

BUXTON TOWN TEAM

NOTES ON THE DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23rd AUGUST 2016

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

Apologies: Simon Fussell, Tina Heathcote

1. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The notes of the meeting on 19th July were agreed to be an accurate record and can be posted on the website.

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2. BOARD, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

It was agreed the search committee should be Charles, Janet, Roddie and Tina; Janet will arrange a date to meet.

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3. IDEAS & ACTION MEETING

The last meeting was 'action' in Ashwood Park. Noted that it was dark by 9pm so any repeat needs to be in June.

4. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

There was a meeting on 1st August, the notes will be circulated in due course. There have been improvements to the website, including a new calendar page showing all Town Team events. There is an outstanding action on Janet to amend the Project Proposal form to include a box on Publicity Plans.

JM

5. SCRUTINY GROUP

Noted that at the last meeting contingency plans for the Spring Fair were discussed.

6. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCES

6.1 Current Position

Facebook page Likes have increased to 1,123. The number of members is unchanged at 231, we had one new member join but sadly have lost Pat Hobby, who died earlier this month - condolences to her friends and family. Philip had circulated a financial report, showing current assets at £13,653, including the £3,000 loaned to Buxton Markets CIC. The main expense was £345 for the digital projector, noted there are a lot of expenses unclaimed.

7. TOWN MATTERS

7.1 HPBC Growth Strategy

We have been invited to comment on this before 26th September. Buxton Town Team is cited under 'Delivery Lead' a number of times, as well as being included in a regular meeting of key organisations. It was agreed we need clarification and to formulate a Town Team response. All of us to read the documents and comment, a sub group of Dick, Roddie and Sarah will draft a response, for approval at the next meeting.

**ALL
RS/RM/SR**

7.2 The Crescent

The problems with the sewers have been resolved, the hoardings have been completed and maps put up.

7.3 Grove Hotel

An article in the Advertiser was noted, HPBC will be ensuring Robinsons are aware of the status of the Crescent.

7.4 Dale Road

Noted that construction work has started, following granting of planning permission for part of the site.

8. PROJECT UPDATES & PROPOSALS

8.1 Project Monitoring

A status report had been circulated. John will chase various outstanding closing reports. It was agreed that Buxton in Bloom should be written up and closed as soon as the results of the East Midlands in Bloom competition are known; Janet will draft a new proposal for Buxton in Bloom in Winter.

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CM
JM**

8.3 Slopes Care Team

Three sessions have taken place so far and good progress has been made.

8.4 Ashwood Park

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust have carried out a survey and discovered a rare butterfly, the white-letter hairstreak, future work will need to take account of this. The first Waterside Care water testing session has also taken place. HPBC have found a report on the damaged bridge, which condemned it. Claire is applying for funding from One Stop Shop for a wildlife meadow at the Morrisons end of the park.

8.5 Buxton in Bloom

Judging of the local competitions has been completed, the presentations will be on 4th September.

9. TOWN TEAM STRATEGY

It was noted that the Business plan was overdue for review, Janet will circulate it for all to consider and agree action at the next meeting. It was also suggested that we need to consider how we deal with repeat projects and ongoing activities, and how we motivate more volunteers to become active. It was agreed that volunteer motivation should be the main topic at the next Ideas & Action meeting. It was also suggested that Vision Buxton could consider organising a conference next year around tourism and the visitor economy.

JM/ALL

JM/RS

10. UPCOMING TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

10.1 Ideas & Action Meetings

Room in the Green Man Gallery is available for the September meeting, but not free of charge, the gallery would charge us £10 each time. The space is not ideal, there are concerns in principle about being asked to pay, but it was agreed to try it for the September meeting and review after that. Suzanne will confirm the booking.

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11. MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Tina will attend the Vision Buxton marketing meeting on 21st September.

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Roddie will arrange the long overdue meeting with Dai Lerner as soon as possible.

RM

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Digital Projector

A projector has been purchased, it was agreed that Philip will keep it at home for collection by whoever needs it.

PB

12.2 Policy on Vulnerable Adults

There is an outstanding action on Janet to work with Kathryn to develop a version for approval.

JM

12.3 Old Hall Renovations

Richard Tuffrey had advised on the reasons for the work and that the chimney will be replaced.

12.4 Get Better With Nature Fund

Nestle's agents have been soliciting applications, it is unclear whether projects on council land are eligible, Claire will clarify.

CM

12.5 Buxton Museum

Collections in the Landscape is being promoted as part of the Heritage Open Days, Suzanne will find out what else is happening around the event with a view to including a link in the next member newsletter.

SP/JM

12.6 Great Places Scheme

Arts Council funding is available for schemes costing in excess of £500k, expressions of interest must be submitted before 6th October. It was agreed Philip will investigate further and draft a submission for sculptures on The Slopes. Roddie will check the situation with regard to English Heritage and the view from HPBC.

PB

RM

12.7 Buxton Spa Prize

It was suggested that we might sponsor a prize for a pen and ink drawing suitable for a new design of tea-towel. The teenage prize is one possibility, Roddie will explore the idea with Trevor.

RM

13. DATES OF NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The dates of future Directors' meetings are:

Wednesday 21st September

Tuesday 25th October

Wednesday 23rd November

Tuesday 13th December

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

JCMM

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