

BUXTON TOWN TEAM

NOTES ON THE DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th JUNE 2016

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

Apologies: Charles Jolly, Richard Silson, Sarah Rawlinson

1. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The notes of the meeting on 12th May were agreed to be an accurate record and can be posted on the website. **JM**

2. BOARD, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

There was nothing to report.

3. IDEAS & ACTION MEETING

The last meeting was at the University Dome, the venue is good except for the acoustics, Suzanne will follow up option of the Green Man Gallery. Kathryn is writing the minutes which will be circulated soon. **SP**

4. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Press coverage and social media continues to be good.

There is an outstanding action on Janet to amend the Project Proposal form to include a box on Publicity Plans. **JM**

5. SCRUTINY GROUP

Joe Dugdale has joined the team and will attend Comms Group meetings.

6. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCES

6.1 Current Position

The number of members is still 230, the Facebook page Likes have increased to 1,085.

Philip had circulated a financial report, showing current assets at £12,890, including the £3,000 loaned to Buxton Markets CIC and £598.50 due from the TIC for the Open Gardens maps. The main transactions have been further Spring Fair costs and printing for the Open Gardens.

An unexpected cost had been an invoice for significant additional work associated with switching the website to a new host; Philip will discuss with Andy re whether this is justified.

£1,000 has been received from the Bingham Trust for work in Ashwood Park. We have also received our first dividend from the Manchester Credit Union. It was noted that the Open Gardens project will generate a significant surplus, which could be higher in future years.

7. TOWN MATTERS

7.1 The Crescent

Completion of Vinci's work is scheduled for February 2018. The Pump Room will be opening at the end of July.

7.2 Buckingham Hotel

A planning application has been submitted, to demolish the building and rebuild in its place.

7.3 Station Road

Nestle have declined to make the area available for Crescent contractor car parking. They have also declined to allow the East Midlands in Bloom judges to visit their wildlife area at Waterswallows.

8. PROJECT UPDATES & PROPOSALS

8.1 Project Monitoring

No status report was available this month. **JE**

8.2 Talking Signposts 2016

A project proposal had been circulated, this was approved with allowable expenditure of up to £50.

It was noted that the map will be facing into the hoardings once these go up, Roddie will ask Richard Tuffrey if this can be repositioned. **RM**

8.3 Open Gardens Trail

This had gone very well, congratulations to all concerned; Roddie will write to thank Jo and Dave. **RM**

It was agreed we need a debrief soon, to ensure the many learning points are not lost. John will contact Jo re writing a closing report and suggest an early debrief and an invitation to all involved for their comments. **JE**

Roddie will contact RHS to ask how promotion for the Chatsworth Fringe in 2017 will work. **RM**

8.4 Crescent Planters

It was agreed that we should spend up to £250 of the surplus from the Open Gardens on planters around the Crescent area. Buxton Civic Association have agreed to also put £250 towards this. The proposal was approved in principle; Claire will write up a project proposal, and circulate it for comment, final approval was delegated to Claire, Tina, Simon and John. **CM**

8.5 Buxton Market Revitalisation

DCC have approved a grant of £11,400, the terms of the award are being finalised. Once this money is received the short-term directors' loans can be repaid, then in due course the BTT loan. The market is now up and running, feedback from traders is positive if restrained, and word is spreading. The first members' draw will take place on

25th June, the special themed markets will start in July. We have agreed somewhere to store the trailers, and are in the process of purchasing a towing vehicle. As all the project objectives have now been met, John will write and circulate a project closing report. **JE**

8.6 Orientation Table

The proposal is for a bronze table with benches, marked up with directions and distances to local landmarks and other towns and national parks. The approximate cost could be around £20,000, Marstons are being approached for funding, but there are other options. While the idea is linked to the Friends of the Peak District boundary walk, as a marker for the start point of the walk, it could equally be a standalone project. The consensus was that it should be a Buxton Town Team led project (rather than an In Support project), with the proviso that the boundaries must be clearly defined (no 'mission creep') and financial arrangements must be designed to minimise the risk to Town Team funds. Tina will research how similar monuments have been funded and draw up a project proposal. **TH**

8.7 Talking Signposts 2015

A project closing report had been circulated, this was accepted subject to some minor amendments. **TH**

8.8 2020 Vision: the Buxton Conference

A project closing report had been circulated, this was accepted and can be published on the website. **JM**

8.9 Litter Picking Walks

Outstanding action on John to make minor amendments to the closing report. **JE**

9. UPCOMING TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

9.1 Ideas & Action Meeting Tuesday 12th July

Janet and Dick will sort out a topic, Suzanne will check if the room in the Green Man Gallery is available. **JM/RS/SP**

10. MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Transport Group: There is a meeting with DCC, Tina will report back. **TH**

Vision Buxton Marketing Group: The notes have been circulated.

General Meeting with HPBC: The 6 monthly meeting with Dai is long overdue, Roddie will arrange. **RM**

Crescent Stakeholders Group: Tina will circulate the notes when available. **TH**

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Digital Projector

It was agreed that we should purchase one, a budget of up to £300 was agreed, Philip will follow up. **PB**

11.2 Policy on Vulnerable Adults

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

11.3 Buxton Carnival

It was agreed we should have a presence, using Roddie's pickup, Roddie will organise this. **RM**

We will also encourage Buxton Markets to join the procession in the milk float. **JE**

11.4 Buxton Water Features

A report is being written re Turner Memorial and the Children's Well, but it will be difficult to meet HPBC concerns.

11.5 Casebook Buxton

We have been asked to advertise the event to our members, it was agreed this was not appropriate.

11.6 Buxton Weather Station

The MET office are looking for volunteers to take readings, Janet will post a link on the Facebook page. **JM**

12. DATES OF NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The dates of future Directors' meetings are:

Tuesday 19th July

Tuesday 23rd August

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