

BUXTON TOWN TEAM - ACCESS, PARKING, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT GROUP

NOTES OF THE MEETING ON 22nd FEBRUARY 2017

Present: Andy Parker, Emma Pope, Janet Miller, Jim Lowe, Peter Wiltshire, Simon Fussell, Tina Heathcote
Apologies: Dick Silson, John Phillips, Richard Lovell, Roddie MacLean, Sarah Porru, Tim Heap, Viv Marriott

1. Notes of the Last Meeting

Notes of the meeting on 31st January 2017 were approved as a true record, with no matters arising.

2. Group Remit & Membership

The 'Terms of Reference' had been drawn up and circulated, thanks to all who sent comments in; some further amendments were agreed and the revised version will go to the directors for approval. **JM**

Noted that we need input from businesses in the town and surrounding area, suggested the University might take the lead in pulling them in. We should also utilise local expertise, Simon will look at involving someone from Anderson Consulting, Tina will contact Daniel Godfrey who spoke at the conference. **SF TH**

3. Parking

DCC Road Traffic Order: Tina and Roddie were at the meeting called by Terry Crawford, and our formal response went in to DCC by email and hard copy, so far we have had no acknowledgement. We have been told however that the proposal as announced has been stopped and that there will be a full consultation before any new proposals are put forward.

Strategic Review of Parking: Tim sent a message to say he cannot release the Keswick Data, but would be able to draw up a blueprint as discussed at the last meeting. Confirmed we do want this. **Theap**

4. Accessibility

This was the topic of the recent Ideas & Action Meeting. Agreed there is a strong case for looking at Spring Gardens re its accessibility to people with a range of impairments, and noted that different groups can often be helped through the same solutions. Suggested that it would be a good topic for a student dissertation or post-graduate thesis. We would ideally get a specification drawn up before the Easter break, Peter will produce an outline/ template for this. The University have an expert on the issue, Peter will invite her to attend the next meeting. Janet will circulate the notes of the I&A meeting. **PW JM**

5. UoD, DCC, BTT Projects

Peter gave some more detail of the presentation made by the students. Visitors were surveyed with help from HPBC, some schools took part, businesses in the town were the least engaged. Richard Lovell has asked for the raw data, Peter will send this through to him. **PW**

Peter has asked the students to collaborate on producing a report, apparently this is not part of the course requirements so we are reliant on their goodwill, but Peter will follow it up. **PW**

The invitation to one of the students to join this group was reiterated, she would be very welcome.

6. On-Line Presence

All the car parks now appear on the Google map of Buxton, but you still have to zoom in a long way to see all of them. No response from HPBC and the businesses have still not been 'claimed', Andy will follow this up. Janet will include a call for members to 'review' car parks in the next newsletter, to improve their chances of being displayed more prominently. **AP JM**

Noted that Buxton Town Team is now an 'accredited guide' on Google.

7. Trains

No more news on the trees on the viaduct, Tina will chase it up. **TH**

No update from Peak Rail though they have been promising an imminent announcement for some time. Suggested we could ask FoBS to attend a future meeting to input and update us. Noted that Buxton has a new Station Manager.

8. Buses

Outstanding action on Tina to contact High Peak Buses re additional services during the RHS Show, timetables in the Terrace Road shelters, effect of the Manchester Airport link on the 199 service. **TH**

No news re the proposed cuts to DCC subsidies.

9. Coaches

Coach Friendly Status: The scheme is run by the Federation of Passenger Transport UK, it is awarded to locations who recognise the value of coaches and make an effort to welcome them and their passengers. There is no prescriptive list of requirements, but suggested a destination should have: clear directions and signage; adequate capacity for set-down, parking and pick-up point; driver facilities for rest

and refreshment; waiting areas for passengers, with toilets; facilities for disabled passengers; a named representative at the local authority. The process for being listed includes an initial consultation, then a presentation by the destination, then a judging panel who meets and decides; status is reviewed every 12 months with an audit every three years. We would get a profile page on the Federation website and can use their Coach Friendly logo on our publicity materials, and hopefully bring more coaches into the town. Andy will find out what the costs are and discuss with Luke. **AP**

Noted that Buxton Football Club could be promoted and that would bring a large increase in visitors.

Interim Report: Thanks to all who commented, Andy is updating the report and will send round a revised version soon. Recommendations discussed, including a welcome board at the coach park under the viaduct; maps and town guides to be available to pick up from there; Vision Buxton Marketing idea for driver info pack; better on-line representation to encourage coaches to come (eg coachdriver.co.uk). **AP**

Coach Survey: Andy has ascertained that multiple entries by one person are possible direct to the Survey Monkey but not if you enter the data through our webpage. Noted that the anecdotal evidence picked up talking to drivers is as valuable as the actual numbers and contact details. Suggested we add the vehicle registration number. Also suggested Google Forms as an alternative survey tool. **AP**

Also suggested we ask schools, college, university to do intensive surveys over shorter time periods, in addition to the general ongoing data collection.

11. Long Distance Walk

Had been suggested a driveway scheme might solve the issue of people needing long term (say 2 week) parking. Tina will ask Richard Lovell what the legal restrictions might be. **TH**

12. Topics Not Discussed and Outstanding Actions

Accessibility: Tina to discuss disability toilets and funding with Joe Battye. **TH**

Way-marking: Pursue suggestion that UoD students should reviewing HPBC's way-marking strategy. **TH/PW**

Coaches: Peter to provide info from Visit Peak District and Grand Tour. **PW**

Tina to ask the Opera House for any information they have about coach visits. **TH**

Parking: Simon to discuss idea of overflow parking on Fairfield Common with Roger Floyd. **SF**

Trains: Dick to contact Paul Tomlinson re having a presence in Buxton. **RS**

Bikes: Dick to follow up idea of an electric bike event and coverage in Pure Buxton **RS**

Jim to reconvene the cycling group to draw up a cycle route proposal for the town **JL**

Miscellaneous: Photos of town entry and car park signs **TH**

Ascertain boundaries of Crescent development **RS**

Request formal response from HPBC and DCC to Conference report **TH**

Gather information on candidates to next Local Authority elections **SF**

Research available data on pollution levels in Buxton **SF**

Pedestrian Controlled Lights: more research and evidence needed.

13. Next Meeting

Thursday 16th March 10:00am, John will organise a room at the Dome. **JP**