

BUXTON TOWN TEAM

NOTES ON THE DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28th JULY 2015

Present: Charles Jolly, Claire Millard, Janet Miller, Joe Dugdale, John Estruch, Philip Barton, Richard Silson, Roddie MacLean, Sarah Rawlinson, Simon Fussell, Tina Heathcote

Apologies: None

1. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed that the notes of the meeting on 23rd June represented an accurate record and can be posted on the website.

JM

2. BOARD, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

2.1 Board Search Committee

The meeting welcomed Simon Fussell as a Director of Buxton Town Team.

It was noted that four directors are due to complete their three year appointment on 22nd November this year and we need to decide whether to appoint them for a further three years, or bring in new people. It was agreed to form a new search committee consisting of Charles, Claire, Jean Ball, John and Sarah.

CJ/CM/JE/SR

2.2 Board Away Day

This was set for Tuesday 13th October, Roddie, Tina and Dick will make the necessary arrangements.

RS/RM/TH

3. IDEAS MEETING

Notes of the last meeting had been circulated, John will be updating the schedule shortly.

JE

It was agreed that the next Ideas Meeting should consider cycling as a topic, in addition the museum want to present their plans for Collections in the Landscape. It was suggested that a later meeting could focus on gardens, and consider potential linkage with the new RHS show at Chatsworth in June 2017.

RS

4. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Notes of the last meeting had been circulated, nothing particular to note.

5. SCRUTINY GROUP

The group have not met since the last meeting, but a number of recommendations are still under consideration. Charles reiterated the view that the directors need to meet with the accountant as soon as convenient.

It was also noted that we should consider the insurance implications of some of our less standard activities, and also whether director indemnity is needed, given developments in case law. Simon will investigate.

SF

6. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCES

6.1 Current Position

The number of members is now 208, Facebook Likes are at 764.

A report on finances for the last month had been circulated. The £610 from Waitrose has now been received, cash assets including moneys owed for maps and tea-towels are now £11,052. Buxton in Bloom is expected to feature in the Waitrose Community Matters Fund next month.

6.2 HMRC

Laytons had spoken to HMRC at length last week, and reports that they have agreed to cancel the penalties and register Buxton Town Team retrospectively as a not for profit organisation. We have been advised to expect a letter of confirmation within three weeks. It was agreed that Rob Layton should be asked to meet with the Directors, either at the September directors' meeting or the away day in October. Roddie will extend the invitation.

RM

7. TOWN MATTERS

7.1 Nestle Site Proposals

A meeting is being arranged between CPG and Buxton Town Team, Vision Buxton and Buxton Civic Association. It was agreed that the Town Team perspective has to centre around our core aims, of advancing prosperity and well-being, and not allowing the centre of gravity of the town to drift further to the north. It was noted that the emerging Local Plan allows all town centre uses except retail, and that after retail, residential is the next most profitable use. Discussions indicated a preference for a transport hub combined with relatively high density housing; a hotel as part of this mix would not be an issue. It was agreed that Peak Rail's aspirations for re-opening the rail link are key, and we need to meet them to discuss; Janet and Roddie will initiate this.

JM/RM

7.2 Crescent Development

No updates have been received.

7.3 The Local Plan

No updates have been received.

7.4 The Octagon

It has emerged that the building has to close from October for 15 months, for essential repairs to the roof. It is understood that the money previously earmarked for refurbishment will now be spent on repairs instead. The loss of the venue is likely to affect events generally in the town, but the impact is not yet known.

8. PROJECT UPDATES & PROPOSALS

8.1 Project Monitoring and Reporting

John apologised for not having updated the status report; he is still chasing closing reports on several projects. Joe will contact the Illustrated Map artists and get the copyright agreement signed, so we can close the project.

JE
JD

8.2 Tour of Britain

A project proposal had been circulated; it had not been possible to present this to the last Ideas Meeting because we only heard afterwards that the Tour would be coming through the town centre. The project team has concluded that a themed market or similar was unlikely to generate sufficient interest to be worth the work involved and that some form of bike themed decoration of the town, plus encouraging businesses to take part, was the best use of resources. The project was approved with a budget of £400, but the intention is to spend far less.

8.3 Buxton Carnival

It was agreed that our taking part had been worthwhile.

8.4 Artisan Market Trials

A report on footfall measurements had been circulated. The conclusion was that a market on the Market Place is good for the town as a whole, while in Spring Gardens it is detrimental to higher Buxton, albeit probably better there for the market traders. We could therefore only support any future Artisan Markets on the Market Place. It was agreed that we should not circulate the report more widely until we know the outcome of the tender exercise for the operation of the regular market.

8.5 Buxton Market Revitalisation

John has spoken to Terry Crawford who advised that a decision has been made, but cannot be publicised yet. The unsuccessful bidder will be contacted shortly, there will then be a 'standstill' of 10 working days to allow time for appeal, before the successful bidder is informed.

8.6 Winter Lights

The application was submitted however we were not shortlisted. Roddie will ask for feedback and circulate this along with a copy of the application.

RM

9. MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

A meeting with Buxton Civic Association is still outstanding.

The Transport Forum are trying to arrange a meeting with Dai Lerner to discuss our ideas with him before disseminating them more widely.

Tina attended a meeting at the University about dementia awareness. It was felt that the town should look at accessibility issues more widely, as many solutions can address a range of different disabilities.

RM

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10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Youth Volunteers

The protocol has been amended as agreed, John will discuss it with the insurance company shortly.

10.2 Hi Viz Jackets

There is an outstanding action on Janet to order these.

10.3 Magistrates Courts

Roddie advised that a consultation was underway regarding whether the courts will close or stay open; if they close there could be significant implications for the plans for Hardwick Hall.

JE

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11. DATES OF NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The dates for upcoming meetings are:

Monday 17th August (7:30pm in the Old Hall Hotel)

Tuesday 22nd September(7:30pm in the Old Hall Hotel)

Tuesday 13th October (time and venue to be advised)

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

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