

Minutes of the meeting of the Uppingham Town Partnership
7.30pm, September 26th 2012, Uppingham Town Hall

Present:

Lucy Stephenson	Rutland County Council (Chair)	LS
Phil Wignell	Community	PW
Marc Oxley	Business (Vice Chair)	MO
Susie Burrows	Community (Secretary)	SB
Pete Rees	Uppingham Town Council	PR

1. Apologies:

James Lammie	Rutland County Council	JL
Rachel Watts	Community	RW
Dave Casewell	Uppingham Town Council	DC
Terry King	Rutland County Council	TK

Welcome:

Several visitors were welcomed to the meeting: David Lewis (chair of Fairtrade steering group); Tania Kerr (potential new member); Karen Hadden (Rutland Youth Council) & Shannon (potential youth member)

2. Declarations of interest: None

3. Fairtrade:

David Lewis kindly explained the current situation of Rutland's status as a Fairtrade county (since 2007), which will soon need to be renewed. David suggested that there were two routes by which UTP could support Fairtrade – either by Uppingham becoming a Fairtrade town in its own right, or the simpler task of encouraging traders to use more Fairtrade products. Also, all please support the annual Fairtrade Market at Oakham Castle on Nov 17th, 10.30 – 3.30.

It was unanimously agreed that a working party would be formed with the aim of Uppingham becoming a Fairtrade town. Marc agreed to be coordinator, and Pete, Tania and Shannon volunteered to join. David will ask someone from the steering group to also join and the group will liaise with the local Council and other relevant groups. A stall will be established for the LNS, and possibly also an independent event. Shannon & Karen will encourage school participation. **LS** to forward terms of reference to Marc by the end of next week. The board thanked David for coming to the meeting.

4. Previous minutes: Accepted

5. Matters arising:

- i) UTP/UF. Disappointment was expressed concerning the minutes from the UF meeting, which implied lack of co-operation by UTP. As we have been waiting for UF to contact us, further to the meeting we arranged, this came as a surprise. **SB** to draft a letter to Robert Wills to try and clarify the situation (will be sent out to board

members for their comments prior to posting). All present were still enthusiastic to promote increased co-operation & to work together on the 2 projects proposed by us. Each group have valuable things to offer the town.

- ii) Fairtrade: covered by the earlier discussion

6. Financial Report:

Phil passed round an up-dated report (one cheque still due to be banked), which showed that UTP funds are in a good position prior to LNS. Bag sales: Baines have sold out – **SB** to pass more bags on to Lucy. The Youth Council will also sell some via schools etc. Tania will take 10.

7. Constitution:

- i) The revised version worked on by LS, PW & SB was agreed. **SB** will email it out, and if anyone has any comments they must be made by the middle of next week in order that we can confirm it will be ratified with the due 21 days notice at October's meeting.
- ii) OTP/UTP bid. We are awaiting the outcome, but if successful and money is available for signage various ideas were put forward including 'brown' signs being renewed, cast iron 'finger-posts' in the town, parking signs, signs at/near Rutland Water. Need to avoid excess signage
- iii) Update of Neighbourhood Plan. A questionnaire is being devised concerning the possible uses of Tod's Piece which will hopefully be delivered to all households. The board expressed pleasure that residents are having the opportunity to put forward ideas for the future enhancement of Tod's Piece – a central part of the town.

8. Website:

In view of how many hits the football information attracts, it would be very useful to find suitable topics to attract other parts of the local population. Various ideas put forward, including recipes to include local produce in conjunction with local shopkeepers, more photos (to Marc in j.peg format please), a link to raw4youth website, a parking map, shop map. It would be very good to encourage any students studying web design to become involved. **LS** to see if local shops want to feature. [to go on agenda for next meeting].

- 9. LNS update: Going ahead according to plan.

10. AOB:

- i) Do we want to have a representative on the Oakham Castle Restoration group (bidding for £2m)? OTP already have a member. It was agreed we would like to – will ask **DC** on his return if he would be interested, as it relates to Heritage Trail etc.
- ii) Decision to change date of next meeting to 24.10.12, to avoid Hallowe'en now that we have been joined by youth members
- iii) Tania Kerr proposed and voted in as a Business member, and a representative of the Rutland Youth Council (Shannon) also voted in. We look forward to seeing them both at the next meeting.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Now 24.9.12, 7.30, Town Hall. After that, back to the last Wednesday of each month.