

**Minutes of the meeting of Uppingham Town Partnership
7.30, April 25th 2012, Uppingham Town Hall**

Present:

Marc Oxley	Business (Chair)	MO
Phil Wignell	Community	PW
Lucy Stephenson	Rutland County Council (Treasurer)	LS
Susie Burrows	Community (Secretary)	SB
Dave Casewell	Uppingham Town Council	DC
James Lammie	Rutland County Council	JL

1. Apologies: Peter Rees, Alan Pickersgill
2. Declarations of interest: Personal interest only regarding item 13 (HSBC): LS, DC, MO
3. Minutes of meeting on 28.3.12: Accepted
4. Matters arising: **PW** to send what he has on the logo to **DC** for 'pop-up' printer to see
5. Finance Report: Currently £2, 310.65 in our account, with a further £380 to come. Barclays bank have been astonishingly inefficient in setting up the account, but it should be open within the week.
6. Brocante: This has been very well received both locally and by the stall holders who came. As ever, there were problems with cars left overnight & it might be worth putting up a banner and large posters on pub doors for the next event. David kindly came to this part of the meeting, and he too has had positive feedback with people wanting the date of the next brocante. He did ask that signage is clearer next time, if the event is in more than one location and that advertising locally is good. David is to check various other antique fair events, so that by the next meeting a decision can be made on whether to have the 2013 brocante on May bank holiday (5th or 6th) or May 12th. Possibility that Falcon yard could be used, so that the High Street can be kept open to traffic.
7. Feast: Plans are going well, and £1K+ has generously been donated by local businesses. The brochure is about ready to print.
Bags: We just need to double check that we have all 2012 events correctly listed, then **PW** will arrange for a print of 250.
Town Council: There should be a decision regarding financial support for the Feast after the meeting on May 2nd.
8. Way forward: **LSP:** **MO** to let the LSP know that we need £1k for the Feast (+ only £108 from the £500 allocated for the brocante).
Event package meeting on 27th April @ 2pm. Dave is unable to attend, so **PW** will attend in his place. **PW** to notify Katy Lynch.
9. Fun pod: Lucy has selected useful elements, which can be stored in the Scout hut. Lucy is attending a meeting with J. de Falco to verify. Hopefully, we can lend out equipment to anyone needing it.
Youth provision: Lucy will email round a report to all members. There are a number of meetings outstanding, but once decisions have been made it might be appropriate to consider UTP as the responsible body handling finances (although RCC might be more suitable).
Portas Pilot: the bid is in, and there has been a write up in the local paper. Very positive feedback about working with Oakham Town Partnership.
10. Uppingham First: Pleasure was expressed for the very positive write up on the brocante, and it was unanimously agreed that we look forward to working increasingly closely together.
11. Cinema club: The possibility was reconsidered about using the Oak Room at the Falcon for a small scale beginning to a cinema club. **PW** to discuss with James Torbell.

Diamond jubilee: There are 9 events going on in the town, and **MO** will ask LSP for the £1k so that we can offer groups £100 for each event as agreed.

Farmer's market: as a plan for the future, it was agreed it would be good to consider this in partnership with Uppingham First.

Membership: We need another member from UTC – **DC** to report back

12. Olympic torch: There will be an hour's gap between the sponsors driving through and the runners (3 – 4pm) and it seems a good opportunity to put on some form of entertainment. **LS** to check with the Rotary Club to see if they have any plans. **PW** to see if the Welland Valley Stompers might be available.
13. Closure of HSBC: Dave proposed the statement that 'Uppingham Town Partnership is appalled by the decision of HSBC to abandon the town of Uppingham. The Partnership is aware of potential damage to local business and of hardship caused to local inhabitants, and will do its utmost to express its shock to HSBC HQ and will work hard to try to keep the branch open'. Marc seconded this, and it was unanimously agreed.

A starting point seems to be a petition (with a form printed in the local press which can be handed in at the Town Hall). **JL** will formulate a layout and email it to us all for use with local inhabitants and businesses. **DC** will pass this on to the local press, along with our thoughts. It will also be made known to our local MP. There are 17 villages that would regard Uppingham as their banking centre, and **MO** will forward the list to **JL**.

SB to email UF secretary to gain their view as hopefully we could work on this together.

DC will pass our statement to the Town Council.

DC will contact the local press.

All to pass on the petition where possible once received from **JL**

MO to look into online petitions

Need to plan for either a local meeting or for the petition to be taken to HSBC HQ.

14. AOB: Marc is unable to attend the VAR training day on May 3rd, 9.30 – 4, on getting the best from volunteers if anyone else is able to do it? Susie attending already. Marc commented on a perceived increase in rowdiness from local youths.

Next meeting: This will be the AGM, which needs to be publicly advertised. Several people unable to attend on May 30th so Marc to email round asking about 31st (Thursday).

Meeting closed at 9.30