

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

NOTES OF THE MEETING ON 9th MAY 2017

Present: Andy Parker, Dick Silson, Janet Miller, Peter Wiltshire, Tina Heathcote

Apologies: Carole Rogers, Jim Lowe, John Phillips, Richard Lovell, Roddie MacLean, Sarah Porru, Simon Fussell, Tim Heap, Viv Marriott

1. Notes of the Last Meeting

Notes of the meeting on 22nd February 2017 were approved as a true record, with no matters arising. A meeting did take place on 16th March but only three people could be there and no notes were taken.

2. Group Remit & Membership

The 'Terms of Reference' for the APTT Group have been approved.

3. Parking

DCC Road Traffic Order: This is in abeyance, particularly in light of a change of regime at DCC.

Additional Parking: The option of using the DB Schenker site was discussed. Noted that access could be sorted via a mini roundabout on Palace Road, the area in front of the fan light landscaped nicely, space in front of the station freed up for other uses; also that the Palace Hotel is in need of extra overnight parking. Noted though that there may be a problem parking on hard core because of concerns about safeguarding Nestle's water supply.

Parking Scratch Card: Noted that HPBC have introduced a 3 day and 7 day permit as a scratch card, for use in certain car parks.

Strategic Review of Parking: Outstanding action on Tim to draw up a blueprint for a review.

THEap

Driveway Parking Scheme: Further research via Money Saving Expert indicates that there are several web based schemes eg justpark.com that could be suitable; all are properly set up with legal issues covered. Agreed we need someone to research which is the easiest to use and has the best reach, then we could promote it. Dick will take this to an Ideas Meeting and ask for a volunteer.

RS

Fairfield Common: Outstanding action on Simon to discuss the idea of overflow parking on the common with Roger Floyd.

SF

4. Accessibility

Confirmed this would be a good topic for a student dissertation or post-graduate thesis, Peter will work with Carole to draw up a specification for the work.

PW

Janet will find contact details for Dave Bennett from High Peak Access who spoke at the conference.

JM

5. UoD, DCC, BTT Projects

A report on the work carried out by the students was produced and circulated. Richard Lovell is wanting to pick up on some of these ideas, specifically around car sharing, bike hire, electric bikes etc. Peter and Richard will meet to discuss best way forward.

PW/RL

6. On-Line Presence

Car Parks: All the car parks are now showing up on Google Maps. Terry Crawford is happy in principle to take ownership, Andy will follow this up. Janet will repeat the call for members to 'review' car parks in the next newsletter, to improve their chances of being displayed more prominently.

AP

JM

Ginnels and Paths: Noted that most footpaths do not show up on Google Maps, Janet has been adding these to her town centre maps, at some stage they should be uploaded to Google.

7. Trains

Hogshaw Sidings: Work has not yet started, unsure what the status of this is.

Trees on the Viaduct: This is on hold till after the summer.

Peak Rail: Dick is keeping in regular contact with Paul Tomlinson, who is very optimistic but cannot give any definitive information yet. They are still committed to developing a presence in Buxton, but have not said when this might happen.

RS

FoBS: They are now creating a Japanese garden in the area beyond the buffers. They are also following up the possibility of someone running a café at the station. A suggestion has been put forward that the trains start referring to Buxton Spa in their announcements.

8. Buses

High Peak Buses are not planning to run additional services during the RHS Show, and say that the Manchester Airport link will not affect the 199 service.

No news re the proposed cuts to DCC subsidies.

9. Coaches

Interim Report: The report has been redrafted, it was agreed Andy will send this to HPBC, following up Dai's request for a business plan for extra coach parking. Noted it is still an Interim Report as we are still gathering data, but we hope HPBC will want to pick up on some or all of the recommended actions.

Coach Survey: Andy will look at transferring the coach survey data onto Google Forms, which is much better set up for analytics. **AP**

Noted outstanding action to ask schools, college, university to do intensive surveys over shorter time periods, in addition to the general ongoing data collection. **AP**

Opera House: Tina will follow up with Emma re what data they can collect. **TH**

Visit Peak District: Outstanding action on Peter to provide info from VPD and Grand Tour. **PW**

11. Bikes

Janet and Tina met with Richard Lovell on 27th April and discussed the idea of a scheme to hire electric bikes, with a network of charging points. They might replace the bikes on the Railway Station, and we would hope to involve some of the local caravan sites. Tina will talk to Bob and Sarah at Eco-Republic to see if they would be interested in a pilot scheme. Noted that there may be funding available for a scheme like this, from LEP, DfT and elsewhere. **TH**

Dick will look into the possibility of an electric bike event on the Market Place, where people could try out the bikes; ideally this would involve more than one supplier, he will investigate what makes of bike are available. **RS**

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

12. Way-marking and 'A' Boards

This could develop into a major project, incorporating a review of signage across town, with suggestions to reduce clutter and replace 'A' boards with something more manageable. It has been suggested it could start off as a student project, with a review of the existing HPBC strategy. Peter and Tim to advise whether or not this is a workable route forward. **PW/TH**

13. Outstanding Actions not discussed

Simon to research available data on pollution levels in Buxton. **SF**

14. Next Meeting

Tina will send out a doodle poll for the week of 12th June. **TH**

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