

BUXTON TOWN TEAM

NOTES ON THE DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2015

Present: Janet Miller, Joe Dugdale, John Estruch, Roddie MacLean, Richard Silson, Sarah Rawlinson, Tina Heathcote

Apologies: Jean Ball, Philip Barton, Rachel Hoodith

1. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed that the notes of the meeting on 20th January represented an accurate record, and can be posted on the website.

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2. BOARD, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

2.1 Board Search Committee

Using the previously agreed skills list as guidance, the group had considered everyone who is a member of the Town Team plus a few who aren't. A long list of people with the requisite skills was drawn up - some of these are not yet sufficiently involved, while a number of others are known to be overcommitted or trying to reduce their commitments, resulting in a shortlist of three. Following discussion it was agreed that Roddie and Tina would approach two of these candidates to see if they would be interested in the role.

RM/TH

3. IDEAS MEETING

Notes of the meeting on 12th February had been circulated.

Regarding the planning application for the Station Road site, there was a unanimous call for the Directors to submit an objection; it was agreed that John and Dick will draft this and circulate with a view to submission before 26th February. It was agreed that in addition a letter will be sent to the head of Development Control asking for assurance that HPBC will be rigorously examining the analysis and assumptions in the retail and traffic studies; Dick will draft the letter for Janet to send from the directors@ email address. It was agreed that the letter and submission should be circulated to members, but not more widely. A joint press release from Buxton Town Team, Buxton Civic Association and Vision Buxton was suggested but no action agreed.

JE/RS

It was noted that an extended version of the traffic flow exercise would be repeated at the Buxton Conference, after that the ideas would be analysed and collated for further development.

RS/JM

4. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Notes of the meeting on 10th February had been circulated.

It was confirmed that Roddie will have 'a quiet word' about confidentiality of information at Town Team meetings. Project group marketing was discussed. It was agreed that individual projects having their own Facebook page, Twitter feed or Instagram account should be the exception not the rule. Janet will advise relevant project teams accordingly and look at whether 'communications strategy' could be incorporated in to the project proposal.

RM

JM

5. SCRUTINY GROUP

There was no report from the Scrutiny Group.

6. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCES

6.1 Current Position

The number of members is now 182, Facebook Likes are at 552.

A membership drive was discussed, it was agreed that while we need to maintain a strategy of recruiting people who will be actively involved, rather than numbers for their own sake, there are certain sectors which would be worth targeted recruiting.

There was no update from Philip on finances.

6.2 2014 Management Accounts

Philip has handed the books to Laytons and will collect them as soon as he is back from holiday.

7. TOWN MATTERS

7.1 Nestle Site Proposals

See discussion above.

7.2 Crescent Development

The final £2 million from the LEP was confirmed, and there are signs of work on site, but we do not yet have a programme. It is hoped we will get some indication of this at the Conference.

8. PROJECTS UPDATES & PROPOSALS

8.1 Project Monitoring

The updated summary sheet had been circulated. John will make minor amendments to the format, and pursue the outstanding closing reports. Janet will send contact details for all the project leaders.

JE/JM

8.2 2020 Vision: Buxton Conference

Plans are well advanced, with all speakers confirmed and towards 100 delegates expected. It was confirmed that Dick will do the Buxton Town Team presentation. Sarah will arrange for Delegates' Packs to be printed at the

University, though the NCR Feedback slips will have to be printed externally, costing around £80.

8.6 . Market Regeneration

We understand that the procurement team's recommendations will be going to the Regeneration Committee tomorrow. All being well we will be formally invited to tender early next week. The project team are ready to respond regarding both the tender and getting things in place for taking on the market if we are selected. The Artisan Market will also be discussed at the Regeneration Committee. It is still unclear whether Denise will be continuing to run these on the Market Place, John will maintain contact.

JE

9. PLANNED TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

9.1 Ideas Meetings

It was suggested that Health & Well-being might be a suitable topic for the March agenda, with a full report and discussion on the outcomes of the conference scheduled for the April meeting.

RS

9.2 General Meeting

It was confirmed that the general meeting will take place on 25th March. The sub-group (Roddie, Joe, Tina and Philip) will sort out a venue and details of the agenda, Janet will email advance notification to all members in the next newsletter. It was suggested that a guest speaker after the meeting would be a good way to encourage people to attend.

RM/JD/TH/PB

JM

10. MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Outstanding action on Roddie to arrange a date for the next meeting with Dai Lerner.
Tina attended the Vision Buxton Marketing meeting, and has arranged to meet the chair of the U3A.
Roddie will attend the Community Voice meeting on 5th March.

RM

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RM

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 University Talk

It was noted that Sarah McLeod will be speaking at the University on 26th February, about the effectiveness of community projects. It was suggested that she might be a potential speaker at the general meeting.

11.2 HPBC Local Plan

The local plan is under examination. Dick is trying to find out how this is progressing, and will keep us informed.

RS

12. DATES OF NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The next meeting will be 7:30pm on Wednesday 18th March in the Old Hall Hotel. Roddie presented his apologies, Dick agreed to chair the meeting in his absence.

RS

JCMM
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