

BUXTON TOWN TEAM

NOTES ON THE DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th JULY 2016

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

Apologies: None

1. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The notes of the meeting on 15th June were agreed to be an accurate record and can be posted on the website.

JM

2. BOARD, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

It was noted that three directors (John, Sarah, Dick) reach the end of their first three year term on 10th December. Setting up of a board search committee will be discussed at the next meeting.

RM

3. IDEAS & ACTION MEETING

The notes of the last meeting were circulated. The main focus was APTT, reporting on the meeting with DCC.

4. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Press coverage and social media continues to be good. Notes of the last meeting will be circulated in due course. There is an outstanding action on Janet to amend the Project Proposal form to include a box on Publicity Plans.

JM

5. SCRUTINY GROUP

Nothing to report.

6. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCES

6.1 Current Position

The number of members is now 231, the Facebook page Likes have increased to 1,104.

Philip had circulated a financial report, showing current assets at £13,501, including the £3,000 loaned to Buxton Markets CIC. The main expense was the additional costs on transferring the website, £78 of this was allocated to the Spring Fair, due to the error on the leaflets necessitating renewal of the .org.uk domain name.

The Waitrose donation to the Spring Fair (£307) has been received, and all the income from the Garden Trail, both projects have generated significant surplus. Philip is in discussions regarding links to RHS Chatsworth in 2017.

7. TOWN MATTERS

7.1 The Crescent

Work is ongoing, delays to erecting the hoardings and setting up the construction site are due to issues around installing the new sewer.

7.2 Station Road

Nestle have a new developer and are working on a new 'mixed use' proposal, in discussions with HPBC. We understand that the proposals incorporate Peak Rail's requirements and the principles in the Steering Group Statement. It was agreed that a meeting between the developer and the Buxton Steering Group would be a useful stage in the consultation process, Dick will discuss with Mike Monaghan how best to achieve this.

RS

8. PROJECT UPDATES & PROPOSALS

8.1 Project Monitoring

A status report had been circulated. Outstanding closing reports include: Tour of Britain which Tina will write; Merchandise which Philip will write, with further sales becoming ongoing activity.

TH

PB

8.2 Crescent Planters

This was approved in principle at the June meeting. A project proposal had been circulated and signed off with a budget of £250. Philip will invoice BCA for their contribution; it was suggested that a poster should be produced acknowledging the funding and sponsorship, Tina will do this.

PB

TH

8.3 Slopes Care Team

A project proposal had been circulated, this was approved with a budget of £100. Janet will act as liaison with Jim Lowe who is leading the project.

JM

8.4 Ashwood Park

The central bed has been cleared and will be planted in the autumn. This will use around £800 of the Bingham Trust grant, we will be invoiced soon. Claire is looking for further grants to enable wall repairs to be undertaken. Some of the benches have been painted red and have attracted a lot of positive comment. The RHS judges visited under the It's Your Neighbourhood scheme and have given useful advice, a croquet lawn has also been suggested.

CM

8.5 Buxton in Bloom

The RHS judges visited Buxton on 15th July. Andy had produced a video which was well received. It was suggested that the portfolio should be posted on the website and social media, Tina will ask Andy if he can do this in book format. Claire commented that entry into the EMiB competition is hugely time consuming; it was agreed we should review the usefulness of this, compared to other elements of the project, for future years.

TH

It was noted that entry to the local competitions closes this week, around 50 entries have been received so far.

8.6 Talking Signposts 2016

The project is up and running but we are short of volunteers, Janet will post on Facebook and include a reminder in the next newsletter. Claire will forward the information to BCA for their newsletter. **JM
CM**

8.7 Buxton Market Revitalisation

A Closing Report had been circulated, this was accepted subject to amendment on the timing of repaying the loan. **JE**

8.8 Talking Signposts 2015

The closing report has been amended and can be posted on the website. **JM**

8.9 Litter Picking Walks

The closing report has been amended and can be posted on the website. **JM**

9. UPCOMING TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

9.1 Ideas & Action Meetings

It was agreed the August meeting should be a working meet in Ashwood Park, Janet will sort out the 'agenda' and newsletter entry. Suzanne will check if the room in the Green Man Gallery is available for the September meeting. **JM
SP**

10. MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Vision Buxton: An informal meeting is being held this week, Sarah will present her thoughts on developing a Tourist Association (aka DMO) for Buxton. **SR**

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Digital Projector

Further research of available equipment indicates that the agreed budget is not sufficient to buy a unit of adequate quality. It was agreed to increase the budget to £350, Philip will place the order. **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 Town Map at Turner Memorial

It was noted that two large posters featuring the Town Guide map will be fixed to the hoardings soon.

11.4 Old Hall Renovations

Comments had been received regarding the rendering and the removal of a chimney, Roddie will investigate. **RM**

12. DATES OF NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The dates of future Directors' meetings were agreed as:

Tuesday 23rd August

Wednesday 21st September

Tuesday 25th October

Wednesday 23rd November

Tuesday 13th December

All meetings are at 7:30pm. Janet will check availability of a room in the Old Hall Hotel. **JM**

JCMM

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