

**Minutes of the meeting of the Uppingham Town Partnership**  
**7.30pm, August 29<sup>th</sup> 2012, Uppingham Town Hall**

Present:

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| Lucy Stephenson | Rutland County Council (Chair) | <b>LS</b> |
| Phil Wignell    | Community (Treasurer)          | <b>PW</b> |
| Susie Burrows   | Community (Secretary)          | <b>SB</b> |
| Marc Oxley      | Business (Vice Chair)          | <b>MO</b> |
| Peter Rees      | Uppingham Town Council         | <b>PR</b> |
| Dave Casewell   | Uppingham Town Council         | <b>DC</b> |

1. Apologies:

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| James Lammie | Rutland County Council | <b>JL</b> |
| Terry King   | Rutland County Council | <b>TK</b> |

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Previous minutes:

Accepted (but it is MO not PW working on the website)

4. Matters arising:

- i) Finance: PW gave a full report on the current financial situation. All money is now in the appropriate account and the account is in a healthy position. The tombola & bag sales raised £230 & appreciation was expressed for SB's efforts. PW also reported that the high resolution logo works well: it has been circulated but **PW** will check that Susan has it.
- ii) OTP/UTP meeting: on 22.8.12 was felt to be very useful in looking at ways to support businesses in both towns. The idea was raised by LS of offering training for any business wishing to expand by trading online. Hopefully the power-point details will be emailed out shortly, & **DC** will circulate his own notes. There are interesting new plans for tourist & work-shift bus timetables.
- iii) Youth members: One person has put their name forward – LS is awaiting more information.
- iv) Website: MO requested more photos for the Feast website (**PW** to re-send ones sent to the man who was helping). This person suggested we buy the domain names for the Brocante & LNS too, so that all three can be linked to the UTP website – which has had 16,000 + hits since January with the football fixtures being the most popular page. **MO** will get the minutes on to the website.
- v) Forward plan: it was agreed to accept the plan proposed by LS at the last meeting.
- vi) World conker championship: DC has been attempting to offer Uppingham as a location, but has had no response – will keep trying
- vii) Bags: our bags are now on sale in Baines, Banyan & Bilsdons with the Bookshop considering them. **LS** to ask if Sarah Harding will stock them.

5. Items of business:

- i) Fairtrade: SB has been in touch with Mary Lloyd, Jane Greenlaw & David Lewis (Chair of Rutland Fairtrade Steering Group). DC reported that the Council would be happy for Uppingham to be a Fairtrade town (and DC will encourage purchase of Co-op's Fairtrade coffee for the Town Hall and will ask for formal support). Agreement that a stall, perhaps in the market or at LNS, would be good publicity – possibly in Fairtrade week. **SB** to respond to David Lewis inviting a member to our next meeting where Fairtrade would be the first agenda item.
- ii) Constitution/Company: It was agreed that both Councils need to give formal agreement to members becoming subscribers – **DC** and **LS** to get this as early as is possible. **PW** to check a few points with Pete Hems. **LS, PW & SB** to meet shortly to revise the constitution for approval at the next meeting.
- iii) Neighbourhood Plan: PW & DC gave a very full feedback on the point that has been reached so far. Questionnaires are going out, open meetings have been held, a meeting with the developers which was open to all was particularly useful (& has led to consideration of a plot south of Leicester Road not on the original County Council plan). Housing is the major issue: a minimum of 250 houses to be built & 11 possible sites have been identified – 3 of 50+ houses, the rest 20 or less (and this includes 'windfall' sites). Tod's Piece is an area of some controversy, and will be an agenda item for the next meeting so it would be helpful if everyone could think through any ideas they have: **PW** will circulate the NP current ideas, and **DC** those of the Council. We will then be in a position to write a brief report. Appreciation was expressed for all the excellent work PW has done on the NP group – a very active representative of UTP.

6. AOB:

- i) UF/UTP meeting 21.8.12: The points of agreement were A) to form a task & finish group looking into the possibility of a new Farmer's market (SB has sent out a basic questionnaire to stall holders as agreed). B) to investigate different ideas for a potential merger of some form & the possible timeline. The meeting agreed that we needed to have UF's ideas on the possible form they would envisage this taking. C) to form a task & finish group on the best ways to promote Uppingham: DC & PW expressed an interest – the Town Council are urgently attempting to get at least 2 representatives from Uppingham on the Discover Rutland board. It was agreed that in future meetings between UF/UTP would be most beneficial with equal numbers representing both groups. **SB** to forward these thoughts to Ron, and ask for an outline plan of their ideas for a possible combined future which could be discussed at our next meeting.
- ii) Members: **SB** to check that Rachel Watts is actually on the circulation list. Nicola Denbigh has expressed interest in joining – **LS** to follow that up, and talk to the owner of the Angel Shop (and ideally Uppingham School?). **PR** will make sure it is an agenda item at the October Council meeting to select a third member.

Next meeting: 26.9.12