

## **BUXTON TOWN TEAM**

### **NOTES ON THE DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015**

**Present:** Charles Jolly, Claire Millard, Janet Miller, Philip Barton, Richard Silson, Roddie MacLean, Sarah Rawlinson, Tina Heathcote

**Apologies:** Joe Dugdale, John Estruch, Rachel Hoodith

#### **1. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was agreed that subject to two amendments (in 6.3 and 9.) notes of the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March represented an accurate record; Janet will amend for Roddie to sign off and then they can be posted on the website.

**JM/RM**

#### **2. BOARD, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

##### **2.1 Board Search Committee**

Rachel has advised that she is having to resign her position as a director due to family and work commitments. It was agreed that Roddie will write a letter of thanks. It was also agreed that we should co-opt a replacement, for confirmation at the next general meeting, Roddie will make the necessary approaches.

**RM  
RM**

##### **2.2 Board Away Day**

It was agreed this should be during the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> August, Roddie will check with directors not present and confirm which day. Sarah offered to host the meeting at the University. A sub-group of Roddie, Tina and Dick will develop the agenda for the day.

**RM  
SR  
RM/RS/TH**

##### **2.3 CIC34**

A draft Community Interest Company Report (CIC34) had been circulated. This was agreed subject to minor corrections, Janet will make the amendments and sign, for Philip to submit to Companies House along with the Statutory Accounts.

**JM  
PB**

#### **3. IDEAS MEETING**

Use of the Railway will hopefully continue, although a new landlord is due to take over soon, Dick has emailed him with dates. There was much discussion at the last meeting about the possibility of bringing a cinema to the town, a project team is developing, it was suggested they should involve Simon Glinn in discussions. The meeting was also very supportive of the idea of boats on the boating lake, but no-one has yet volunteered to take the lead. The main focus of the next meeting is plans for the Carnival, but the Tour of Britain on 11<sup>th</sup> September will be added.

**RS**

#### **4. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP**

The group are meeting tomorrow, to discuss the website in particular. Good press coverage has continued, photos and a short article have been sent to Derbyshire Life. Facebook reach has been spectacular, particularly Andy's recent videos on the Spring Clean, Railings Clean and Spring Fair.

#### **5. SCRUTINY GROUP**

There were no issues needing discussion.

#### **6. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCES**

##### **6.1 Current Position**

The number of members is now 203, Facebook Likes are at 718, a massive increase from 606 last month.

A report on finances for the last month had been circulated. Current cash assets including money due is £11,235.

##### **6.2 HMRC**

Philip reported that Rob Layton had spoken again to HMRC and confirmed that they had received his letter of 24<sup>th</sup> March, but to date we have not had a response. Philip will arrange a meeting to discuss this and other matters, including the setting up of Buxton Market CIC.

**PB**

#### **7. TOWN MATTERS**

##### **7.1 Nestle Site Proposals**

No updates have been received.

##### **7.2 Crescent Development**

No updates have been received but things are progressing, including interviews for the Community Liaison role.

##### **7.3 The Local Plan**

No updates have been received.

#### **8. PROJECT UPDATES & PROPOSALS**

##### **8.1 Project Monitoring and Reporting**

The updated summary sheet had been circulated, John will chase the various outstanding closing reports, some of which are seriously overdue.

**JE**

The Communications Group will discuss the ongoing hosting of the website tomorrow.

##### **8.2 Regeneration of Ashwood Park**

The project proposal had been taken to the Ideas Meeting and met with support. The intention is to carry out the sort term objectives which can be achieved with no funding requirements, but to set up a Friends of Ashwood Park

which could then seek direct funding for more substantive improvements. It was suggested that a single Friends of Buxton Parks could cover all the parks in the town; this has been considered but for a number of reasons is not feasible, there is scope however for a partnership between Friends of Ashwood Park and the Granby Rd group. The project was approved with zero budget.

### **8.3 Buxton Spring Fair**

A draft closing report had been circulated, which will be finalised as soon as the final costs are known; we are likely to generate a surplus again. **JM**

### **8.4 Buxton Market Revitalisation**

The tender was submitted before the 12<sup>th</sup> May deadline, we do not expect a response before the end of June.

### **8.5 'Welcome to Buxton' Banners**

There has been no progress, Sarah will find out what the current status is with the University team. **SR**

### **8.6 Transport Forum**

A date has been arranged for a first meeting. **TH**

### **8.7 Talking Signposts**

Tina will draw up and circulate a project proposal, for a repeat of last year's July and August coverage. **TH**

## **9. MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Roddie is still trying to arrange to meet with Buxton Civic Association.

Hilary Paxman from DCLG visited on 28<sup>th</sup> April, John Phillips is hoping to report on this now the election is over.

The meeting with Dai Lerner took place on 11<sup>th</sup> May, Janet will circulate the notes shortly. **JM**

Tina attended the Hardwick Hall steering group meeting last week, and has also met with the URC Guides, who are keen to work with us on a range of activities.

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **10.1 Youth Volunteers**

It was confirmed that we do want to encourage young people to be involved, Janet and John will draw up a protocol. **JM/JE**

Membership by minors was also discussed. There is no legal age limit for being a member of a company, but we need to be sure the member understands what they are signing up to, a separate youth membership category might be appropriate. Derek and Charles will consider this and make a recommendation. **DB/CJ**

### **10.2 Midsummer Music Evening**

Rod Dubrow-Marshall had suggested that we could put together a Buxton table at the High Sheriff's event on 20<sup>th</sup> June, in aid of the Derbyshire Foundation. This was agreed in principle, Sarah will look into it. **SR**

### **10.3 Test Town Project**

Jean had circulated information earlier - funding of up to £3,000 is available to help young people develop their own businesses, but applications have to be in by 15<sup>th</sup> June. Sarah will draw up a project proposal and circulate it, in view of the time scale it was agreed that this can be approved by email by a majority of the directors. **SR**

### **10.4 Relationship with HPBC**

A new set of councillors has been elected, and portfolios have changed - Tony Ashton is the new Leader, Tony Kemp is in charge of regeneration. It was agreed that Janet and Roddie will draft an email to go to all new Buxton councillors introducing the work of the Town Team and welcoming their involvement in future activities. **JM/RM**

## **11. DATES OF NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS**

The next meetings will be:

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** - apologies from Roddie and Sarah

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

all at 7:30pm in the Old Hall Hotel.