

## **BUXTON TOWN TEAM**

### **NOTES ON THE DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**

**Present:** Derek Bodey, Claire Millard, Janet Miller, John Estruch, Philip Barton, Richard Silson, Simon Fussell, Tina Heathcote

**Apologies:** Roddie MacLean, Sarah Rawlinson, Suzanne Pearson

#### **1. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The notes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March were agreed to be an accurate record and can be posted on the website.

**JM**

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

The appointments of Simon and Suzanne and the re-appointments of Janet, Roddie and Tina were confirmed at the general meeting.

#### **3. IDEAS & ACTION MEETING**

There was no meeting in April as we held the general meeting instead.

There is an outstanding action on Tina to ask Trevor if we might be able to use somewhere in Hardwick Hall.

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

John Phillips has taken over writing the meeting notes, Matthew is taking on more of the website work. Switching the website to Vidahost (the new provider) will take place this week.

There is an outstanding action on Janet to amend the Project Proposal form to include a box on Publicity Plans.

**JM**

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

They are hopeful of recruiting a new member.

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

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

The number of members is 227, which includes 6 new members but one resignation due to moving away. The Facebook page has 982 Likes.

Philip had circulated a financial report, showing current assets at £12,030, including the £3,000 loaned to Buxton Markets CIC. The main transactions have been the Spring Fair, with income at £2,750 to date; expenditure so far has been mainly on printing but savings have been made here. The merchandise stocks have been replenished. Some of the Buxton on the Move costs can be reclaimed from the University, Tina and Philip will sort this.

An error in the expenses for Buxton in Bloom will be corrected.

**TH/PB  
PB**

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

##### **7.1 The Crescent**

The contract has still not been signed, but we believe it is very close, and work is proceeding regardless.

##### **7.2 Nestle Site Proposals**

A meeting was held with senior Nestle personnel on 13<sup>th</sup> April re the agreed joint statement. They are in discussion with Peak Rail and due to meet with HPBC soon to develop a brief for the site. The health centre proposal was discussed but Nestle have not yet been approached by anyone from any of the health groups.

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

All the hearings have been completed and the final reports written, barring a legal challenge it should be formally adopted imminently.

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

##### **8.1 Project Monitoring**

A status report had been circulated. John is still chasing a large number of outstanding closing reports.

**JE**

##### **8.2 Buxton Market Revitalisation**

the licence has been agreed and will be signed this week, the first market will be next week with the formal launch on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Over 30 stalls have been booked for each one. We have applied to DCC for £12,700 and will know soon if this is being granted, meanwhile it was noted that we need income of £600 per market to cover costs and start to repay loans.

##### **8.3 Buxton Railings Clean**

The project proposal was rewritten and approved as agreed. Zero budget was agreed but there has been minor expenditure on squeeze bottles and plastic tabards. The event will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, over 300 school children are expected, HPBC are providing a water bowser and drinks for the children.

##### **8.4 Buxton Spring Fair**

Stallholder applications are still coming in, around 190 stalls are expected. The performance programme has been finalised and published, and leaflets are being distributed. The team are now finalising logistics for the day.

##### **8.5 Buxton in Bloom 2016**

The project proposal was amended and approved as agreed. Posters and leaflets have been distributed, entries are starting to come in. Ashwood Park has been entered in the It's Your Neighbourhood competition. The team are planning a major publicity drive after the Spring Fair.

## 8.6 Open Gardens 2016

There are now 20 gardens on the trail, posters and leaflets have been printed, Philip has been liaising with Jo on this and other matters. It had been suggested we contribute to an advert for Netta's Tram, and underwrite the cost of a tram tour around the Garden Trail, both were declined. Roddie and Philip will be meeting Jo next week. **RM/PB**

## 8.7 Buxton on the Move

The conference report was written and distributed and has received some very positive responses.

## 8.8 Litter Picking Walking Group

A Closing Report had been circulated. It was suggested the last section should include a recommendation for the walks to continue as an ongoing activity, John will arrange this with Karen. **JE**

## 8.9 Buxton Spa Prize

A Closing Report had been circulated, there were no queries.

## 9. UPCOMING TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

### 9.1 Ideas & Action Meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

It was confirmed the focus meeting should be gardens and wild spaces, Dick will arrange the presentations. **RS**

## 10. MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

**Coach Parking:** Dick and Tina met HPBC have agreed to write a business case. There was some discussion as to whether this was our role. It was suggested that the DB Schenker site might need similar input to progress, and that perhaps the business case should be extending to include car parking. **TH/RS**

**General Meeting with HPBC:** The 6 monthly meeting with Dai is long overdue, Roddie to arrange. **RM**

**Water Features:** Claire attended, there were ideas but no agreed action. It was suggested we should aim to improve what we already have - the fountain, Turner Memorial, Children's Well - Simon and Claire will pursue. **CM/SF**

**Vision Buxton Marketing Group:** Noted there are stocks of the Town Guide at Hardwick Hall for any group needing them, and that Lindsay has been asked to give a presentation on Buxton Markets to the next meeting.

## 11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### 11.1 Merchandise

It was noted that the Crescent Hotel will be looking for items to retail in the Pump Room when it re-opens, and suggested we might develop a china pot for drinking spa water, though it is possible Vision Buxton might pick up the idea. The pros and cons of this were discussed; it was agreed that it could be appropriate for the Town Team to develop merchandise where there are demonstrable benefits to the town, but not just as a fund-raising exercise.

### 11.2 Policy on Vulnerable Adults

There were a few responses to the circulated draft, Janet will liaise with Kathryn to develop a version for approval. **JM**

## 12. DATES OF NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The dates of future Directors' meetings are:

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

All meetings are at 7:30pm in the Old Hall Hotel.

JCMM

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