

BUXTON TOWN TEAM

NOTES ON THE DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12th MAY 2016

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

Apologies: Richard Silson, Suzanne Pearson

1. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The notes of the meeting on 20th April were agreed to be an accurate record and can be posted on the website.

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2. BOARD, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

There was nothing to report.

3. IDEAS & ACTION MEETING

There was a meeting earlier this week, the notes will be circulated soon. The venue is still problematic. Trevor is agreeable to us using somewhere in Hardwick Hall, we will have to make arrangements with the Green Man Gallery. Sarah will also look into alleged security issues around using the University in the evening.

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4. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Andy Parker is taking over chairing the group. The website has been switched to Vidahost, minor glitches during the transfer have been resolved. We continue to get good media coverage.

There is an outstanding action on Janet to amend the Project Proposal form to include a box on Publicity Plans.

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5. SCRUTINY GROUP

They are hopeful of recruiting a new member, awaiting a response.

6. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCES

6.1 Current Position

The number of members is 230, the Facebook page has 1,062 Likes.

Philip had circulated a financial report, showing current assets at £12,030, including the £3,000 loaned to Buxton Markets CIC and £450 in income due. The main transactions have again been the Spring Fair, which is currently showing quite a large surplus, though further expense claims are expected.

7. TOWN MATTERS

7.1 The Crescent

The contract has been signed and work is underway.

7.2 Local Plan

The Local Plan has been formally adopted, HPBC is apparently the first in Derbyshire to achieve this.

8. PROJECT UPDATES & PROPOSALS

8.1 Project Monitoring

A status report had been circulated. John is still chasing several long outstanding closing reports.

RM/TH

8.2 Litter Picking Walking Group

There is an outstanding action on John to amend the Closing Report to include the recommendation that the walks continue as an ongoing activity. It was agreed that Simon will act as ongoing liaison with Karen.

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8.3 Casebook Buxton

An In Support Project Proposal had been circulated. While the proposal has some merit, and could work well as part of the Family Festival, the consensus was that the Town Team does not have anything to contribute and, being a commercial venture, the project does not require our input. It was therefore not approved, Roddie will advise the proponent and explain the reasoning.

RM

8.4 Buxton Market Revitalisation

The market was officially launched on 30th April and has been going well, though there is a need to attract more traders and more shoppers over the coming months. The probability of a grant from DCC is uncertain, but the Bingham Trust has donated £2,000 to cover the cost of offering a free charity stall at each market. Buxton Markets are borrowing 16A cables and connectors from us; it was agreed this could continue as long as required, on the understanding that they will replace any losses and contribute to the cost of PAT testing in due course.

8.5 Ashwood Park

A river clearing session has been arranged for Sunday 15th May. This will be the first event to be run jointly with Waterside Care, and with entry into the river officially sanctioned. The Bingham Trust have donated £1,000 to cover the cost of digging out and replanting some of the beds to open up the vista.

8.6 Open Gardens 2016

There are now 26 private gardens on the trail, plus a hotel, churches and public parks. Visit Peak District have asked for copies of our materials so they can include the Buxton Garden Trail in their publicity campaign for RHS Chatsworth 2017. There are some concerns around the Trail Map which Philip will raise with Jo and David. Jo had asked for a banner to hang on the railings, it was agreed that A1 posters on Correx boards would be a more cost effective solution, Janet will ask for HPBC permission and produce a design for Roddie to print.

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JM/RM

8.7 Buxton Spring Fair & Buxton Railings Clean

Both projects were successful in spite of adverse weather, the meeting offered congratulations to all concerned.

9. UPCOMING TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

9.1 Ideas & Action Meeting Thursday 9th June

It was agreed that we will ask for presentations from Buxton Markets, Friends of Buxton Station and the Crescent, Roddie will contact the presenters.

RM

10. MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Vision Buxton Marketing Group: The group met yesterday, notes will be circulated.

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Burbage Gardening Group: Claire gave a talk to the meeting last night which was well received.

General Meeting with HPBC: The 6 monthly meeting with Dai is long overdue, Roddie will arrange.

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Crescent Stakeholders Group: The next meeting is in June, Tina will attend.

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URC Guides: There is a presentation of their visitor survey findings, at 6:30pm on 17th May, all are welcome.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Friends of Buxton Station

It was reported that proposals to twin with Shibuya Station in progressing, with delegates from Tokyo visiting on 26th May. Meanwhile work has started on a sculpture (using metal salvaged from the DB Schenker sheds) and on painting a mural along the second fence; the tiles for the Buxton Map have been delivered.

11.2 Policy on Vulnerable Adults

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

JM

12. DATES OF NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The dates of future Directors' meetings are:

Wednesday 15th June

Tuesday 19th July

Tuesday 23rd August

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