

Buxton Town Team
MINUTES FROM DIRECTORS' MEETING – 30 January 2018
7.30pm, No.6 The Square

- 1 **Present:** Derek Bodey, Roddie MacLean, Jim Lowe, Suzanne Pearson, John Estruch, Simon Fussell, Matthew Nuttall, Richard Silson
Apologies were received from Janet Miller
- 2 **Notes of previous meeting**
of 14 December were approved for posting on the website.
- 3 **AOB** – several matters were raised, see 14 below.
- 4 **Board, directors and officers**
The search committee had not met.
There was a need to ensure that the changes to the Articles to reduce the quorum required at the General meeting were put in place or proposed in sufficient time for this year's General meeting which was to be held on 16 April.
- 5 **Ideas & Action Meeting**
 - 5.1 The last meeting had been attended by 20 members and was addressed by Vladimir from the UoD. The presentation had been interesting but provocative and directors felt that there was a need to further research the information upon which it was based, most notably the proposition that the majority of visitors to Buxton are disappointed by the experience. UoD to be approached for further information.
 - 5.2 Proposal re meeting frequency. Richard had circulated an email in advance but was unexpectedly also present at the meeting. His suggestion that the frequency of meetings be reduced was generally accepted with a bi-monthly programme being agreed, in addition to the General Meeting and Christmas review. The title of the meeting may also be changed simply to 'Members Meeting'. The distribution of information relating to these meetings was also discussed.
- 6 **Communications Group**
Volunteer engagement meeting: Tina was to produce notes of the meeting which took place on 22 Jan.
- 7 **APTT Group**
Work was ongoing and an event being planned for the Spring would promote the distribution of a 'journeys' survey (which would also be available online).
- 8 **Scrutiny Group:** Derek reminded the directors about the need to be mindful of the upcoming Data Protection changes. He also gave advance warning that Charles had expressed his intention to stand down from the group.
- 9 **Membership & Finance**
 - 9.1 The current membership position was unchanged.
 - 9.2 The Annual accounts had been distributed and were accepted with grateful thanks to Philip for all his work on these and throughout the year.
 - 9.3 A financial update was also received and accepted.
- 10 **Projects**
 - 10.1 **In development**

Market Place Enhancement: There was still no Project Proposal as all suggested enhancements had proved too expensive. Options were being investigated but the meeting suggested that the allocation of BTT funds may be appropriate, thinking particularly of some of the surplus resulting from last year's Garden Trail. The figure of £1000 was proposed and agreed giving the incipient project a budget of £1500.

Railings Clean 2018: Suzanne reported that, sadly, the project will not proceed in 2018. Laura from the UoD has been unable to engage sufficient students from the College or University. Karen, leader of the Litter Picking group, is keen to engage young people in looking after their local area and it was hoped that this may prove a way of engaging the schools who have previously embraced the Railings Clean initiative. A PP is anticipated for the next meeting.
Tina is apparently looking at the possibility of a Spring Clean '18.
It was suggested that we could encourage local people or businesses to 'adopt a sign' such that they took responsibility for keeping it clean, rather than requiring a Spring Clean to do it. The

development of an ethos that living in Buxton = an acceptance of some responsibility to care for it was put forward.

10.2 Approved

Buxton Neighbourhood Development Plan

7 responses had been received to the initial letter. 6 were positive and 1 suggested that the initiative was outside the remit of the organisation concerned. Simon said that Andy Banks of BCA would be in touch and that BCA were also supportive.

Fairfield Road: An initial meeting had been held on 11 Jan, with good engagement from interested parties. A further meeting was proposed for 20 Feb.

Buxton in Bloomin' Winter 2017: No report was available but the initiative appeared to have been successful and all decorations had been removed to programme.

Utilising Corporate Volunteer Hours: Due to a number of factors the project has been in abeyance but Jim is looking to re-engage with Cemex and the refurbishment of Market Place benches remains the next priority.

Operation Ashwood Park (Phase 2): No report was available but it was known that activity is continuing regularly on a Friday and there were good links developing with the Slopes Care Team.

APT&T Conference: The Closing Report is an outstanding action for RVM

10.3 Closing Reports: Talking Signposts 2017

The report was received and learning points noted. There was some discussion of easier (more user friendly) ways of timetabling volunteers, given the problems with the 'upgrading' of Doodle in the immediate run up to the project.

10.4 Ongoing activities: Philip provided a financial statement on the progress of Merchandise, which showed an overall surplus of just short of £3500 for the project.

Ideas would be welcomed on how we could progress the development of a new tea towel design – the possibility of a competition, with schools or in connection with the Spa Prize had been mooted.

11 Town Matters

11.1 Nestle site: The announcement about the new hospital was welcomed as a very positive development, though it was unclear how engaged Peak Rail had been in negotiations. Given the problems with CPG it would be disappointing if the potential interrelationships were not being exploited.

11.2 Visitor Economy Strategy: A brief had been issued but HPBC for a Strategy, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund under its Resilient Heritage programme.

11.3 A6: Works would soon be starting on the temporary works on the A6 in connection with the rail sidings extension project.

12 Planned BTT meetings

Next Ideas & Action meeting: Tuesday 13 February

13 Meetings with other organisations

13.1 It was thought that a meeting of the Crescent Stakeholder Group was being planned and Simon would attend on behalf of BTT.

13.2 A meeting of the VB Marketing Group had taken place.

14 Any Other Business

14.1 Spring Fair – Very good progress had been made following the press release agreed at the last meeting but there was no update on the progress of the new organising group.

14.2 BID – VB's Feasibility Study has now been completed.

14.3 High Path – is still a matter of concern.

14.4 Data Protection – Simon circulated a useful paper 'Preparation for Data Protection Changes'. He and Matthew would arrange to meet to discuss the current situation and required changes to our forms and protocols.

15 Future meetings

Next directors' meeting – Thurs 22 February, 7.30, No.6 The Square
Apologies from RVM