

BUXTON TOWN TEAM

NOTES ON THE DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2015

Present: Charles Jolly, Janet Miller, John Estruch, Roddie MacLean, Sarah Rawlinson, Simon Fussell, Tina Heathcote

Apologies: Claire Millard, Joe Dugdale, Philip Barton, Richard Silson

1. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed that the notes of the meeting on 17th August represented an accurate record and can be posted on the website.

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2. BOARD, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Sarah will arrange a date for the new search committee (Charles, Claire, Jean Ball, John and Sarah) to meet. Janet will send relevant documents from the previous searches.

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3. IDEAS MEETING

Notes of the last meeting had been circulated. The focus was walking and cycling, it went well.

4. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Notes of the last meeting had been circulated.

5. SCRUTINY GROUP

The group met on 4th September and Charles presented their report. They are still concerned about the HMRC issue but pleased that the accountant will be attending the Away Day; they understand that a tax return has now been presented for 2014, and recommend the Directors have a copy of the submission. They are pleased with the decision on the market and have no issues with this. They are also pleased at how the Communications group is now operating and the conduct of Directors meetings. They do have some concern about the Ideas Meeting, which because of the variable attendance is not always as efficient as it might be; they recognise a survey has gone out to members and recommend this is discussed at the Away Day (it is on the agenda).

6. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCES

6.1 Current Position

The number of members is 214. This allows for the resignation of one member who has moved away from Buxton. Facebook Likes are at 850.

A Finance Report had been circulated.

6.2 HMRC

We had received a copy of a letter from HMRC to Laytons confirming that Buxton Town Team is a company and has to submit tax returns; we understand that a return has now been submitted for 2014. It was confirmed that Rob Layton will attend the October away day, Roddie will confirm the time.

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7. TOWN MATTERS

7.1 Nestle Site Proposals

The latest response from CPG is that they are awaiting client instructions. Following the meeting with Peak Rail it had been suggested that we convene a meeting of all parties and try to devise a mutually acceptable solution. There is no guarantee that Nestle could be persuaded to attend. Alternatively if a developer approached them with an alternative proposal that was financially viable and would be acceptable to the planners, they might be more interested. Sarah will investigate the options with a view to University involvement in developing a facility to replace those at Harpur Hill, alongside student housing and a Peak Rail heritage centre among other things.

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7.2 Crescent Development

We have met with Trevor Osborne and Liz Mackenzie, notes of both meetings have been circulated. Roddie has also been in contact with Dai Larner and suggested that the Trust should have local independent trustees, and that its setting up is something worth publicising. We will continue to liaise with all concerned.

7.3 The Local Plan

It was noted that the revised plan went back to the Planning Inspector, all being well it will be adopted in the spring.

7.4 The Octagon

There is no further news.

7.5 Magistrates' Court

The consultation closes in early October. There was no news from Joe re his discussion document.

8. PROJECT UPDATES & PROPOSALS

8.1 Project Monitoring and Reporting

A project status report had been circulated.

8.2 Traffic, Transport & Parking Options for Buxton

A project proposal had been circulated. A title which makes it clear pedestrians and cycles are included was requested, if this is possible. It was agreed that the meeting with HPBC on 1st October should take place, and the proposal be redrafted to take account of its outcome. It was also suggested that the success criteria should include identifying a way for the agreed plan to be implemented.

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8.3 Ashwood Park Regeneration

The river clearance day was very successful, with 18 people involved and significant improvement made. It was agreed that a follow up session would be held on Saturday 10th October, Tina will organise.

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8.4 Buxton Market Revitalisation

Progress is being made re setting up the new company, it has been discussed with Laytons, and we are seeking legal advice and advice from the CIC Regulator regarding fundraising and structure. Once this is clear the Articles will be drafted and the company registered.

JE//JM

We have been trying to meet the existing traders to discuss plans, this should now happen on 26th September.

8.5 Buxton Spring Fair

A closing report had been circulated, this was accepted and can go on the website. Janet is investigating how future fairs might be organised; the university will propose a phased plan for taking responsibility for some aspects of it, possibly in association with the new Buxton Markets CIC. They are also considering involving the economics students in assessing the economic impact of the event.

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9. UPCOMING TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

9.1 Ideas Meetings

The next meeting is Wednesday 14th October. The focus is heritage and culture with presentations from Liz Mackenzie on the Crescent, and Joe Perry from Buxton Museum about Collections in the Landscape. It was suggested that a wider presentation from the Museum might be of interest, Roddie will discuss with Dick.

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A suggestion of a discussion on cinemas, with Buxton Film and possibly others, was held over for a later date.

9.2 Board Away Day

Sarah has arranged for this to take place at Oaklands Manor, timing agreed 10am to 5pm.

10. MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Peak Rail: A meeting was held, the notes have been circulated. It was agreed that Roddie will write requesting they develop an information centre in Buxton as soon as possible, and also consider setting up a shuttle train between Buxton and Blackwell Mill sooner rather than later.

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ATCM: Roddie attended. The sponsoring organisation Indestinate presented an app for identifying movements of people by tracking 100-200 volunteers via their mobile phones. While the data could be useful for the markets project and the traffic project, some doubt was expressed about the its reliability given its self-selecting nature. It has been suggested BTT could recruit volunteers, it was agreed we would need more detail first, Roddie will ask if the company could present their proposals to us and to Vision Buxton.

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BCA: Roddie has met with Mike Monaghan and will circulate notes of the meeting shortly. Regular meetings of four key organisations in the town had been suggested, but concern was expressed that groups not included in this might feel slighted. An alternative suggestion was a gathering of all the voluntary organisations in the town, similar to the Academy of Urbanism reception, as a follow on to the Conference. Sarah will investigate if the University could host this at the Dome.

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Swadlincote Town Team: Tina and Janet attended a meeting, the 'standard' BTT presentation was updated for it.

PD&DBT Forum: the next meeting is on 7th October, Tina is not available, John will attend instead.

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11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

12. DATES OF NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The dates for upcoming meetings are:

Tuesday 13th October (10am at Oaklands Manor)

Monday 19th October(7:30pm in the Old Hall Hotel)

Roddie will circulate suggested dates for meetings in November and beyond

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