

**Minutes of the meeting of Uppingham Town Partnership  
7.30pm July 25<sup>th</sup> 2012, Uppingham Town Hall**

Present:

Lucy Stephenson	Rutland County Council (Chair)	<b>LS</b>
Marc Oxley	Business (Vice Chair)	<b>MO</b>
Phil Wignell	Community (Treasurer)	<b>PW</b>
Susie Burrows	Community (Secretary)	<b>SB</b>
Pete Rees	Uppingham Town Council	<b>PR</b>
Dave Casewell	Uppingham Town Council	<b>DC</b>
James Lammie	Rutland County Council	<b>JL</b>
Ian Watts	Community (representing Rachel Watts/PCC)	<b>IW</b>

1. Apologies

Terry King (Rutland County Council) **TK**

Ian Watts was formally welcomed on to the Committee, as a representative of Rachel Watts & the PCC.

Alan Pickersgill has offered his resignation due to pressure of work. The Committee expressed regret at his leaving, and appreciation of the hard work he has done.

It is hoped that Nicola Denbigh will be joining the Committee, as a Business member.

2. Declarations of interest

None. The changes of the code of conduct for both Councils was noted, and it was agreed that common sense will be exercised in the light of these changes.

3. Previous minutes

Accepted

4. Matters arising

i) *Forward plan*: All members have now received LS's plan and appreciation was expressed. [ Full discussion of this will be on the agenda for next month, and any useful comments in advance of that should be emailed to LS]

ii) *Website*: Confirmation is awaited that the Feast website ownership has been transferred from DP's to UTP. Tony's friend has done a great job at no cost, and has further offered free use of his software to update the UTP website. DC suggested he might like to be invited to tender for the Heritage website, for which funds are available. PW to follow up. **PW**

iii) *Stationery*: letterhead template received by all, but PW is going to ask Ben Toms if the resolution can be improved in the next 2 weeks. If not, LS will ask a friend to work on it. **PW/LS**

iv) *OTP/UTP drinks*: LS to chase them for confirmation of 22.8.12 – but please all put the date in your diary **LS**

v) *Youth Council*: The inclusion of 2 youth members has been mentioned to Karen Haddon. An alternative might be to find 2 young Uppingham people via the Church: IR to make initial enquiries, & LS to chase Karen. [Agenda item for next month: getting input from local young people once we have 2 young volunteers] **LS/IW**

vi) *Recruitment*: we still need 2 business (one possibly Nicola Denbigh) & one active UTC member.  
DC & PR to pursue the latter **PR/DC**

## 5. Items of business

- i) *Finance*. Appreciation was expressed for the full accounts by PW. It was agreed that to have a floating amount available in order that entertainment can be confidently booked in good time next year is a plus. Financial report approved, and next year's Feast event can be even bigger and better. Torch relay/Jubilee: it was agreed that DC will ask Susan for a breakdown of the £1K given to UTC. DC
- ii) *Fair Trade*: Rutland has been a Fair Trade county – has this elapsed? It was agreed that it would be beneficial for Uppingham to be a Fair Trade town: SB to check how many local stockists there are & pass information to LS asap. **SB**
- iii) *Bags*: LS to ask shops if they would stock some. **LS**
- iv) *Constitution*: LS to forward a copy to all members – please email her with comments. For discussion/revision in the autumn. **LS**
- v) *Flower Show Tombola*: Please will everyone raise as many items (anything suitable, not only bottles) & drop them off at SB's house (Lantern Cottage, 9 Leicester Road – 3 doors past Exeter Arms) asap. 3 bags will be used as tombola items, and bags sold on the stall. PR to help SB set up the stall at 12, SB to email other volunteers (JL, DC, PW, MO) with times to help. LS to ask the Jervis family for the loan of a gazebo. **SB, PR, LS**
- vi) *LNS*. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting at Vaults, August 1<sup>st</sup>. PW to liaise with Oakham Festival for a date so that stalls can be booked for both events. **PW**
- vii) *UF*: Agreed it would be a good idea to have a working party & to select a shared project – possibly Farmer's Market or Fairtrade. Perhaps put items on each other's websites. Ron has agreed to a further meeting with LS, SB & PW following an informal meeting with SB – SB to arrange. **SB**

## 6. AOB

- i) *Subscribers/Company*. LS will check with Geoff Pook if it is acceptable for councillors to be subscribers (not directors), or if it would be better for each council to be a subscriber for their 3 members **LS**
- ii) *2<sup>nd</sup> Portas Pilot* bid not successful, but has led to combined action between both town partnerships for work on such developments as sustainable transport
- iii) *The Heritage Trail* bid has been successful, with an amount allocated of £39K
- iv) *Todd's Piece* is currently under discussion and ideas would be welcomed from UTP [Agenda item for August], and comments on Neighbourhood Plan. There is a lunch for the latter at the Falcon on August 1<sup>st</sup> and it would be good if as many UTP members as available could attend: SB & LS told PW they were both available.
- v) *New lift at Town Hall*. UTC wondered if the opening ceremony would be an appropriate use of LSP money. LS to enquire **LS**
- vi) *Local broadband* schemes were discussed.

Meeting ended at 9pm.

Next meeting at 7.30pm, Town Hall, Wednesday August 29th