

BUXTON TOWN TEAM

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

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

Apologies: None

1. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

With one amendment to 3.2, the notes of the 28th January meeting were agreed to be an accurate record and can be posted on the website.

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2. BOARD, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

2.1 Directors Search

Roddie welcomed Suzanne Pearson to the board.

3. IDEAS & ACTION MEETING

Notes of the last meeting had been circulated. There was an issue with the new venue (The Clubhouse) which was also double booked, but an alternative room was available. The Skills audit was held over for lack of time; Janet will convert it to an on line survey and send the link out via the monthly newsletter.

JM

There was a request for Events Management students to attend meetings, Dick confirmed they would be welcome.

4. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Notes of the last meeting had been circulated. Matthew Nuttall is getting more involved and proving useful.

5. SCRUTINY GROUP

The group had nothing to report.

6. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCES

6.1 Current Position

The number of members is 219. The Facebook page has 925 Likes.

Philip had circulated a financial report, showing current cash assets at £11,521 including £1,262 loaned to Buxton Markets CIC. Money for the Spring Fair has started to come in. It was noted that Philip would be ordering more tea-towels and jigsaws to replenish stocks and fulfil recent orders.

6. TOWN MATTERS

6.1 The Crescent

Tina had attended the Stakeholders Meeting and reported that work should be starting imminently, and that a large part of the Crescent would be closed and become part of the construction site. The Pump House Roof will not be available for the Spring Fair, it is still uncertain how much of the Crescent will be, the closure will impact on the Well Dressing Carnival and other events as well.

6.2 Magistrates' Court

It has been confirmed that the Buxton Court will close in the next few months, however Stockport will not, so Buxton cases will be heard there rather than Chesterfield, and video link arrangements will be in place.

6.3 Nestle Site Proposals

The joint working group have met the NHS Commissioning Groups, their proposals would be compatible with the agreed statement on use, if funding is forthcoming. The relationship with Nestle remains positive.

6.4 DB Schenker Site

Demolition of the old loco sheds will start on 1st March.

7. PROJECT UPDATES & PROPOSALS

7.1 Buxton Market Revitalisation

A Markets Manager and an Assistant Manager have been appointed. The company now has a bank account and is registered with HMRC and for PAYE. Membership is growing and loans are coming in, but the anticipated grant from Derbyshire County Council has not yet been agreed and the company needs cash to pay for stalls and other essential expenditure. The possibility of a grant from Buxton Town Team was discussed, but agreed this would not be appropriate. It was agreed however that Buxton Town Team will make a formal loan of £3,000, interest free, subject to review on 31st March each year and payable within three months on request, and by 31st March 2021 at the latest. Philip will draw up the necessary agreement for signing by a Director and arrange transfer of funds.

PB

7.2 Buxton on the Move Conference

Speakers and programme are almost sorted, presentation are coming in, delegate list is being finalised.

7.3 Buxton Spring Fair 2016

Applications are coming in along with funding. The project is included in Waitrose Community Fund for March.

7.4 Web Hosting

The Communications Group had discussed issues with the website and the costs, and have recommended switching to Vidahost in early March when the domain names are due for renewal. This was agreed; Philip will liaise with Andy regarding the transfer and set up the new payment arrangements.

PB

7.5 Buxton in Bloom 2015

The Closing Report was accepted and can be posted on the website.

JM

7.6 Ashwood Park

The Waterside Care agreement has been signed. It was noted that activities that take place actually in the river will come under their insurance rather than ours, and that will not cover people under eighteen who are not accompanied by a parent or guardian. Claire will ensure this restriction is taken into account.

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8. UPCOMING TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

8.1 Ideas & Action Meeting Thursday 10th March

It was agreed the main topic should be the Buxton on the Move conference, which takes place the previous day. **JM/RS**

8.2 General Meeting Wednesday 13th April

Roddie is waiting for confirmation that the Palace Hotel can provide us with a room. It was agreed that as well as formal business, we will present a report on the Buxton on the Move Conference and an update on Buxton Market. **RM**

9. MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

John will arrange to present the Buxton Markets project to the Thornbridge Hall meeting in October.

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10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Fund-raising for Projects

Simon had investigated and concluded that while there is very little government funding available now there are opportunities in the private sector. It was confirmed that, rather than fundraising speculatively, projects should seek their own funding as required. It was agreed however that it would be useful to have someone who was responsible for maintaining a directory of funding opportunities, and that this would also be useful for other group in the town.

10.2 Destination Management Organisation

Sarah had circulated a paper on the topic. She has approached various other organisation in the town who are interested in being involved. Currently information for visitors is very fragmented, a single source of information would help, and the University, Buxton Opera House and others are looking to seek funding top provide this. It was confirmed that we would support the idea in principle; at some stage an In Support Proposal might be appropriate.

SR

10.3 Policy on Vulnerable Adults

Following the discussions last month it had been suggested that a separate policy would be more appropriate than an extension of the Policy on Youth Volunteers. Kathryn has drawn up a first draft, which has been circulated, comments to be sent to Janet for collation.

10.4 Derbyshire County Council Bus Subsidies

A consultation has been launched regarding a proposal to cease all subsidies for buses; if implemented almost all the buses serving Buxton would be affected. Janet will include a link to the consultation in the next newsletter.

JM

11. DATES OF NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

Dates for the next few Directors' meetings are:

Monday 14th March

Wednesday 20th April

Thursday 12th May

Wednesday 15th June

Tuesday 19th July

Tuesday 23rd August

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All meetings are at 7:30pm in the Old Hall Hotel. Janet will confirm with the Old Hall Hotel.

JCMM

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