

BUXTON TOWN TEAM

NOTES ON THE DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER 2015

Present: Charles Jolly, Claire Millard, Janet Miller, John Estruch, Philip Barton, Roddie MacLean, Sarah Rawlinson, Simon Fussell, Tina Heathcote

Apologies: Richard Silson

1. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The notes of the 18th November meeting were agreed to be an accurate record and can be posted on the website. **JM**

2. BOARD, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

2.1 Board Away Day

Roddie apologised again for his outstanding action around evaluation, and will contact everyone individually. **RM**

2.2 Directors & Officers Indemnity

Further research indicates that insurance is available at a more reasonable cost (£179 via Insurance Octopus). It was agreed that Philip will ask if the same cover is available as an add-on to our existing policy - John will send him details of this - and we will adopt whichever option works out the cheapest. **JE**
PB

It was also agreed that Philip will enquire at the same time about the proposed policy on volunteers under the age of eighteen. **PB**

2.3 Directors Search

The search committee had received two suggestions to fill the vacant director post, and a call for suggestions was included in the December newsletter. It was agreed we would include a reminder in the next newsletter and set a deadline of 15th January for suggestions to be sent in. **JM**

3. IDEAS MEETING

Notes of the last meeting had been circulated. There was a good turnout and Ali's quiz was very well received. There was a problem again with the Railway relocating us to the front room, Dick will review options. **RS**

4. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Notes of the last meeting had been circulated. Facebook Likes and Twitter followers continue to increase steadily. It was agreed that the Treasurer and Scrutiny Group members should be added to the Who We Are page, with short biogs for all to be added in due course. Invitations to other users to join the Town Team Flickr group and share their photos will be sent out shortly. It is thought that setting up a bank of good photos of the town would be best done by the Vision Buxton Marketing Group, Tina will raise it with them. **JM**
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5. SCRUTINY GROUP

Charles reported on the Scrutiny Group's recent meeting. They suggest we should consider having a policy on recording confidential items, Charles will produce a draft version for consideration. **CJ**

6. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCES

6.1 Current Position

The number of members is 217. Facebook Likes are at 883, with 251 followers on Twitter. Philip had circulated a financial report, showing current cash assets at £11,508. He will produce draft accounts for 2015 in early January; he is likely to recommend writing off the value of the unsold illustrated maps. **PB**

6.2 HMRC

Rob Layton will attend the January meeting.

7. TOWN MATTERS

7.1 Nestle Site Proposals

The joint working group is consulting with other relevant organisations in the town and will meet again in January.

8. PROJECT UPDATES & PROPOSALS

8.1 Buxton Spring Fair 2016

The project proposal had been circulated. It was approved with a budget of £1,000, but is expected to break even.

8.2 Buxton Market Revitalisation

Only one application was received for the Manager's job and that was withdrawn when the applicant realised it was only part time. The team will have a concerted recruitment drive in January, but are also looking at fall back plans. Sarah offered to circulate the job description round her mature students. **SR**

8.3 3 Buxton Illustrated Map

Closing the project has been delayed pending formal agreement with the artists regarding copyright and royalty payments on their individual work should we want to use it in isolation. We are confident that copyright on the map as a complete work was assigned to us under the original contract. It was agreed therefore that John will liaise with Joe to produce a closing report. **JE**

8.4 Project Monitoring

John will endeavour to get all outstanding closing reports completed to go to the Ideas & Action meeting in January. **JE**

9. UPCOMING TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

9.1 Ideas Meetings

The next meeting is 19th January. BCA will be presenting their Places & Spaces project, Janet and Dick will discuss what would fit well alongside this.

JM/RS

10. MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Vision Buxton Marketing Meeting: The Indestinate GeoTask project was approved, and will be formally launched in the new year. Roddie will draw up an in support project proposal so our role can be clearly defined and agreed.

RM

Hardwick Hall Stakeholders Group: Various possible uses for the building were discussed but work is now on hold until the future of the Magistrates' Court is decided. Janet will circulate the notes of the meeting.

JM

Crescent Stakeholder Group: Tina attended the inaugural meeting, and will circulate the notes.

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11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Waterside Care

Claire has met with Les Warren, along with Sally Curly from HBPC. It seems they are particularly interested in the Wye because of possible contamination from old mine workings. Under the proposal the Town Team would agree to nominate a volunteer leader, carry out at least 6 river clearing sessions a year and report back on these, and take monthly samples of water quality. The Waterside Care organisation would carry out all necessary training including first aid training, provide tools and equipment and insure us for work done under the scheme.

It was agreed that, subject to HPBC approval, we will sign up to the scheme and that the work can be carried out as an extension of the Ashwood Park project, with Claire as the nominated leader. If the remit expands into other areas of the river this will have to be reviewed.

CM

11.2 Leader Project Funding

Under the latest scheme, the area eligible for funding has been extended and may now include the whole of Buxton. A number of projects might qualify: the proposed Peak Rail information centre; promotion of the new market as a means to support small businesses; development of a Destination Group and a marketing plan to promote Buxton. Sarah, Simon and Tina will look into the possibilities and report to the next meeting.

SR/SF/TH

12. DATES OF NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

Dates for the next few Directors' meetings were agreed as:

Thursday 28th January 7:00pm (note earlier start time)

Tuesday 23rd February 7:30pm

Monday 14th March 7:30pm

Wednesday 20th April 7:30pm

Rooms have been confirmed with the Old Hall Hotel.

JCMM

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