

BUXTON TOWN TEAM

NOTES ON THE DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th AUGUST 2015

Present: Claire Millard, Derek Bodey, Janet Miller, Joe Dugdale, John Phillips (Item 8.2 only), Richard Silson, Roddie MacLean, Sarah Rawlinson, Simon Fussell, Tina Heathcote

Apologies: John Estruch, Philip Barton

1. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed that the notes of the meeting on 28th July represented an accurate record and can be posted on the website.

JM

2. BOARD, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The new search committee (Charles, Claire, Jean Ball, John and Sarah) aim to meet soon.

CJ/CM/JE/SR

3. IDEAS MEETING

Notes of the last meeting had been circulated. The focus was on the meeting itself - venue, purpose, format etc. the consensus was that a different main topic each time within a standard agenda works well, but the timings need to be stricter, to allow for more time on the main topic and to consider implications and outcomes. It was also recognised that we need to create a list of members who are willing to mobilise for specific activities if asked, and their particular skills and areas of interest.

It was agreed that these questions should be developed into a survey of the wider membership.

RS/JM

4. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Notes of the last meeting had been circulated. The group had been concerned at a spate of 'unlikes' on the Facebook page following the controversy over the Artisan Market; they were relieved to note that in the end this was only 4 people and the issue seems now to have faded.

5. SCRUTINY GROUP

The group have not met formally since the last meeting, but are pleased to note that the HMRC issue appears to be reaching a resolution, and that this is being kept separate from discussions on setting up Buxton Market CIC.

6. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCES

6.1 Current Position

The number of members is unchanged, Facebook Likes are at 770.

There was no Finance Report this month due to Philip being on holiday.

6.2 HMRC

A number of letters have been received from HMRC, amending the various penalties to zero, the letter confirming our tax status is yet to arrive. Roddie has invited Rob Layton to attend either the September directors' meeting or the October away day; it was suggested that his colleague (who discussed the matter at length with HMRC) might also usefully attend. It was noted that not for profit status for CICs is a new area and we need to understand it.

RM

7. TOWN MATTERS

7.1 Nestle Site Proposals

There has been no progress with arranging a meeting with CPG, we are waiting for dates from them. Peak Rail are keen to meet us as soon as possible; it was agreed it would be sensible to include representatives of BCA and Vision Buxton, Janet will arrange a suitable date in early September.

JM

7.2 Crescent Development

There have been no updates. Concern was expressed at the number of people asking us what is happening, and what we are doing about it. It was noted that Liz starts work as Community Liaison Officer on 3rd September. Roddie will contact her, and Tony Kemp as the councillor responsible, and report to the next meeting.

RM

7.3 The Local Plan

It was noted that consultation on the revised plan is complete and it has been sent back to the Planning Inspector.

7.4 The Octagon

There is no further news.

7.5 Magistrates' Court

A consultation on closing a number of Courts, including the one in Buxton, is open until October. It was noted that the suggested savings have been questioned, and local magistrates have raised a number of concerns. It was agreed that we need to understand the implications, and may want to encourage members to engage with the consultation, or make formal representations as Buxton Town Team. Joe will elicit information from interested parties and produce a short discussion document.

JD

Roddie's declared interest in the outcome, due to his work on the development of Hardwick Hall, was noted.

8. PROJECT UPDATES & PROPOSALS

8.1 Project Monitoring and Reporting

There was no project status report due to John being on holiday.

JE

Joe is still chasing addresses for Illustrated Map artists so we can agree copyright and close the project.

JD

8.2 Buxton Market Revitalisation

We have been advised that HPBC intend awarding us the contract for operating the market. To allow for possible challenges this cannot be made public until after the standstill period; this expired at midnight on Friday, but we have not yet had confirmation from HPBC. Meanwhile the Communications Group had drafted a press release, and the Buxton Advertiser (while not knowing the subject matter) are holding this week's front page for us. It was agreed that Janet, Tina, JohnE and JohnP will finalise the press release, and attempt to ascertain the status with HPBC tomorrow, so as to meet the Advertiser's deadline for publication. It was noted that it could be detrimental if the news leaks out before we have announced it.

JE/JP/JM/TH

Regarding setting up the new company, a meeting has been arranged with Laytons on 1st September.

JE/JM/PB

Sarah advised that the University is looking to incorporate a regular market stall as part of students' small business development studies, and Simon will look into whether schools are interested under the Young Enterprise Scheme.

SR

SF

8.3 Ashwood Park Regeneration

The next event is clearing the river, on 20th September, Sarah will see if the new student intake can take part.

TH/SR

8.4 Tour of Britain 2015

Scrap bikes are being painted up, all are welcome to help.

8.5 Welcome to Buxton Station

It was noted that the Friends of Buxton Station application to light the fan window is under consultation, Janet will encourage members and supporters to submit their comments.

JM

9. UPCOMING TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

9.1 Ideas Meetings

The next meeting is Monday 14th September, it was agreed that the focus should be cycleways and footpaths, Janet and Dick will contact potential contributors.

RS/JM

The following meeting will be rescheduled to Wednesday 14th October so as to avoid a clash with the Away Day.

JM

9.2 Board Away Day

This was confirmed for Tuesday 13th October, all day - Sarah will ask if it can be held at Oaklands Manor.

SR

Dick, Tina and Roddie will design the agenda.

RS/RM/TH

10. MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Tina will attend the Vision Buxton Marketing Meeting, and a pre-meeting about coach parties, on 9th September.

TH

Also on 9th September, Buxton & Leek College have an 'Enrichment Meeting', which is an opportunity for a volunteer recruitment stall, Tina will investigate and advise.

TH

The East Midlands in Bloom awards are on 16th September; it was agreed that Janine, Claire and Tina should attend and that their expenses should be met from the project budget.

CM/TH

On 17th September Vision Buxton are holding an Open Breakfast Meeting to discuss the Nestle Site, all are welcome, Old Hall Hotel at 8:30am.

The Transport Forum are still trying to arrange a meeting with Dai Lerner.

JM/TH

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Youth Volunteers

No progress, this is an outstanding action on John to agree the procedure with the insurance company.

JE

11.2 Hi Viz Jackets

Forty sky blue logoed vests have been ordered and should arrive this week.

11.3 Directors Indemnity

Simon has been in touch with relevant people and will report to the next meeting.

SF

11.4 Fund-Raising Dinners

Saturday 26th September, High Peak Golf Club, in aid of the Well Dressing Committee, and Friday 30th October in aid of the Children's Hospital Sheffield, organised by University of Derby students - Janet will circulate details.

JM

12. DATES OF NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The dates for upcoming meetings are:

Tuesday 22nd September(7:30pm in the Old Hall Hotel)

Tuesday 13th October (time and venue to be advised)

Monday 19th October(7:30pm in the Old Hall Hotel)

JCMM

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