

BUXTON TOWN TEAM

NOTES ON THE DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2017

Present: Janet Miller, John Estruch, Matthew Nuttall, Roddie MacLean, Richard Silson, Simon Fussell, Suzanne Pearson

Apologies: Jim Lowe, Philip Barton

1. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the meeting of 26th September were approved and can be posted on the website.

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2. BOARD, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The Search Group have met and identified three people to approach as potential directors, and a number of people who should be encouraged to get more involved in Town Team activities.

3. IDEAS & ACTION MEETING

The notes of the October meeting had been circulated. The meeting looked at the recently approved Project Guidance note, and at the ideas generated at the July meeting walkabout; a project to tidy up the Station Approach, possibly with a mural, is being developed.

4. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

The notes of the October meeting will be circulated shortly. One suggestion was that the Comms Group organise a discussion workshop on engagement strategy; it was agreed that this would be useful, and that Directors and past project leaders should be invited to take part.

5. ACCESS, PARKING, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT GROUP

Notes on a meeting of the Travel Plan Steering Group had been circulated. A residents' survey is being developed, HPBC has offered £500 towards the cost of this. An Expression of Interest has been submitted to the Department for Culture, Media and Sports for much more substantial funding.

6. SCRUTINY GROUP

No updates received.

7. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCES

7.1 Current Position

One new member has joined since the last meeting.

A finance report had been sent round - the current balance is £13,017, but we owe £1,127 for the work installing the Ashwood Park statue and £875 for merchandise, so cash in hand is £11,015. We spent £36 on posters and fliers for the WI coffee morning this Saturday, this cost has been reimbursed; the proceeds of the event will go towards providing Christmas lights on the Slopes, as part of the Buxton in Bloomin' Winter project.

8. PROJECT UPDATES & PROPOSALS

8.1 Projects in Development

BID 2017: Outstanding action on Roddie to write a Supporting Role Project Proposal.

Market Place Enhancement: Outstanding action on Janet to draw up proposals for the University of Derby funding.

Buxton Spring Fair 2018: Roddie will ask Richard Lower if he is willing to lead this in 2018.

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8.2 Buxton in Bloomin' Winter 2017 (JM)

In addition to the WI fundraising, Tina has been approaching businesses in Spring Gardens and so far has raised enough money to install lights in between 5 and 6 trees. As last year, decorations will be made for the HPBC Christmas trees and elsewhere. It was agreed we should actively encourage others to decorate specific places in town, so long as we fix notices identifying who decorated each spot and we remind the organisations concerned to look after them through the period and repair any weather damage.

8.3 Railings Clean (SP)

A Closing Report had been circulated, this was accepted and can go on the website. It was noted that only three B&L College students has stayed through to the end of the project, Suzanne will ask Laura Billingham whether she wants the College to take this on again next year. It was suggested we could usefully approach people who organise the Duke of Edinburgh Award at the secondary schools, Suzanne will follow this up.

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8.4 Buxton Neighbourhood Development Plan (RS)

A revised project proposal had been circulated, but there were still some concerns. It was agreed that Dick will be the Project Leader, with Joe in an advisory role. A different person, however, should chair the Steering Group when it is formed, this person need not be primarily a Buxton Town Team member but will answer to Buxton Town Team as the qualifying body. Janet will make the necessary amendments to the project proposal, for circulation and comment.

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8.5 Open Gardens Trail 2017 (RM)

Jo and Dave have advised that they intend to run the Open Gardens Trail independently of Buxton Town Team next year. Janet will amend the Closing Report as previously agreed and circulate for comment.

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8.6 Ashwood Park (SF)

No update on the quarryman statue. All the bulbs were planted, this was covered in the Buxton Advertiser.

8.7 Other Project Monitoring

A status report had been circulated. Further project updates noted as follows:

Talking Signposts 2017 (RM): Roddie will chase Kate for the Closing Report.

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Corporate Hours (JL): No update received.

Slopes Care Team (JL): Outstanding action on Jim to write a Closing Report, with a recommendation that further work continue as an ongoing activity. **JL**

Open Gardens 2016 (RM): The Closing Report is long overdue. **RM**

APT&T Conference (RM): The Closing Report is long overdue. **RM**

9. UPCOMING TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

9.1 Ideas & Action Meetings

The BID consultant is not available to attend the November meeting so this will have to be delayed until the new year. It was agreed that John Bishop should be invited to present his proposal to involve children in town planning. **RS**

10. TOWN MATTERS

Serpentine Community Farm: The CIC are expecting to be evicted in about a year, this has now been covered in the Buxton Advertiser. BCA are actively supporting their case.

Grove Hotel: The front has now been rebuilt, there is no news on what Robinsons plan to do with the building.

High Path: DCC emails forwarded by Tony Kemp indicate that they think that another section of wall is in danger of imminent collapse, and they want to see that rebuilt before the path can be reopened. Roddie will write to the landowner to congratulate him on his work to date and ask if there is any way the Town Team can assist. **RM**

11. LINKS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Vision Buxton Meetings: Mathew attended the meeting on 27th September, Christmas decorations were discussed, as was the suggestion of a Town Clash Diary. Matthew cannot attend the next meeting on 17th January.

Meeting with HPBC: Outstanding action on Roddie to arrange the next meeting with Dai Lerner. **RM**

University of Derby: Tina met students from the Tourism Management course, to talk about the Travel Plan.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Map Copyright: Use of the Town Team map of Buxton was discussed. It was developed originally for the Spring Fair, then expanded for the conferences and developed further for other projects; it is now very recognisable as the Town Team map and should be protected from misuse. All of the work was done on an entirely voluntary basis and it was felt that the map should only be used for community projects, where any profits are being used for the benefit of the town. It was agreed that we will not hand the map over to other organisations to do with as they will, but that we can use the map as the basis to create bespoke maps for other community groups, in exchange for an appropriate consideration. Janet will respond to requests accordingly. **JM**

13. DATES OF NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

Dates of forthcoming Directors' meetings agreed as follows:

Wednesday 22nd November

Thursday 14th December

Tuesday 30th January

Thursday 22nd February

Wednesday 21st March

Thursday 26th April

All are at 7:30pm, Janet will check with Louise if No6 Tea Rooms is available for the 2018 dates.

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