

**Minutes of the meeting of Uppingham Town Partnership**  
**7.30pm, October 24<sup>th</sup> 2012, Uppingham Town Hall**

Present:

Lucy Stephenson	Rutland County Council (Chair)	<b>LS</b>
Susie Burrows	Community (Secretary)	<b>SB</b>
Marc Oxley	Business (Vice chair)	<b>MO</b>
Terry King	Rutland County Council	<b>TK</b>
Tania Kerr	Business	<b>TK2</b>
Dick Reeve	Uppingham Town Council	<b>DR</b>
Jadene Clegg	Youth Council	<b>JC</b>
Abi Haddon	Youth Council	<b>AH</b>

Our 3 new members were welcomed to the meeting.

1. Apologies:

James Lammie	Rutland County Council	<b>JL</b>
Dave Casewell	Uppingham Town Council	<b>DC</b>
Phil Wignell	Community (Treasurer)	<b>PW</b>

2. Declarations of interest: None

3. Previous minutes: Accepted

4. Matters arising:

- i) Bags: A number of shops are now stocking our bags, and Baines is on its 3<sup>rd</sup> lot
- ii) Heritage trail update: to be left until the next meeting in the absence of DC & PW
- iii) Website update: 1,000+ unique visitors during 2012. Still the football fixtures that attract most hits. A new page is to be added for neighbourhood watch alerts. All board members are asked to contribute items for the website.

5. Items of business:

i) Successful £10K bid for signage:

- a) **LS** to ring Alf (Chair of OTP) tomorrow to suggest a 60/40 split between the two towns.
- b) Working party (**LS, MO, TK2**) to be set up, and they will compare notes with the 3 members of the OTP working party headed by Anika from Oakham School when both parties have had a chance to assess each town's needs.

Terms of reference: to survey the current signage, to decide what would be most beneficial to the town (directions within the town or signs to the town for example); to consult with other interested parties (Council, Highways, traders, Uppingham School; Rutland Water – **TK** is meeting with them shortly and will raise the issue and let LS know their thoughts; Uppingham First; to consider whether signage in the new tourist bus routes would be good; to look at the lack of signs from the Corby direction. **SB** to forward Anika's contact details to LS.

ii) Finance report: to be updated at the next meeting when PW is present

- iii) LNS update: arrangements going well, except for a total lack of **livestock**... Any ideas/offers would be hugely appreciated! **JC & AH** agreed that they would help Paula on the making-Christmas-decorations stall in the church.
- iv) Neighbourhood plan: update at next meeting by DC & PW. Todd's Piece survey has gone out
- v) Fairtrade update:
  - a) Terms of reference: 1) MO has written to Susan to ask for a resolution to be passed to support Uppingham becoming a FT town, which involves committing to using FT products at meetings/events. 2) There are 4+ local places stocking FT products & more could be encouraged to use them 3) FT products need to be used in local churches (both the Methodist and Parish Churches are strong supporters) & schools if possible 4) UF have agreed to discuss FT 5) there should be an item in the local press this week, and events are to be planned starting with a stall at LNS. **JC & AH** have experience of FT promotion in UCC and are willing to help – e.g. cakes made with FT coffee, recipes, lists of where to buy FT products in Uppingham etc. 7) there is already a local steering group. MO has invited Mr & Mrs Baggott to attend the next working party meeting on 26.10.12, 5.30pm at Town Hall.

Timescale: aim to establish Uppingham as a FT town in early 2013. Will be producing a business flyer and an FT directory to go on local noticeboards

Outcomes so far: Good ideas already being set in motion. **SB** to contact Uppingham School to ask for their support (& to invite a replacement member to join us/talk about signage).

- 6. Ratification of amended Constitution: LS proposed that it be accepted, SB seconded and this was duly carried by all present. **SB** to send a copy of the revised constitution to all board members (and it will go on the website).

7. AOB:

**MO** felt we should re-visit the idea of a local cinema club, and will prepare a report for the next meeting having looked at viability/location/people to run it etc. **LS** to enquire from RCC whether they have any helpful ideas/equipment/customer profiles/cost breakdowns as they have had experience of running films at the museum.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

**NEXT MEETING 28.11.12, 7.30 TOWN HALL**