

BUXTON TOWN TEAM

NOTES ON THE DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2017

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

Apologies: Claire Millard, Richard Silson

1. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The notes of the meeting of 24th January were approved and can be posted on the website.

JM

2. BOARD, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The work of the Search Committee continues, they will meet again soon.

RM

The CIC34 for 2016 had been circulated, and was approved subject to correction of a few typos. Janet to give a signed copy to Philip to send to Companies House with the accounts when ready.

JM

PB

3. IDEAS & ACTION MEETING

Notes of the 15th February meeting had been circulated. Presentations were made on visual impairment and dementia, and a good discussion held, noting that different problems could sometimes be solved in the same way. It was suggested that a review of Spring Gardens might be a good place to start, Vision Buxton may include it in their BID plans, Suzanne will check how the improvements in Leek were funded.

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4. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Notes for the 9th January and the 20th February meeting had been circulated. A first draft of a new joining and publicity leaflet was discussed, and approved in principle, the Group will produce a final design shortly. A procedure for approving publicity materials from the project groups is also under discussion.

5. SCRUTINY GROUP

The group are not overly concerned that attendance at directors meeting fell slightly short of the 80% target in 2016. It was suggested that all policies and terms of reference should be reviewed at appropriate intervals, and the Scrutiny Group were asked to set the frequency and include the dates in their timetable. Derek will discuss with the group.

DB

6. ACCESS, PARKING, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT GROUP

The proposed Terms of Reference had been circulated. It was agreed that the clause covering membership should be amended, subject to that the document was approved and can be published as appropriate.

JM

7. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCES

7.1 Current Position

The number of members has increased to 240. Facebook page Likes are 1,301, Twitter followers are at 431 (townteam) and 478 (springfair); the students have started posting on the latter.

A revised version of the 2016 accounts has been sent to Laytons for examination as agreed.

Philip has simplified the monthly finance report, to include current available cash (£7,633.35 not including the £3,000 owed by Buxton Markets) and recent transactions. It was agreed that finances for individual projects should be recorded on the project status report, John and Philip will liaise on this.

PB/JE

8. PROJECT UPDATES & PROPOSALS

8.1 Project Status Report

An updated report had been circulated, noted that there are still a number of closing reports outstanding:

Buxton Open Gardens 2016

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Access Parking Traffic & Transport Conference

RM/TH

Buxton Railings Clean 2016

JM/TH

The Big Buxton Spring Clean (and Railings Clean) 2015

JM/TH

Talking Signposts 2016

JE/JJ

The amended closing report for Buxton in Bloom in Winter was accepted and can go on the website.

JM

8.2 Boundary Walk Launch Event

HPBC have agreed that they will collaborate with 17th June as a Civic Event and invite civic dignitaries from all the authorities the walk passes through. Buxton Civic Association have also expressed a wish to be involved as their Civic Day. An agreement has been reached with Buxton Markets re recruitment, provision of stalls and so on. Save the Date invitations will be going out to businesses and local organisations very soon. Suzanne and Simon volunteered to join the project team, Tina will arrange the next meeting shortly.

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8.3 Ashwood Park Regeneration

A closing report had been circulated, it was agreed that the reason for the overspend and the learning points from it should be added, Janet will amend and circulate for comment.

JM

Although most of the initial work is completed it was noted that work on clearing saplings continues, the yew trees still need pruning to regrow as a hedge, the Community Payback Team are due to return to paint the railings in March. There has been discussion about BCA taking on the overall management of the park, they are willing to work with others but cannot take it on wholesale; Simon is writing a report on possible options.

SF

Meanwhile it was agreed that a new project should be authorised, to include the rest of the low cost work, but also

development of a proposal for care in the long term. The issue of the link with Waterside Care and regular water sampling also need to be considered. Roddie will discuss this with Richard Lower.

RM

8.3 Buxton in Bloom 2017

Viv Marriott has volunteered to lead the project, incorporating the idea of running craft workshops, and a draft project proposal had been circulated. The project was approved in principle; it was agreed that Janet will make the required amendments to the proposal and circulate a revised version, Roddie can then formally approve the project.

JM
RM

9. UPCOMING TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

9.1 Ideas & Action Meeting

Tuesday 14th March - Liz is unavailable to talk about the Buxton Crescent Heritage Trust, it was agreed Simon will ask Cary Hadfield from Vinci instead. If he is also not available it was agreed we should discuss long term management of the town's parks, and perhaps ask HPBC to send a representative.

SF

9.2 General Meeting 11th April

It was agreed to hold this at the Palace, with a similar format to last year, Roddie will make necessary arrangements. Formal notifications and resolutions will need to go out by 26th March at the latest.

RM
JM

10. MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

HPBC 6th February: Simon had circulated a draft note on the discussions and will circulate the final version soon.

SF

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 PARKING ORDER CONSULTATION

Our response was sent in, no acknowledgement has been received but we are advised by councillors that there are no plans to implement the proposals in the near future and without full consultation.

12. DATES OF NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The dates of future Directors' meetings were confirmed as:

Tuesday 21st March at 7:30pm

Tuesday 25th April at 7:30pm both in the Old Hall Hotel.

Dates for later in the year were proposed:

Tuesday 23rd May at 7:30pm

Wednesday 28th June at 7:30pm

Tuesday 18th July at 7:30pm

Tuesday 29th August at 7:30pm

Janet will ask the Old Hall if they can accommodate us.

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JCMM

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