed as:

Tuesday 24th January

Wednesday 22nd February

Tuesday 21st March

Tuesday 25th April

All meetings are at 7:30pm in the Old Hall Hotel.

The date of the next General Meeting will be Tuesday 11th April, venue to be confirmed.