

## **BUXTON TOWN TEAM**

### **NOTES ON THE DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

**Present:** Charles Jolly, Claire Millard, Janet Miller, John Estruch, Philip Barton, Richard Silson, Roddie MacLean, Simon Fussell, Suzanne Pearson, Tina Heathcote

**Apologies:** Sarah Rawlinson

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

The notes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> October were approved subject to a minor amendment; Roddie will make the change and then they can be posted on the website.

**RM  
JM**

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

Sarah has confirmed that she will not be standing for a second term, her term will end therefore on 10<sup>th</sup> December and this is her last meeting. She was thanked for her valuable contribution over the last three years. Claire will also be resigning due to moving away, exact date of departure to be confirmed. The Search Committee (Janet, Roddie, Tina and Charles) have taken this into account, they hope to present a shortlist of candidates to the next meeting.

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

Notes of the last meeting have been circulated. The December meeting will be an end of year review and celebration, it was suggested the January meeting should focus on 'townskeeping'.

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

The group met on 14<sup>th</sup> November, the notes will be circulated. There has been a lot of activity on Facebook, and good press coverage. Outstanding action on Janet to amend the Project Proposal form to include Publicity Plans.

**JM**

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

Nothing to report.

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

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

Facebook page Likes have increased to 1,175. The number of members is 235.

Philip had circulated a financial report, showing current assets at £11,075, including the £3,000 loaned to Buxton Markets CIC. Noted that the costs associated with the bike installations were recorded separately whereas they are part of the Buxton in Bloom project. Claire will revise the Project Closing Report to reflect this.

**CM**

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

##### **7.1 Pavilion Gardens**

Noted that HPBC will be closing all the buildings through January and February, to save costs. While this is regrettable, there is nothing we can do about it.

##### **7.2 Crescent Development**

Noted the opening is now scheduled for Q1 2019. The delay to opening the Pump Room is due to a problem with the electrical supply. The Crescent Friends scheme will launch in January 2018. There have been ongoing problems with vandalism, including to one of the rooftop stags.

##### **7.3 High Path**

The land above has been bought by a dry stone waller who has started work on repairs.

##### **7.4 Other Matters**

BCA are close to proving ownership of the Market Place Well, they are also trying to get it back on the DCC 'at risk' register. They were planning to redevelop the site of the Water Street toilets as a sensory garden, this was rejected on the grounds that the Octagon needs the space for storage. They are still waiting for HPBC to respond to their proposals for the Spring Gardens colonnades.

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

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

A status update had been circulated. Outstanding Closing Reports: Merchandise

Open Gardens 2016  
Buxton On The Move Conference  
Buxton Railings Clean  
Talking Signposts  
Tour of Britain 2015

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TH/RM  
JE/HD  
JE/JJ  
TH/JM**

##### **8.2 Project Proposals**

None were presented, however the following are expected to come forward soon:

Open Gardens 2017; Buxton Railings Clean; Buxton Spring Fair; Peak District Boundary Walk Launch Event. Possibly also: Buxton in Bloom; East Midlands in Bloom; Buxton Spring Clean.

Noted that if we do Buxton in Bloom again the local competitions should be a separate project to the East Midlands in Bloom entry, as they have very different aims and objectives.

##### **8.3 Buxton in Bloomin' Winter**

This has started, with over 120 possible spots listed for decorations, and so far around a quarter of them adopted by

various organisations. The reaction in the town has been overwhelmingly positive, though a very small number of negative comments have come in and been addressed.

#### **8.4 Ashwood Park**

More bulbs have been planted, including on the opposite side of the road. Nestle did not award us with a grant, however Claire is pursuing other options. HPBC have agreed to the removal of the yews.

#### **8.5 Slopes Care Team**

The team are very close to completing all the path edgings.

### **9. TOWN TEAM STRATEGY**

The Away Day was held earlier today, notes will be circulated soon.

**JM**

### **10. UPCOMING TOWN TEAM MEETINGS**

#### **10.1 Ideas & Action Meeting**

Provisional topics agreed as follows: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Review and Celebration  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Townskeeping  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Disability Issues (inc eg hearing, visual etc)

### **11. MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Roddie, John and Simon met with Dai Lerner, the notes will be circulated in due course. The idea of a Parking Summit has been dropped, the HPBC view now is that parking is only an issue a few days a year so there is no case for providing more space. There has been a change of attitude re alternative use of the town hall, moving the Library into the town centre and so on. They are looking at grants for landlords to improve their properties on Fairfield Road. Dai is suggesting a meeting with us every 4 months, so next in February. **RM/JE/SF**

Tina attended the last Crescent Stakeholder meeting, nothing significant to report.

Tina gave a presentation to Buxton WI on the work of the Town Team.

Claire gave a talk to Fairfield Scouts about the work in Ashwood Park.

Andy will be giving a talk to Burbage Gardening Club next week.

### **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **12.1 Policy on Vulnerable Adults**

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

**JM**

#### **12.2 Fairfield Road Park**

The Scouts have agreed to adopt this and are looking for ideas of how it can be improved.

#### **12.3 Purchase of Speakers**

It was agreed Andy can claim back the cost of two speakers to go with the digital projector.

**PB**

### **13. DATES OF NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS**

The dates of future Directors' meetings were agreed as:

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**JM**

The date of the next General Meeting will be Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April, venue to be confirmed.

JCMM

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