Notes

Old Station Presentation – Karl Speed

20th March 2023, Henderson Hall 7pm

1. Rebranding as ‘The Old Station Hub’ supporting fitness and outdoor pursuits for everyone, ‘One Life Adventures’.
2. Also owns ‘Hard as Nails’ brand of sporting challenges.
3. Overview and history of the building. Is seen as a custodian with a vision of bringing the station back to life.
4. Joel Ingram and Hayley Ingram will be running the hub on a day-to-day basis.
5. There’s a lot of building work to do in replacing the outdated 1970’s fitout. Passionate about this amazing building. Intend to invest and restore sympathetically, with a strong focus on a railway theme.
6. Daily activities are planned to be archery, axe throwing, canoeing, bushcraft, and rock climbing.
7. Looking to partner with a local provider, with circa 15 – 20 participants.
8. Events planned are boot camps, yoga, cycling, wight-loss camps, and survival bushcraft.
9. The Beast 8849 is planned for 2023.
10. Accommodation is planned as bunkhouse, railway carriages and summer glamping
11. Aim to actively integrate and be part of the community and share facilities with the community.
12. Provide career opportunities, with the need for instructors. Intend to provide ‘year-round’ tourism, with lots of fun and a healthy lifestyle.

Questions

1. What age ranges are you hoping to provide for? Probably adults to start with.
2. Are you going to restore all the railway track? No.
3. Are you having a Café? There’s a commercial kitchen on site, this may lead us to some ancillary sources of income and help funding.
4. Are you going to develop the land nearest the river? The Planning application has been withdrawn, but this area will be used for fitness and bushcraft.
5. What stages of the development are planned? The work to the new wing is complete, plastering to be done, shower block needs renovating and the reception area is about a year away.
6. What is the total accommodation proposed? Envisage a total of 15 to 20 residents at any one time. Either in the bunkhouse or in the railway carriages, but not all at the same time.
7. Would you consider an open day? Good idea, something to think about, but your welcome to visit anytime.
8. How many ‘Hard as Nails’ events are you planning? These can be held anywhere; it’s a brand and we wouldn’t consistently run these events from the Station Hub.
9. Being passionate about wildlife, how will you consider the impacts of groups and consider nature? Not an expert but would welcome advice.
10. Any synergise with potential developments at Gilestone? No discussion and no involvement.