

Minutes of the meeting of Uppingham Town Partnership  
7.30pm, October 26<sup>th</sup> 2011, Uppingham Town Hall

Present:

Marc Oxley	Business (Chair)
Phil Wignell	Community (Vice-chair)
Susie Burrows	Community (Secretary)
James Lammie	Rutland County Council
Terry King	Rutland County Council
Dave Casewell	Uppingham Town Council
Alan Pickersgill	Business
Victoria Brambini	RCC
Fiona	Business

Apologies:

Lucy Stephenson	Rutland County Council (Treasurer)
Pete Rees	Uppingham Town Council

Declaration of interest:

None

Minutes of UTP meeting 28.9.11 & meeting 8.10.11

Agreed

Matters arising:

Heritage Trail: Dave would like 2 people to look at the aesthetics of what the trail should look like (including a visit to the Kibworth trail) as he has put forward an expression of interest in a possible £15K which has received a favourable response. Marc and Alan volunteered. AP/MO

Pop up banners: Can be bought for £40 each, which it was agreed should go ahead.

Press release: Dave is to put out another press release, to include future plans and also the newly established website. DC

Fiona (Wish and Twist) was warmly welcomed to the meeting and it is very much hoped she will join the UTP. Vicky from Age Concern may also join, which would complete the membership.

Financial Report:

Lucy provided a summary of the current situation in her absence. The present balance is £1,631.25p. There was also a breakdown of potential advertising costs for Late Night Shopping. As the fair and stalls will provide good revenue, it is hoped that the event will not be a drain on finances.

Logo and website

Marc was asked to progress the website, and has now built one ([www.theuppinghamtownpartnership.org.uk](http://www.theuppinghamtownpartnership.org.uk)). This is to have a community emphasis, and a number of ideas were suggested. The UTP minutes will appear on it, and we could also add links to surgery times etc. Fiona suggested getting some editorial mention of the new website in the local press.

MO

Phil will ask Ben to tweak the logo, which will then be ready for use on banners, website and headed paper. PW

Uppingham First Meeting

Phil, Pete and James had a positive meeting with Robert Wills and Ron Simpson, who had accepted our invitation to meet with hopes of both organisations pulling together to make Uppingham the best possible small town in which to live. A full account of this meeting was given to the sub-meeting which met on 8.10.11, when it was decided to invite (as proposed) Uppingham First board members to a second meeting, with several events on the agenda to discuss: Jubilee, Late Night Shopping, Olympics, Business plan for the town, redevelopment of town loos.

Two dates were suggested, but on behalf of Uppingham First Robert Wills had asked for a change of members to attend which it was agreed we are quite happy to agree to. It was also agreed that what is important is to keep the positive momentum moving forward, now that we have initiated it.

#### Late Night Shopping

Plans are well ahead with this event, which will include 20 shops opening, Santa & donkey, a Victorian theme, live music at Falcon/Crown, fair in market place, probably Morris Men and Gretton silver band (both to be confirmed). A number of traders have booked stalls

Dave, Phil, Alan, James all volunteered for leaflet delivering DC/PW/AP/JL

Banners to put up, at the entrances to the town if suitable permission can be obtained

Marshalls on the day – Marc, Dave, James, Lucy, Alan (before 6pm)

Explore link up with Emma Savage for the Oakham and Rutland Water Events – possible cost sharing and greater exposure. Lucy & Emma to discuss. LS

Working Party Meeting – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Crown Inn, Uppingham

Rutland Tourism Website link – Marc to speak to Mary MO

#### Cinema Club

Possibility of holding this in a pub and other pubs having a ticket meal deal link to it.

Licensing would need to be looked at unless a pub in town has a cinema license.

Agenda it for discussion with Uppingham First, with a view to beginning at Easter next year.

#### Constitutional Changes: proposals to amend the constitution's legal and financial status

Advice has been received on this issue and after great discussion the following proposal was agreed. A limited company by guarantee with 2 directors and a steering committee made up from the remaining members. Councillors to be excluded from director selection so as not to have a conflict of interest.

Dave to take the proposal to UTC Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

EGM to take place after that date.

It was decided to ask Ron Simpson for the Ltd Company name he holds ,Uppingham Town Partnership Co Ltd & the domain name [www.uppinghamtownpartnership.co.uk](http://www.uppinghamtownpartnership.co.uk) (which points at the UF site) to be handed over to us.

#### Way Forward

Phil suggested that we need a two year plan for UTP to show events we wish to stage and the way forward and focus of the group.

It was agreed this would be a top agenda point next meeting.

£8000 has been granted to UTP for staging of this two year events programme (8 events) to promote the town – reported by Terry King.

#### AOB

Uppingham First have been successful in obtaining £20,000 to produce a plan for the business area of Uppingham. RCC would have to monitor the progress of this and the spending. Uppingham First in turn would have to consult all other interested parties – reported by Terry King. This will be added to the agenda of items UTP would like to talk over with UF at our next meeting.

£10000 has been approved by RCC for the upgrade of the public conveniences in the market square – reported Terry King.

UTP needs to make its view clear on how the money should be spent. UTC wants the upgrade now but doesn't want to take over the running. We are lead to believe that UF wants the toilets re-sited off the market square.

Next meeting: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm, Town Hall

EGM Date – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December (venue to be announced) and all UTP Members are requested to attend to vote on the constitution.

Meeting ended at: 9.20pm