

BUXTON TOWN TEAM

NOTES ON THE DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19th OCTOBER 2015

Present: Charles Jolly, Janet Miller, Joe Dugdale, Richard Silson, Roddie MacLean, Sarah Rawlinson, Simon Fussell

Apologies: Claire Millard, John Estruch, Philip Barton, Tina Heathcote

1. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The notes of the 22nd September meeting were agreed to be an accurate record and can be posted on the website. **JM**
On matters arising, Joe apologised that he had not managed to produce a discussion document about the Magistrates' Court before the consultation closed.

The Away Day was held on 13th October. Charles was thanked for writing up the notes of the discussions, Sarah was thanked for the hospitality. It was suggested that participants carry out some form of evaluation, or propose key action points, for more substantive discussion at the next meeting - Roddie will organise this. **RM**

2. BOARD, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

A meeting of the new search committee (Charles, Claire, Jean Ball, John and Sarah) has been arranged and documents from the last search have been circulated. Sarah will report in due course. **SR**

3. IDEAS MEETING

Notes of the last meeting had been circulated. It was well attended and lively, and the three presentations were good and held together well. The Railway has double booked us twice now, Dick is investigating alternative venues. **RS**
The member survey has not had enough responses yet to be meaningful.

4. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Notes of the last meeting had been circulated. Joe will send details of a short film competition 'Our Place', with a £5,000 prize, that might be of interest. **JD**

5. SCRUTINY GROUP

There were no recent meetings or discussions to report.

6. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCES

6.1 Current Position

The number of members is 215. Facebook Likes are at 863.

There has been minimal change in the financial situation since the report to the last meeting.

6.2 HMRC

We have had further letters from HMRC confirming that they have received a tax return for 2014 and that no tax is due. Rob Layton did not in the end attend the Away Day, Roddie will ask him to attend the next directors' meeting. **RM**

7. TOWN MATTERS

7.1 Nestle Site Proposals

Dick has arranged a meeting with Vision Buxton, the Buxton Group and Buxton Civic Association to start the process of drawing up a viable and acceptable development plan. Transition Buxton have asked to be included, on the basis of their long-standing interest in the local economy, public transport and the overall well-being of the town; this was accepted, Dick will write to confirm. Sarah is meeting with the relevant contact at regarding the University leisure facilities later this week. **RS**
SR

8. PROJECT UPDATES & PROPOSALS

8.1 Project Monitoring and Reporting

There was no project status report. John had however circulated an updated and reformatted Schedule of Ideas, which needs director approval before going back to the Ideas Meeting. Given John's heavy involvement in the Markets Project, Joe offered to present the live spreadsheet to the next meeting; Roddie will discuss with John. **RM/JD**

8.2 Traffic, Transport & Parking Options for Buxton

Tina and Dick had met with HPBC (see note 10) and a follow-up meeting has been arranged. The project proposal will be redrafted after this, for submission to the November Directors' Meeting. **TH**

8.3 Garden Fringe Festival

A draft outline had been circulated re an event linking with the new RHS Show at Chatsworth, but starting in 2016, based initially around Open Gardens but possibly extending into literary talks, markets etc. It was agreed that the idea should be presented to the next Ideas Meeting, and would need a project proposal drafting at some stage.

8.4 Buxton Market Revitalisation

The project was approved with a budget of up to £500 for incidental costs setting up Buxton Markets CIC. Before the new CIC can start to raise its own funds however, expenditure is needed for graphic design and printing. The project has therefore requested that the budget is increased to £2,000, as an interest free loan, to be repaid as soon as the new company acquires sufficient funding from elsewhere. This was approved.

8.5 Buxton Spring Fair

A proposal from the university re their involvement in the project is expected soon. **SR**

9. UPCOMING TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

9.1 Ideas Meetings

The next meeting is Wednesday 11th November. It was agreed that the main focus will be gardens, Janet and Dick will arrange for relevant presentations. In addition it is intended we try out a draft skills audit, for later extension to the full membership. A suggestion for a change of name will also be discussed at the meeting.

RS/JM

10. MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

HPBC: Dick and Tina met with Dai Larnar and Pranali Parikh to discuss the proposed Access, Transport and Parking study. Dick will circulate the notes and other relevant documents.

RS

Peak Rail: Dick is meeting Peak Rail separately as he missed the previous meeting. An action for Roddie to write to them asking for an information centre in Buxton and a shuttle train to Blackwell Mill is outstanding.

RM

ATCM: A meeting has been arranged for Indestinate to present their proposals to us and to Vision Buxton.

PD&DBT Forum: John attended the meeting on 7th October, and will be meeting DCC re markets funding soon.

JE

Conference Follow-Up: Sarah confirmed that the University will be able to host a follow-up meeting, involving all the relevant voluntary organisations in the town. It was suggested this might include: following up the individual pledges made by attendees; reporting on developments on the identified priorities; consulting on the Access, Parking and Transport proposals; consulting on the Station Rd development ideas. It was agreed that Sarah will draw up a proposal clarifying the aims and scope of the event.

SR

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Historic England Article

Dai Larnar has written an article in the Conservation Bulletin mentioning their relationship with the Town Team. Roddie will scan and circulate it.

RM

11.2 Crescent Lights

A request has been received for funding for 'Glow' to make up a £500 shortfall. The gap may now have been filled via the Councillors' Initiative Fund, however it was confirmed that we are not a grant-giving body and it is not in our remit to raise funds for other organisation's projects. Janet will respond accordingly.

JM

11.3 Waterside Care

Les Warren from Keep Britain Tidy has suggested we sign up to this scheme through the litter picking and Ashwood Park Projects. Claire is arranging to meet him to discuss and will report to the next meeting.

CM

11.4 Directors Indemnity Insurance

Simon will send round the information about this for discussion at the next meeting.

SF

12. DATES OF NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

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

Wednesday 18th November 7:30pm

Wednesday 16th December 7:30pm

Janet will arrange for rooms with the Old Hall Hotel.

JM

Suggested dates for 2017 were: Ideas Meetings on Tuesday 19th January and Monday 15th February (but these will depend on the availability of a suitable venue, Dick to advise); Directors' Meetings on Wednesday 27th January and Tuesday 23rd February, Roddie will check availability with those Directors not present.

RS

RM

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