

BUXTON TOWN TEAM

NOTES ON THE DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER 2017

Present: Charles Jolly, Janet Miller, Jim Lowe, John Estruch, Matthew Nuttall, Roddie MacLean, Simon Fussell

Apologies: Richard Silson, Philip Barton, Suzanne Pearson

1. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the meeting of 22nd November were approved and can be posted on the website.

JM

2. BOARD, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The Search Group intend to meet again early in the new year, Janet will arrange the date.

JM

3. IDEAS & ACTION MEETING

The December meeting was in the Cheshire Cheese and was mainly social, with a review of achievements over the last 5 years. Dick will write up the notes and circulate them shortly.

RS

4. COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Notes of the meeting on 12th December will be circulated shortly. The main topic was meeting Vladimir Antchak and hearing about his 'place experience' research. The group recommended that he should be invited to present to the January Ideas & Action meeting, and members be given the opportunity to help with the research.

JM

The Group are also arranging details of the Engagement Strategy meeting on 22nd January. An agenda will be sent round in the new year.

RS

5. ACCESS, PARKING, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT GROUP

The Group met on 6th December with experts from the University of Derby and discussed the collection of data that could be used in a traffic model and to develop a traffic plan for Buxton. The notes will be sent round soon. Outstanding action on Dick to write up the notes of the meeting with Carol Parsons.

JM

RS

6. SCRUTINY GROUP

The group will be holding their next meeting soon.

7. MEMBERSHIP & FINANCES

7.1 Current Position

There has been no change in either the membership or the number of Facebook Likes.

A finance report had been sent round showing a current balance of £12,674. An invoice is due from HPBC for the Quarryman work, and £500 is ring-fenced for Market Place enhancement. The recorded payment for Christmas lights was queried as the work had not yet been completed - Roddie will check the status.

RM

8. PROJECT UPDATES & PROPOSALS

8.1 Slopes Care Team

A closing report had been circulated. Some additional comments were noted: the team is a very visible presence in the town on a weekly basis; the relationship with HPBC has strengthened considerably; HPBC have often been able to provide materials from their budget, if we can provide the volunteers to use them. Janet will amend the report to incorporate these and post it on the website.

JM

It was agreed that the work will continue as an ongoing activity, Jim will report back annually.

JL

8.2 Ashwood Park (SF)

The landscaping around the quarryman sculpture is complete, and we have around £100 left of the Tarmac grant. It was agreed that Janet will send Tarmac the figures and check that they are still happy for the surplus to be used elsewhere in Ashwood Park, as previously indicated.

JM

8.3 Fairfield Road, Gateway to Buxton (SP)

A project proposal had been circulated. This was approved with a budget of £300 and Suzanne as Link Director.

SP

8.4 Buxton Spring Fair 2018

People and organisations are assuming the Spring Fair will go ahead in 2018, but the conclusion is that we do not have the capacity to organise it this time. It was agreed that Roddie will send a press release to the Advertiser explaining this, in hopes that others will step forward to organise it instead of us.

RM

8.5 Buxton in Bloomin' Winter 2017 (JM)

Lights had been installed in the trees up the Slopes, on the Market Place and on four trees along Spring Gardens, in addition there were lights and other decorations on the weather station railings. The HPBC trees had been decorated with red bows and stars fixed to lamp posts, in addition a number of organisations decorated their own chosen areas. The Buxton Sparkles' lantern parade also went very well.

8.6 Neighbourhood Development Plan

A draft project proposal had been circulated for comment, this was approved in principle, Janet will make the agreed amendments and print off for Roddie to sign. Amendments were also agreed to the letter inviting other community organisations to participate, Janet will revise this and send out.

JM/RM

JM

8.7 BID 2017

A draft in support proposal had been circulated. This was discussed at length and a number of amendments agreed, Janet will circulate a revised version for further comment.

JM

8.8 Other Project Updates

Corporate Volunteer Hours (JL): Jim will contact CEMEX about resuming volunteer days in the new year. **JL**

Railings Clean 2018: Suzanne has been in contact with Buxton and Leek College.

Market Place Enhancement: Janet will draw up a draft proposal for the January Ideas meeting. **JM**

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

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

8.10 Ongoing Activities

Nothing to report.

9. TOWN MATTERS

Nothing to report.

10. UPCOMING TOWN TEAM MEETINGS

10.1 Ideas & Action Meetings

It was agreed that Vladimir Antchak be asked to attend the meeting on 17th January. **RS**

An update on the BID was agreed provisionally for the February meeting; it was suggested that Buxton Museum be asked to attend and talk about the refurbishment and other developments.

11. LINKS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Lightwood Reservoir: Simon attended a presentation on future management of the site as a wildlife area.

Buxton Civic Association and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust are involved in the planning, a Lightwood Group has also been set up, and there is nothing particularly contentious in the proposals.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 University of Derby Pavilion

There is a proposal for University of Derby architecture students to design and erect a temporary pavilion for use during the Festival, Roddie will make contact. **RM**

12.2 Data Protection

New rules are coming into force in late May, Simon will check what the implications are for us. **SF**

13. DATES OF NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

Dates of the next Directors' meetings are:

Tuesday 30th January

Thursday 22nd February

Wednesday 21st March

at 7:30pm, in No6 Tea Rooms.

JCMM

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