

**Buxton Town Team**  
**MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' MEETING – 25 Oct 2016**  
**7.30pm Old Hall Hotel**

1. **Welcome:** Roddie.  
**Apologies:** Claire, Janet, Tina, John  
**Present:** Roddie, Dick, Philip, Simon, Derek, Sarah, Suzanne
2. **Notes of previous meeting** approved and signed. No matters arising, not covered on the agenda.
3. **AOB** – nothing mentioned
4. **Board, directors and officers** – Roddie reported that the search committee have met and matters are progressing to identify skills gaps and potential candidates. Three directors have come to end of their first 3 year terms: Dick & John are willing to stand for a second term, Sarah is standing down to devote time to further involvement with Vision Buxton and the proposal for a Tourism Association. Tina wishes to step aside, in part to assist with the phasing in of new appointments.
5. **Ideas & Action Meeting** – Suzanne reported on the last meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> Oct at The Green Man Gallery. There were 19 present. Closing Report on Spring Fair by Janet was previously circulated (7 pages long). It was agreed to sign off. Project updates included 'Buxton in Bloom' and 'Ashwood Park' from Claire. We were awarded Silver Gilt Award in East Midland in Bloom (7 more points than last year) Ashwood Park has been renovated with painted seats and planted beds. Slopes Team' and 'Buxton in Bloomin' Winter' updates from Tina. BTT have had 5,000 purple crocus bulbs donated by Rotary Club to celebrate the almost eradication of polio world wide. Planting in the shape of Buxton Logo to take place on 22 Oct on The Slopes. Tina outlined the progress with Christmas celebrations in town by showing slides of decorations we can make, then groups dispersed around the room to create 'How to...' sheets and make examples.
6. **Communications Group** report – none present. Comms will be the focus of the next I & A meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> Nov at the University.
7. **Scrutiny Group** (notes attached) Derek highlighted 3 points: firstly, the recommendation that there are stronger links between directors and projects (especially now Tina is planning to retire) with a named director as the link. Secondly, suggestion that ideas for combating bad weather at the Spring Fair are followed through at planning stage. Suzanne reminded all that the closing report covered ideas. Thirdly, BTT could become more proactive on planning matters (particularly the Nestle site) and recommended the Business Plan be renamed to 'Operational Plan.' Dick saw potential problems in meaningfully representing a consensus view from members. Derek responded that directors represent members and so can give BTT view.

## 8. Membership & Finance

- 8.1 membership increased by 1 – Carol Rogers joined at last I & A meeting
- 8.2 request from Philip for invoices to be submitted asap eg HPBC bill for machinery at Ashwood Park or directors' expenses (so that finances are up to date and also good practice to prevent possible embarrassment for future directors)

## 9. Town Matters

- 9.1 'Great Places' expression of interest by HPBC. Comments suggested that the bid lacked passion and was too vague. Derwent Valley Mills was known also to have submitted an EoI.

## 10. Projects

- 10.1 Project Proposals discussion on continuation of:

**Crescent Planters** – Tina has quote from nursery for 12 winter planters @ £15 each Total £180. Discussion followed and suggestion that we reserve £200 for planting in Turner Memorial and on railings outside Waitrose, rather than Crescent hoardings that have just been repainted with fresh text & pictures. Simon indicated that Buxton Civic Assoc may also make a further contribution – it was decided to accept their offer later if required.

**Railings Clean 2017** – Helen Davison will be moving from Buxton soon. Buxton & Leek College want to continue and will need support on the day. Suzanne offered to be the link for this project that also involves several primary schools.

**Spring Clean 2017** – suggestion that this is every other year (ie that it does happen in '17) and ask for support at next I & A meeting

- 10.2 **Ashwood Park** – Steve Bradshaw & Richard Lower have cleared the halfway bridge of tree debris which has revealed a bridge which looks reasonably structurally secure. Roddie knows a structural engineer who might advise. Almost all benches are now painted red.

**The Slopes** – The Rotary Club have donated 5,000 crocus & HPBC 750 daffodil bulbs. The Buxton logo will be planted on the slope opposite Turners' Memorial. Concerns expressed about the grass cutting - council gardeners being made aware of the bulb planting. BTT are already making a visible difference by clearing moss and cutting edges. HPBC have asked us for support with a bid for grant funding to restore the urn in the box. Further information required.

**Buxton in Bloomin' Winter** – plans forging ahead with decorating town with decorations made from recycling. 8 different 'How to..' sheets are now on the BTT website and Buxton Advertiser are planning to publish in weeks leading up to 3<sup>rd</sup> December. People are being asked to adopt a tree/railings/evergreen patch to decorate. A lantern procession will parade through the town from Spring Gardens, up The Slopes, through Market Place and into Pavilion Gardens. Fancy dressed based on Pirates & Peter Pan, with singing at points along the route led by Andy Parker and local choirs. Workshops are planned – all info on the website.

## 11. Review and renaming of Business Plan

- 11.1 Directors' meeting on the afternoon 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov at University 1.30-5.30 pm.  
Suggest renamed as 'Operational Plan' and reviewed annually.  
Meal at OHH 6 – 7.30pm  
Evening meeting at OHH 7.30 – 9.30pm  
This will be Sarah's last meeting before she leaves us for Vision Buxton

## **12 Planning BTT Meetings:**

12.1 **Next I & A at** University of Derby 7.30pm 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Communication Group presentation

12.2 **Meeting with Dai Larner** Mon 7 Nov 9.30am. Suggestion that we send an agenda to Dai outlining the issues we need to know about before the meeting, possibly including:

- Transport post conference
- Car Parking Summit – contractor parking
- Strategy plan for Station Gateway (Derek may have details of completion date published by HPBC) to include Nestle & DB Cargo site.
- Coach parking
- Small repairs – broken pavement slabs & walls, Ashwood raised path wall
- Serpentine river bank

Three directors to attend Dai's meeting – Simon, Roddie, Dick or John.

## **13 Meetings with other organisations**

13.1 RVM with Birmingham City Council – Roddie had met BCC rep to learn more on Business Improvement Districts and pass on learning about Town Teams

## **14. AOB**

14.1 Suggested purchase of BTT 'kites' for promoting live projects. Agreed to purchase two 'robust' kites at £100 each. Derek suggested another to advertise Talking Signposts, when the time comes.

## **15 Future Meetings**

15.1 Next directors' meeting – Wed 23 Nov

1.30 – 5.30 pm at University

6.00 pm OHH meal

7.30 pm OHH meeting

ends